

Ideas for Generational Ministry for Women #2

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Jan shares a great idea for a retreat that small churches can easily do:

At our church, we hold an annual event that includes all denominations, all ages! This was our third year and God has certainly blessed our event over and over again! Our speakers have been Kelly Minter, Lisa Welchel and Jennifer Rothschild. Next year we have already booked Esther Burroughs. Our first year, we had about 350 ladies on Friday night, last year we had about 450 and this year, we squeezed in almost 700 women...all denominations, all ages! We structured it for our rural area, the women in our area and many others just simply cannot afford the time or money to go somewhere to a large event so we decided to bring something to our area. We charge \$10 which includes both sessions, Sat. a.m. also, supper on Friday night and more than a continental breakfast on Sat. It is a huge success because it is God-centered.

We are completely funded by our event. We hold two fundraisers every year, a Faith, Friends and 5K Run/Walk, and a "Crop This House" scrapbooking event, plus we sell t-shirts and custom Bible bags! We are very proud of this event but we give God the credit. If you could hear about our first year and how we got started and funded (our church has no money!) you would realize He has had his hand in this from the very beginning! It is a one-of-a-kind event in our area. We have local speakers, one on Friday night and one on Saturday morning who share something God has done in their lives, we have a wonderful storyteller who writes original material, a story about a woman in the Bible, and then we have an awesome lady who performs Christian drama! All have been on board since the beginning.

We formed our own acapella singing group, Amazed, and that has been inspirational. We have been invited to sing at every church around during the past year! We call our ladies conference Rock This House taken from the Acts 4:31 scripture.

For rural areas, this has to be the coming thing! We start as soon, as the event held in August is over, planning our next event.