

Woven's Grapevine

I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. John 15:5

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February Gathering Table

Here we are. The first month of 2026 is already behind us. How are you doing with your intentions of drawing closer to the Lord so far this year? Did you decide to join a "read the Bible in a year" group? Perhaps you have joined a D-Life group or you are attending a Deeper Roots class. If you are still looking for an activity that will help you engage with scripture, we may have just the thing! Pam Coxwell will be joining us on Thursday, February 19, as our guest workshop leader. Perfect for

beginners, this workshop combines the art
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Gina gems...
The Church Family
by Gina Sowell

Church family is a gift; a blessing...the cherry on top of a sundae! Embrace it, enjoy it, and nurture it.

Our greatest joy in being a part of a fellowship of believers is knowing and growing in Christ together. The church is made of many parts, each being loved, needed, and vital to function as God intended. When I think of

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Pam Coxwell
Local artist, teacher

Lettering for Scripture Journaling

SIGN UP EARLY! WORKBOOKS ARE LIMITED

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SCRIPTURE JOURNALING WORKSHOP

A meaningful way to steep ourselves in Scripture

THU, FEB 19
6PM MEAL, 6:30 PROGRAM

register online for childcare
register to attend in the
west campus foyer or online at:
providencealive.com/womens-ministry

Update from Jennifer Freedman

-International Mission Board Missionary

Following is an excerpt from Jennifer Freedman's blog...

...on one of those visits, she brought her friend Aretha. While Nora had stepped away from our table for a few minutes, Aretha asked us to go into more detail about what it is we believe about Jesus. We shared

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SERVING UP ENCOURAGEMENT
ONE CARD AT A TIME

Women & Youth Girls

THE CARD cafe

WORK ON YOUR OWN OR LEARN--ALL SUPPLIES ARE FURNISHED

EAST CAMPUS--Saturday, Mar 7, 9AM-12PM

Encouraging others thru the mail is special! Come join us for cardmaking....It blesses YOU & others!

Jennifer Freedman's blog

the gospel with her using the 3 Circles tool. When Nora returned, Aretha said, "Nora needs to hear this too-- please tell her what you just told me!" So we went over it again, and then spent the next several hours answering questions they had. I am super thankful for technology and smart phones: we were able to use Google Translate for words we were getting stuck on between English and Arabic and we used the YouVersion Bible app to toggle back and forth between both languages when looking at the Word together.

Aretha was particularly moved by the fact that God killed animals (sacrifice) to cover Adam and Eve's shame in the Garden. Honor and shame is very important to Muslims--often even more important than guilt and justice (knowing that your sin guilt has been paid for). She knew that Adam and Eve had made leaf coverings and it deeply resonated with her that what they did to cover their shame wasn't enough; a sacrifice needed to be made. We then flipped to John 1 where Jesus is called the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. She paled and sat quietly for a moment then suddenly said that she didn't feel well and needed to leave right then. I have wondered if the Truth was physically hitting her? She already seemed so much further along in a faith journey than Nora, who seems to want to talk to us only to improve her English. Please pray for Aretha and Nora: that the truth of the gospel they heard that day would settle into their hearts and minds. I hope to pick back up where I left off with them when I return to the Middle East in the spring.



**Love is patient,
Love is kind.**

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

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of hand lettering with scripture verses and the practice of journaling. You will learn how to apply basic hand lettering techniques to enhance your own handwriting, to create beautiful words for cards, home decor, gifts, and more. Supplies are furnished—but please do not wait to register. Workbook quantities are limited. Childcare is available and registration is required.

Church Family

"Woven", I think of us as ladies of Providence actively weaving the threads of quilt squares together. Every quilt square is a design of beauty; each stitch is attached to the other, holding the quilt together. Enjoying, embracing, and wonderfully dependent on each other's love, care, friendship, trust, and faith. We are called to share in each other's laughter, sorrow, disappointments, joy, successes, and momentous occasions and celebrations. May we always be mindful of each other, embracing each other, and remembering each one of us is a blessing to the other! Love, Gina.



The Sonshine Basket

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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Are you aware of a woman that is struggling through a difficult season? Contact any of the women on the WOVEN team and let's get a Sonshine Basket delivered to her!

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