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Sonshine Baskets for the struggling

Life can sometimes bring unexpected hardships—hospital stays, surgeries, or other really difficult moments. During these times, a little encouragement can go a long way. That's why we're excited to share details about our new ministry, the **Sonshine Basket**.

This ministry is dedicated to **spreading the love of Christ** by providing baskets filled with thoughtful items to women who are facing health challenges or traumatic events. Each

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Gina gems... **Sharing Life Together**

- Gina Sowell

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus." Matthew 28:5

I love this verse! The women had followed the ministry of Jesus, and cared for him and his disciples. Jesus had also ministered to them personally. The ladies and Jesus were more than acquaintances. They had shared life moments, they were friends, ministering alongside the disciples and each other.



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Simply Still

Prepare for the joy of Easter through prayer, reflection, and worship!

Thursday, April 17
4, 5, 6, & 7 PM

East Campus Sanctuary

Childcare available for 6PM event only



Easter weekend is coming up and it is often a busy time spent with family and friends as Spring weather is in full swing. Let Simply Still slow you down for 45 minutes of quiet reflection time. For Christians, Easter is the holiest day on the calendar. Resurrection Sunday is a time of celebration! Come out and let the events of Holy Week resonate in your heart. Deacons will serve communion at the conclusion of each program. Four time slots are scheduled to fit your family's need.

basket will be a tangible reminder that they are **loved, prayed for, and never alone.**

Inside each basket, recipients will find small but meaningful gifts —comforting items like Scripture cards, a devotional, personal care items, and other uplifting surprises. Our goal is not only to brighten someone's day but also to **strengthen their faith and remind them of God's unfailing love.**

Would you like to be part of this special outreach? Here's how you can help:

Pray – Lift up the women receiving these baskets, asking God to bring healing, comfort, and peace.

Donate – Contribute small gifts or financial support to help fill the baskets with love.

Nominate Someone – If you know a woman going through an extremely difficult time who could use encouragement, let us know.

Together, we can be the hands and feet of Jesus, sharing hope and joy with women who need it most.

For more information, to request a basket for someone, or to get involved, contact any member of the WOVEN Leadership team.

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Let's spread love—one basket at a time!



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WOVEN at Providence

WOVEN Mission Statement:

Leading women to accept Jesus Christ as Lord, equipping them to base their entire lives on the Word of God, enabling them to become women abiding in the Vine, bearing fruit for His Glory.

The women at the tomb are celebrated for their pivotal role in the resurrection account, serving as endearing examples of faith, love, and discipleship.

I'm so thankful for the strong legacy and ministry of the women of Providence. They continue to look for Jesus, befriend each other, love each other all while building a bond serving our Lord, church, and community, as we do life side by side, together.

Pray for my children...

...pray for my son who is battling drug addiction; remember my family as we try to reconcile and come together; pray that my daughter can get childcare on the base where she works; pray that I can be a light in this dark place; pray for my success as I reenter...

These are just an example of the many prayer requests that are read aloud and prayed over before the Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Study. The list is very similar to what you and I might pray for ourselves.

As Mother's Day draws near it is a reminder that there are so many mothers serving time in the Alabama Department of Corrections. Judge Jake Walker, will tell you that drug charges make up a large, large number of the female offenses.

A bright spot in the week for over 75 inmates is their weekly zoom bible study class with Open Heavens Ministry which provides free materials. A new study opens soon and needs your help.

OH welcomes any financial support that you can give to put the Word into the hands of incarcerated women—and transform lives. Designate "Woven-prison" with your offering.

MARK 2:17 Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."