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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November 19th Gathering Table

The WOVEN team would like to extend to you an invitation to our **final Gathering Table for 2026.**

Our guest is no stranger to Providence. Anne Nicholson, of Open Heavens Ministry, will be here to share with you how the Lord is growing His Kingdom behind the razor wire and steel bars of Alabama's Women's Correctional Facilities. Stop and consider the fact that **women that have accepted Christ yet are in prison are still our sister's in Christ.** Hebrews 13:3 (NKJV) *Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.*

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Gina Gems . . .

SEEKING WISDOM

If you wait at wisdom's doorway,
longing to hear a word for every day,
joy will break forth within you as you listen for what I'll say.
For the fountain of life pours into you every time that you find Me, and this is the secret of growing in the delight and the favor of the Lord. **Proverbs 8:34-36 (TPT)**

Everyday is precious. This season in life when we see Summer, turn Into Fall, and the Fall into Winter, is truly a renewing of our spirits….

We are truly thankful for the break in the weather especially in Alabama . The fresh painting of the

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ALABAMA BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF

Through the eyes of a volunteer

Hi, my name is Adrain Horky. On August 29, 2026, I had the privilege and honor to travel to Indiana with two other Providence ladies Ada Ingram and Leila Gilmer. Our mission was to help the town of Anderson, Indiana recover from their recent flood. How did we hear about the help that Anderson needed?



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landscape in the coloring of the trees, to the gratitude of gathering with family and friends, is a reminder of our blessings, *even in the uneasiness within our nation. We are blessed!*

Our blessings turn into joy, that only comes through the birth of our Lord and Savior. Happiness comes and goes, but our joy through Christ is always present to greet us each and every morning.

Enjoy this time in the changing of the seasons. Enjoy family and friends, enjoy the gatherings and celebrations, enjoy the "joy" we find in a baby's birth….

Dr Tom so faithfully and capably reminds us each holiday season through words and song, that "Wise Men Still Seek Him".

When trees are down, the kitchen table is empty, glowing lights are put away until next year, we too should remember that ***there is wonderful delight in seeking "Wisdom Through Joy".***

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Open Heavens Ministry has a unique standing in the Alabama Department of Corrections. It is allowed to serve incarcerated women via direct Bible instruction through ZOOM. Women sign up for the 10 week studies and receive certificates of completion upon 80% attendance.

Come out and enjoy a delicious baked potato bar and see how the Lord is changing lives! Like all of our Gathering Table events, there is no charge for the meal and contributions for highlighted programs are always optional and appreciated.

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City, are part of the Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief team. When a disaster occurs, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, teams from all over Alabama are deployed to offer help. It could be chain saw and clean up, mud out, or mass feeding. In Anderson, teams from different counties, cities and Baptist churches came together to remove mud, molded walls, floors, and everything else that was destroyed by the flood. Houses with basements flooded had water that still went up 3 feet into the house! Mud out is a very dirty, nasty, stinky dangerous job. Dangerous because of all the mold and mildew and not knowing what's floating in the flood waters.

This is only one example of what Alabama Disaster Relief Organization does to help displaced families try to return to normal. Working in all that mud, you and your clothes get pretty dirty. We have a team that handles that! The laundry and shower team. Leila worked with that team, and they had their hands full.

Every afternoon when the teams return to base, they are ready for a hot shower and clean clothes. This team provided that. The Alabama Disaster Relief Organization has its own washer/drier trailer and a six-shower stall trailer.

Our base was Kingston Ave Baptist Church, one of the only two southern Baptist churches in Anderson. We "camped" in Sunday school rooms, and camping it was! You had to take everything, cots, bedding, extension cords, fans, towels, EVERYTHING!!

Ada and I were with the feeding team. We helped plan, prepare and cook 3 meals a day. At one point we fed 60 volunteers. Also, if the disaster affects power outages for days and weeks, we do mass feeding, where up to thousands of meals can go out every day to the citizens of that town. Everyday there was a trip to Walmart for food to prep. So many people there recognized our bright yellow shirts and hats. We were told by many how thankful and appreciative they were that we were there. Being deployed is not only about cleaning, clearing and feeding, it's about sharing and showing Gods love. During the first 3 weeks volunteers were there in Anderson, there were 18 professions of faith.

The Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief Organization is a well-oiled machine. It's people that have a heart to help, share, serve and love. "Being the hands and feet of Jesus" . If you are interested in being a part of this great organization, please contact our vey own Toni Long, 334-740-3632 or email at tjmlong@att.net She is the Tuskegee-Lee Baptist Association Disaster Relief Coordinator. you can also go to their website SBDR.org for more information. Registration for training is soon. Since this writing, the three of us were deployed to Frisco City, Monroeville area.