

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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August Gathering Table!

**ENRICH, DEEPEN, AND
STRENGTHEN
YOUR QUIET TIME
WITH THE LORD.**

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August 

GATHERING TABLE

August is universally thought of as the "Back to school" month. So, we are keeping with that theme of settling back into familiar schedules and structure for our August Gathering Table.

We understand that your time is very valuable, and that you are responsible for things to run smoothly at home. After all, structure is so important in running a home! We try our very best to make it worth your time to come out to be loved on, to be encouraged, and to enjoy fellowship.

Speaking of structure, what kind of structure is your quiet time built upon? First, let's clarify what we

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Pam Coxwell Retreat

The busy season always comes faster than we expect. Imagine entering December without rushing, scrambling, or stress — because your meaningful Christmas art, gifts, and decor are already created!
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Gina gems...

by Gina Sowell

Adjusting to a world of technicolor...

.....♥.....

The picture below is Momma. Two weeks after Dad's death she told me it was time for me to go on home. Two weeks after that she called and asked if we could take her to the mountains; her first trip after his death. She asked Rusty would he pull over at the overpass of Gatlinburg. She got out; I was putting on my shoes and Rusty snapped this picture of her. I know she was grieving and worshipping at the same time. After this trip, she would periodically say, "Let's go to the mountains, I can find your Daddy in the mountains."



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I'm up at Mom and Dad's place in Tennessee right now. Momma was so good to go through Daddy's things at the house after he died. However she couldn't bring herself to go through Daddy's things here, it was just too hard.....

Soooooooo, I'm trying to go through both of their personal belongings here. I'm now understanding her heart.....for whatever reason, it is harder here, than it was at home....

*Two things are brought to mind in these dim days....
Daddy was continually telling me it was a sin to worry,
to be anxious over things, that my faith must be bigger
than my fears..... "Casting all my cares upon him"
1Peter 5:7*

*Since grade school Momma would remind me, "Regina Lane, you must ALWAYS bloom where you're planted",
Yes Ma'am, I will. "In Everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus CONCERNING YOU",
1Thessalonians 5:13*

When Momma died, a precious friend, Diane Blue, gifted me a book of poems. One poem speaks of the change of color grief cast on us, and how with faith, time, and trust the color comes back into our lives....."and one day you will look around and quietly discover that your eyes have now adjusted to a world of technicolour".....

Thank you Lord for the blessings you gave me in them.....and thank you Lord, I'm beginning to see the color.....

Looking to plug into a discipleship group?

The dlife's mission is to see every believer in Christ grow in spiritual maturity, serve in meaningful ministry, and become a disciple maker. These groups meet once a week and use the Bible as their only material. A chapter of scripture is read each day and a focused set of questions are answered/discussed from one of the chapters. Contact Gayle Smith, 334-787-0927, if you have any questions. The following groups for women currently meet:

- Gayle Smith - Wed (W), 9:00 am Smith's Home
- Gayle Smith - Mon (W), 12:00pm Lazenby Farm
- Karen Self - Sun (W), 5:00pm East Campus Basement
- Sharon Reid - Thu (W), 12:30pm Old Time Country Buffet

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mean by quiet time so that we are understanding the same thing. Some women may read a devotional during quiet time and reflect. Others may read scripture and write in a journal; still others may say that prayer and worship is what constitutes their quiet time. Whatever your QT may look like, its purpose should be to help you grow in your faith.

Feeling like your QT structure may need a shot in the arm? Ready to try something different? **Tammy Senn** and **Beth Carpenter** will be sharing with us what their personal QT looks like. Come out Thursday, August 20, to show your support for these two Providence women. It is possible that you may learn a new routine to add to your tool bo, but it is probable that you'll build stronger connections with your sisters in Christ. Please signup in the foyer at West Campus or online at: www.providencealive.com/womens-ministry
Hope to see you there!

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A Majestic Christmas, Oct 8-10, is a peaceful, faith-filled creative retreat designed to help you slow down now, so you can truly celebrate later.

Your ticket includes:

- Kick-off Dinner
- 2 Lunches, Snacks, & Drinks
- Two Full Creative Days
- Instruction + Guided Projects
- Retreat-Only Bonus
- Projects
- Supplies (mostly provided)
- Intimate, Faith-filled Experience



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Providence women are being offered a \$50 discount when your ticket is purchased. Use code LYNDA50 to get your discount.

