

The Belonging Initiative Week 4: Reach In

As we continue with our belonging initiative we want to challenge you this week not only to continue to...

- pray for your church and the people that make it up
- spend time getting to know your church
- serve with your church

...but we also want to challenge you to "reach in" to your church. By "reaching in" we mean help to love on and build up the people of Central. It is easy for us to be busy in our own world and neglect to love on the people that God has placed around us. It is said that one of the frustrations with churches our size and bigger is the inability to keep up with one another. As well, the larger the church the more difficult it is for the pastors of the church to keep up with everyone. These dynamics make it easy for people, who once felt called to be a part of a church, to fall through the cracks. Many say that the main reason they fell away from involvement in a local church was the fact that they didn't feel connected to the people in that church.

John 13:34-35 states, *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* We want to challenge you to help us love one another in a way that shows the world that we belong to Christ by "reaching in" to the church that God has assembled here. Pray that God uses our efforts to "reach in" to grow a sense of belonging in the heart of Central.

Ways to "Reach In":

- One of the best ways to help "reach in" at Central is through Sunday School. Every member of Central is assigned to a Sunday School roll, so we want to challenge your class to contact everyone that is on their roll and let them know they are loved and wanted.
- To help you "reach in" we have prepaid postcards that are available in the foyer for you to pick up and write a note on, so that you can send one to people you have not seen in a while.
- Invite someone over for a meal or out for lunch. Sharing a meal together can be a great way to help increase a sense of belonging.
- We encourage you to "reach in" by sending a message on social media, giving someone a call, or simply writing a letter.



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