



THE

Belonging

INITIATIVE

•1 CORINTHIANS 3:23•

Central
Baptist Church

A graphic design for an initiative. It features a blue textured background with white text. The title "Belonging" is written in a large, white, cursive font with a horizontal underline. Above "Belonging" is the word "THE" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Below "Belonging" is the word "INITIATIVE" in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. Underneath "INITIATIVE" is the biblical reference "•1 CORINTHIANS 3:23•" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom right is the logo for "Central Baptist Church", which consists of the word "Central" in a large, white, serif font with a stylized sunburst graphic above it, and the words "Baptist Church" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font below it. The entire graphic is set against a blue textured background that looks like a sunset or sunrise over a landscape.

How can you participate in increasing a sense of belonging?

Get to Know Your Church – We not only want to challenge you to pray for your church, but we also want to challenge you to get to know your church. Central Baptist is a church full of amazing people whom God has graciously called together, but oftentimes we don't take time to get to know these amazing people. Hebrews 10:24-25 states, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." How do we stir one another up to love and good works, and how do we encourage each other if we don't take time to get to know the people that we belong to?

Below is a list of ways we want to challenge you to take time over the next several weeks to get out of your comfort zone and get to know the people who make up Central Baptist Church and increase a sense of belonging.

Participate in our Wednesday Night Meals - Come sit around the table together and eat a great meal at a nominal price prior to attending Wednesday evening activities.

Attend bi-monthly Members' Meetings (with food) and/or fellowship meal on the 4th Sunday evening of each month. These are great opportunities to laugh, visit, and find out more about what is going on at Central.

Sit somewhere different on Sunday mornings – It is easy to find a comfortable place on Sundays around familiar people, but we want to challenge you to switch it up. Sitting somewhere new enables you to get to meet new people and make new friends.

Sign up now for the new Church Member Directory – The church directory is a great tool to help people get to know each other and help the membership of Central get to know their church.

Attend special events/fellowships – These provide an opportunity for you to interact with people that you may otherwise never have the opportunity to know. While the events are normally spiritually significant they also serve to increase a sense of belonging here at Central.