

GCC MOBILIZED COMPASSION MINISTRIES ON AND OFF CAMPUSES

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:35-36, 40

Christ-followers extend the compassion of Christ. At Grace Covenant Church, we have a vision to see every neighborhood transformed by the love of Christ and one of the ways we accomplish that is to reflect the heart of Christ – demonstrating His care and compassion to our neighbors. Compassion Ministries empowers Christ-followers to bring help and hope to vulnerable, at-risk and struggling individuals in our congregation and our communities.

CHRISTMAS JOYLAND TOY STORE

We bless those facing challenging times at Christmas in a variety of ways. The Christmas Joyland Toy Store will be open on December 8, 2018. Watch for more details in November. Contact *tyler@gracecovenant.org* for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE VISITS

Grace Team Care Ministers visit church attendees who are hospitalized, in a care facility, or home-bound. If you would like to learn more about becoming a Care Minister, contact *careministry@gracecovenant.org* to learn more.

GRACE FEEDING GRACE

The Bible clearly teaches that we should share our food with the hungry (Matthew 25:35). On the fourth Sunday and Monday of each month, we provide non-perishable food items for families in our church. To contribute food, place it in the collection bins located throughout the church. Contact *careministry@gracecovenant.org* to serve in this ministry or to learn how to receive groceries.

GRIEFSHARE

A guided 13 week dvd seminar that provides information and comfort to those that have experienced the death of a loved one. For dates and times - or to become a facilitator - contact us at *careministry@gracecovenant.org*



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STAMP OUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

We are involved in bringing an end to human trafficking in four ways: Awareness, Funding Organizations, Partnering with local restoration homes and Networking. Contact tyler @gracecovenant.org for more information.

NEIGHBORHOOD C.A.R.E. CENTER

The acronym, C.A.R.E. summarizes the focus of the center: **C**onnect people in need to community resources and volunteers to community partners, **A**dvance people with life skills and recovery programs, **R**educe pressures on single parents and families in distress, **E**quip the next generation for success. Visit *neighborhoodcc.org* to find out how you can get involved.

PRISON MINISTRY

Before and after walking out, those that are incarcerated need constant encouragement to make their "second chance" successful. Various ministry opportunities are available for men and women at Grace Covenant Church to touch the lives of those in prison, jails, and in re-entry programs from writing letters of encouragement to hosting Bible studies in local jails. For more information, contact *tyler@gracecovenant.org*

THE FATHERS HEART

Father's Heart is an adoption and foster care ministry at Grace Covenant Church founded on James 1:27 "Pure and lasting religion in the sight of God our Father means that we must care for orphans..."

Whether your family seeks to adopt, foster, or support other families who do, our goal is to provide opportunities for YOU to get involved caring for orphans! The possibilities are endless: making meals for families who have just received children, providing resources to be given in times of need, prayer and encouragement, serving our county and agency workers. Contact *fathersheart@gracecovenant.org* for more information.

THANKSGIVING BLESSING BASKETS

On November 20, 2018 we will prepare and distribute Thanksgiving dinner boxes to families in our community that are facing a challenging holiday season. You may give to purchase food for the baskets, help assemble the baskets or deliver them. Watch for more details in October. Contact *tyler@gracecovenant.org* for more information.