# A Taste of Christmas

As enjoyed by the ladies of Richmond Hill Community Church, Richmond Hill, ON

#### Introduction

Christmas gatherings
can be very stressful
for families. Plan an
evening where ladies
can come together to
experience a taste of Christmas
before having to plan family
events. The evening should be
relaxed and provide an opportunity
to invite friends to join. The
following activities will provide
some guidance, however you may
have other ideas that would work
well for your ladies.

## Feature Cooking Demonstration

Invite a chef or a few ladies to provide a taste of Christmas from their recipes — creative appetizers, main dish, desserts/sweets, ideas which ladies can serve family and friends during the holidays. Prepare

recipes so that the ladies can see how they are prepared or have them prepared in advance. They will enjoy having a taste.

### **Favourite Recipes**

Invite the ladies to bring their favourite recipe card for the purpose of creating a small booklet

for every lady in attendance. Charge \$5.00 to cover the cost of copying the booklet.

#### Special Music

Have a guest soloist to add a gentle touch to your devotional time in keeping with the theme of Christmas. If you don't have a soloist have a time of singing with the ladies.

#### **Special Speaker**

Enjoy a spiritual taste of Christmas by inviting a guest to share a time of devotional reflection.

#### **Book Table**

If there's a Christian bookstore in your community invite them to supply a variety of Christmas gift ideas for purchase, or invite the ladies to bring their used books to sell as a fund raiser for Women's Ministry.

#### Gift Ideas

Have a display set up of creative gift suggestions for men, women, children and teens. Coming up with new ideas every year for gift giving is one of the common stresses related to Christmas.