

## Church Outreach – A new idea for 2010

Ladies Breakfast Bar Ministries ran for 5 years at Eastwood Baptist Church. It gave the opportunity for ladies to bring their friends/neighbours along to an informal breakfast and listen to personal testimony of how the love of Jesus can equip us in today's world.

Our speakers included professional singers/groups, a Christian magician, Fiona Castle, a student pastor with responsibility for youth and many other Christian ladies sharing their moving, uplifting and thought provoking journeys.

As we move into 2010 our team behind this ministry is significantly smaller, therefore, we would like to open up these events, holding joint breakfasts/dinners to include men (on occasion) and also vary the meal times, enabling Saturday workers to come along to midweek events and on Saturday evenings.

Some of the ideas include cooked breakfasts, brunches, pudding nights (our favourite), themed evenings/film evenings. We would also like this form of outreach to cross over to include the parents from our toddler group and youth groups and invites to those in the Church's local community.

To this end, we envisage a team of fluid helpers for each event, but including ourselves as a form of continuity.

Both of us have enjoyed and been greatly encouraged by 'Activate'. A group of truly inspirational Christian women, who for many years have given their time and amazingly creative talents to inspire and challenge Christian women as they witness and evangelise to others.

Two of the major roles of Activate are:

“To help you be you and to inspire you to take God's love into your community.”

Look out for details of our first event of 2010! Hope to see you!

Jo & Val