

Outreach Ideas

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September

Quench your thirst with Jesus the Messiah

Kick off the new theme with an invitation blitz. Print invitations for all of the women of your church on labels to place on small water bottles. Distribute at church. Chill first for an extra special treat.

October

Quench your thirst with Jesus the Bread of Life

By now, school is back in session and your church's college students are yearning for a little taste of home. Gather up supplies for care packages that can be sent. Another option would be gift cards for a fast food restaurant or coffee shop. Including a small devotional book or CD of your church service would be a nice added touch.

November

Quench your thirst with Jesus the Light of the World

As you plan your thanksgiving dinners, consider those who have to go without. Collect the "fixins" for the meal and money for a grocery store gift card to pick up a turkey and deliver to those who are less fortunate.

December

Quench your thirst with Jesus from Above

It's the Christmas shopping season and everyone is at the mall. Get permission from your local shopping center to set up a FREE hot drink and cookie booth. Serve with a smile and have flyers for your church and women's ministry available.

January

Quench your thirst with Jesus the Door

Organize a clothing drive. Encourage your ladies to clean out their closets to make room for their Christmas gifts. Donate the clothes they don't wear (or can't after all the Christmas treats) to your local women's shelter.

February

Quench your thirst with Jesus the Good Shepherd

Couples with young children often can't afford a date night because of the cost of baby-sitting. Host a free baby-sitting night at your church. Plan games, crafts, snacks and stories for the kids so they can have fun while their parents are gone.

March

Quench your thirst with Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

Reach out to the ladies of a local nursing home. Take supplies to give the residents manicures and then host a tea party for them. This will make them feel special and beautiful again.

April

Quench your thirst with Jesus the Teacher and Lord

Host a class at your church. You could teach pie baking, cake decorating, knitting or whatever skill someone in your group can teach. Advertise in your local paper or on the grocery store bulletin board. Take as many people as you can handle. This will open doors to your church in a non-threatening way.

May **Quench your thirst with Jesus the Way, the Truth, the Life**

Mother's Day is this month. Reach out to mothers in your community through your local day care. Prepare small gift bags for the day care to distribute to the moms. Items like hand cream, lip balm and emery boards make a nice gift. Be sure to include information about your church including your women's and children's ministries.

June **Quench your thirst with Jesus the Vine**

In honor of Father's Day, partner with your Alliance Men for this months outreach. Throw a community picnic. Is there a community pool that you could rent out? Maybe you could reserve a pavilion at a park or open your churches gym. Use the resources you have available and make it a day of fun.

July **Quench your thirst with Jesus the First and Last**

Want to get young women into your church? Plan something fun and free for their children. Kids are attracted to water. Hook up some sprinklers on the church lawn. Fill some small wading pools with water (make sure they're supervised). Provide water balloons or squirt guns. Have a shady place for the mothers to sit and relax. Serve lemonade, watermelon and other summery treats.

August **Quench your thirst with Jesus the Bright and Morning Star**

Hit the back-to-school sales and stock up on school supplies. Pack them into lunch boxes or back packs. Drop them off at your local WIC office, welfare office, Salvation Army or youth home to be given to children in need.