

Baptist Women's Fellowship 2010

In 2010 we've really experienced God's blessing on our wee monthly gathering. There have been times of huge blessing, challenge, fun, and occasionally disheartenment.... but underneath we've known the peaceful contentment of God with us, as He has spoken over those months.

There have been a variety of speakers over the year, including Neville & Rachel McCormack telling us about their Wycliffe experiences, and also our own Isobel who brought us a couple of different updates on the latest happenings in Peru. It was handbags at dawn when Ruth led a quiz night, showing just what things women will do for a chocolate prize! Of course one of our key activities, ie prayer support for the church and missions, continued over the year. As a means of praying more specifically for the needs of Baptist Missions, we've had an occasional series of focusing on some of our individual workers and their areas.

In May we headed to the House on the Hill for our Spring outing. The obliging Stormont guide had his hands full that night! Mr Robin Newton and his wife were great hosts and took no end of trouble in making us feel welcome, indulging us as we posed like celebrities on the balcony! Afterwards the Gillespie house was invaded as we had more treats ie desserts and coffee.

The new season began with Amy Logan from the Irish Baptist College. Amy brought her own refreshing honesty and sunny personality as well as a thought-provoking powerpoint on how God sees us as His beloved, precious treasures.

Also in the Autumn, we had an update on what's happening in Splash & Source from Angela and Heather. Two mightily brave men, Johnny and Jim from Cafe Grove, also joined us that night! We had to admit that while we'd been praying for the various departments, there were many specific needs that we weren't aware of...so this was a really good learning experience for us all.

Before we knew it it was our Christmas Dinner Outreach, and this year we were just over the moon to have so many ladies who had connections to Grove with us in the Shaw Hall, as well as friends and family who'd come for the first time.

Raymond Crooks, the Singing Chef, worked his magic on a pavlova, as well as sharing his very poignant story through his own songs.

Our meal was amazing and I really want to thank the VERY hard-working committee for making it a real night to remember. Their patience with me over the year has been extraordinary and it's an absolute privilege to work in a team like this.

God is good ALL THE TIME, and we've seen His blessings first-hand this year, through His word to us, the warmth of His fellowship and answered prayer.

We'd really love ANY girls in the church (sorry guys!) to come on the second Tuesday of each month...even if it's only now and then...for a wee night of fellowship and a cuppa....you'd be so VERY welcome!

Linda Adair, Secretary.

"Now all things are of GOD, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ."

2 Corinthians 5: 18.