# **Grace** mission



## Happy Thanksgiving!

Dear friends,

We are so thankful for each one of you who make up the incredible Grace Mission family! Thank you for continuing to support our mission and ministry through your prayers, donations, and voluntary service. We want you to know that after the enforced fallow period of the last year, Grace Mission is reopening and entering a season of new beginnings. We are excited to move forward with your help and we eagerly await all that God has in store!

#### "When are the services going to begin again?"

This has been the burning question of the church family coming for a bagged lunch... not showers, not hot meals, but worship! We are delighted to say that our doors are now open! Every Sunday, 4pm, we gather to celebrate Holy Communion followed by a delicious hot meal. Our chapel seats 40 people socially distanced, so as numbers rise, we are preparing to take our services outside. Presently, our meals are eaten outside, but as temperatures drop we hope to safely bring people inside. To do this we need commercial-sized air filters, and have been renovating our "family room" in order to make additional space.

Deacon Rachel Hill Vicar of Grace Mission

#### Welcome Home, Grace Mission!

November 2021 Every Sunday - Holy Eucharist & Dinner 4:00-6:30pm Every Thursday - Bagged lunches 11:30-1:00pm 18th - Thanksgiving Meal & Clothing Giveaway 11:30-1:30pm

December 2021





#### January 2022

Every Sunday - Holy Eucharist & Dinner 4:00-6:30pm Every Thursday - Bagged lunches 11:30-1:00pm Every Tuesday & Thursday -After School Program & Dinner for participating families - 3:00-6:30pm 20th - Clothing Giveaway



## Our volunteers and supporters save the day!

Throughout the pandemic, thanks to the wonderful sandwich making skills of many volunteers, and an abundant supply of chicken salad from Chicken Salad Chick, we have been able to host a weekly bagged lunch (Thursday 11:30-1pm), as well as taking sandwiches down to the Kearney Center to help provide for their residents. A big thank you to all those who have provided PBJs, and the volunteer team who come faithfully to put the bagged lunches together!





Also known as "The Marie Kondo team" - our clothing volunteers - have way too much fun keeping the clothing supply flowing!

#### Monthly clothing giveaway

This much-appreciated ministry is only possible thanks to the generosity of those who keep our closet filled with seasonal clothing, and the service of the amazing "Good Will Ladies" who spend one afternoon a week sorting and organizing the donations.

We are in need of warm clothing, hoodies, sweaters, warm pants, boots, woolen hats, gloves, sleeping bags and blankets. Tuesday-Thursday 10am-2pm

### Grace Kids! - After School Program

Our afterschool program for children and families will resume on

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. An integral part of our mission for over twenty years, this ministry, which takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 – 6:30 pm, will return to its original home at Grace Mission. Renovations are underway to create a welcoming space for this and other ministries as well. We will provide homework help and academic skillbuilding, social and emotional development, artistic expression and an opportunity for the children to grow in their faith. We will also be working closely with the children's families, providing parent education and pastoral support. We will offer a family dinner at 5:30 pm on every program day. If you would like to be involved, from tutoring, to preparing snacks or meals, to helping with special events, please contact Jenny at 850-224-3817 or jenny@gracemission.net. Please note that all volunteers who interact with children and youth at Grace Mission must complete a background check and online *Safeguarding God's Children* course.

#### Mission Afterschool Program

Welcome home to

Grace Mission!

Seeking volunteers for January-May 2022 to work

with children in grades K-5 residing in Frenchtown, Griffin Heights, and

urrounding neighborhoods

To learn more or apply to

olunteer, please contact

r. Jenny Blalock, Director

of Children, Youth, and

Family Ministries

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A free afterschool program for children and families, nurturing hearts, minds, and spirits for over 20 years!

When: January 6 - May 24, 2022 Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:30 - 6:30 pm

Where: Grace Mission 303 W. Brevard St. Tallahassee, FL 32301

What: Homework help, academic, social, and emotional skillbuilding, creative play (art, music, movement, theatre), Bible Study and Children's Chapel, parent support, family dinners at 5:30 pm, field trips, summer programs, Sunday family fun days, and

> \*Background check and online Safeguarding God's Children course required

#### Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God!



Awesome volunteers!



Sorting children's books





Thanksgiving luncheon



Tyrene welcomes folks home!



Family room renovation



Delivering half a ton of water





Kate coping with carpet cleaning chaos!

#### How can I pray for you?

Please pray that God would bless the ministry and service done in His Name!

Give thanks to God for a new beginning and pray that He would clearly lead us in each stage of reopening this ministry.

Please pray for abundant provision of financial and human resources: especially musicians, tutors for the after school program, and volunteers ready to serve.

Please pray for all those who are touched by our ministry - that they would come to know they are precious in God's sight and to experience His abundant life.

Please pray for special protection over all the staff and their families.

Please let us know if we can pray for you too!



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