

COMMUNITY

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Inviting those around us into a faith relationship with Christ is part of the core values of the Canadian Baptists of Western Canada. Jesus came to call people to Him, and He commissioned us to do the same. As Canadian Baptists of Western Canada, we choose to describe the invitation to faith with three words: **Belong, Believe and Become.**

Belong, Believe and Become

Belong

Even though we live in the most connected age, most people end up living life alone. We want to accept people where they are in their journey: their struggles and victories, their sadness and joy. People may not be like us, or may not live how we'd like them to live, but that shouldn't keep us from accepting them into the family of God.

Believe

Rather than asking someone to believe what we believe before we accept them, we want all people to know they belong. At the same time as accepting people, we need to have an atmosphere that helps facilitate belief. Rather than push, let's walk with people as they move towards belief in a new life with Christ.

Become

We are all on a lifelong journey towards Christ. Understanding this helps us understand each other. As we walk in our own journey of faith, let's be sensitive to where others are on their journey. As scripture says 'as iron sharpens iron', let us also sharpen each other to be instruments for God. This is becoming: seeing God's will for your own life, and helping others to do God's will also.



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CBWC Inviting Faith

More and more churches and ministries across the CBWC are helping invite faith using the ideas of Belong, Believe and Become. Here are some examples that come from across Western Canada.

Arbutus Christian Fellowship

Victoria British Columbia

Arbutus Christian Fellowship in Victoria British Columbia is reaching out to students at the University of Victoria. Partnered with other ministries and working on campus, Arbutus meets and walks with students as they study and make big life decisions. God has opened a door at Arbutus, and they have seen a growing number of students meet Christ.

First Baptist

Flin Flon Manitoba

A central focus at First Baptist in Flin Flon Manitoba is to engage in the community and participate in dialogues concerning life and faith. They have a MOPS program to help young and working mothers with their preschoolers. For a few years, First Baptist has held weekly hot lunches for the local high school students at the church. Flin Flon has also started to have regular gatherings of community friends and neighbours for faith conversation. First Baptist Flin Flon is working hard to be involved in many aspects of community life.

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Nanaimo British Columbia

This past summer, First Baptist Nanaimo had the opportunity to work with six other churches to reach out to children from the poorer districts of the city. Working with the Urban Camping ministry from the CBWC, First Baptist put on daily programs that ran for the entire summer. With activities, games and weekly family video nights the program was a huge success, helping kids have fun and meet Christ.

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