

Outreach Ideas

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Suggestion for Success: Include Him in all you do—before, during and after!

September

Does your community have a museum, performing arts center, symphony or opera? Plan a night out for the ladies and ask them to invite a friend who does not know Jesus. After, go out for coffee and conversation.

October

Many churches hold a fall festival. If another ministry team is responsible for this event, as an AWM project, volunteer to help. Offer to be responsible for an activity, do childcare for others while they plan and set-up, or prepare food and drinks for the workers. Don't forget to invite your neighbors, co-workers and the families of your children's friends!

November

Prepare a Thanksgiving dinner for the residents of a home for women who are addicts, pregnant, abused and/or runaways. Develop a relationship with the home which may open doors to share the love of Jesus.

December

Most women love to shop! Well, most, but whether some do or not, this is the time of year it's expected, but in this economy how about some creative cost saving shopping ideas for gift giving? Host a Christmas gift creating gathering, ideas for useful craft gifts, shopping ideas, gift wrapping, etc. Hand out or mail creative, personal invitations and provide additional invitations for the ladies to give to their friends. Make it an all day event and provide a meal! For the new ladies who come give a little gift that shares the Gift of Jesus!

January

Use prayer as a continuous outreach. Place a container in the church foyer/welcome center and designate it for prayer requests for those who need to know Jesus. Keep a prayer journal with the names and dates requests are made and answered. Commit to personal and corporate prayer, and get ready for God to work! Rejoice when the "lost is found!"

February

Start a book club. Use books written with spiritual teaching and insights. Check books for the inclusion of discussion questions for each chapter. Suggested authors include Angela Hunt and C.S. Lewis among many. Ideas may also be found at www.readinggroupguides.com.

March

Invite a woman in the church or community to do an art or craft demonstration such as watercolor painting or candle making. Prepare enough materials for each person to make what is being demonstrated. You may need to ask for donations to cover the cost.

April

Host a yard sale to benefit needs in the community like a homeless shelter, pregnancy crisis center or shelter for abused women and children. Another possibility is to provide scholarships for unchurched children to attend Christian summer camp.

May

Sometimes old ideas are still effective but may need some “tweaking” with creativity. Mother/Daughter banquets or luncheons always provide a good opportunity to invite family or friends. Think of a theme or improvement idea that benefits ladies, churched or unchurched, offering a service that blesses and meets a need at the same time. Design a bridge building event giving ladies an opportunity to invite friends who would not ordinarily attend church.

June

Organize a softball or volleyball game and cook-out. This is an event that might be just for the ladies or husbands could be included.

July

Does your city/town/neighborhood have a 4th of July celebration? Connect with the community by having a church float and/or a booth to serve free hotdogs, ice cream or cold drinks. Offer to pray for anyone in need. Hand out an informative church brochure that includes a simple explanation of how to become a child of God through Jesus.

August

Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops often need places to hold their meetings. Minister to a troop by providing a place at your church for free. Take turns and offer to set up a room, greet them as they come, provide snacks and clean-up. Get to know the kids and their families. This must be done with the permission of the pastor and governing board, but lead the way and make the needs known.