



THE
Belonging

INITIATIVE

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Central
Baptist Church

How can you participate in increasing a sense of belonging?

PRAY – The first part of this new initiative is prayer. We as a staff have been in prayer and we invite you to join us in prayer for our church. Dietrich Bonhoeffer once stated, “A *Christian community either lives by the intercessory prayer of its members for one another, or the community will be destroyed.*” As the staff prays for you, we would ask you to pray for us. Pray that we would do a good job of leading out in this initiative that is seeking to foster a deeper sense of belonging. We also would ask you to pray about how God can use you to help foster a sense of belonging at Central. Pray that God would strengthen a sense of unity in Christ within our church. Pray that the relational aspects of the church would be strengthened as we seek to rightly reflect the love shown to us in Christ. Pray that God would work in the hearts of each and every part of this body to draw us closer to Christ, and as a result closer together.

Another aspect of prayer that we want to challenge you in is participating in the corporate opportunities for prayer. Every week we have people meeting on campus to pray.

Monday mornings at 7am in the Family Center.

Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Chapel,

Sunday evenings at 6 pm in the Brick House.

Come and join your voice with others who are committed to prayer.

We would also encourage you to sign up to be a part of our *email prayer chain that enables us to pray for one another. It also enables you to voice your prayer concerns so that others can pray for you. Intercession is one of the blessings God allows us to have as a community united in Christ.* If we are going to take seriously our call as those who belong to Christ we must be a people committed to prayer.

- How can you pray for your church throughout this initiative?
- How can you set up your schedule to have a regular time of intentional prayer for your church?
- Consider committing to being a part of at least one of our corporate prayer gatherings each week.
- Sign up to receive prayer emails, and commit to praying for those requests.