



## Building our Best

Results of survey at the Eldership Conference 2000,  
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Question #1: What do you value most about what your church offers you?

Question #2: How, or by what means, does your church offer what you value?

Question #1	Question #2
that we show our faith in practical, caring ways to each other and the community	Stephen Ministry Program / Care & Share Program / Salvation Army Kettle Prg. / Christmas Shoebox prg. / Working hard to maintain our commitment to being “the friendly church”
warm welcome given to all - old or young person, new or old attendees / caring and friendly / a place where you can go and be yourself w/out fear of being judged for saying or thinking as you do / loving and caring minister / people who really try to live as God would have us live and not just “Sunday people” / whether young or old - made to feel important / “all” ages are encouraged to take part in Holy Communion - the very young included	someone on doors from Brd. of Managers to welcome, and someone at door to say good-bye every Sunday - along with the minister / Mission & Outreach - try to do activities that welcome and encourage (whether or not members) to come and join us / show appreciation when choir or special singing by clapping / Sunday School has special time as part of class to help the children understand better
opportunity to minister w/in my giftings / healing, love, unconditional acceptance / I can be myself - open, honest, expressive - in worship, in meetings, in ministries - as God has called me, w/out condemnation / the small size if the congregation - “ground floor” ministry in a mission charge - many ways for God to work through me, and I can be His servant in a non-pressure, “only if you’re comfortable with it” environment	the leading of the minister, his role model of embracing the participation of the laity in worship / connectedness - not just on Sunday mornings but in various activities (meetings, study groups, short-term projects) and via phone contacts and e-mail / “somehow” the service of worship provides a sense of peace, a sense of direction, a sense of one-ness with God - the prayers, the sermon, the organization of the service work together (along with the people of my faith community) to give me a “faith fill-up” each week - sometimes it’s a call to action, or a call to pray, but very definitely, God speaks
a place to meet and worship with others / feel part of family of God and part of the church family / opportunities to learn / opportunity to serve community, local and further afield / able to interact with people of all ages from elderly to babies / traditional, but also looking to future	opportunities for fellowship at worship and at various activities / learning opportunities (worship, WMS, Session, etc) / congregation with long history (1850) but forward-looking
supportive community of people of all ages that I can contribute my faith and skills with	I can share my Christian faith with others in a non-confrontational situation / this is an environment where I can learn more about my faith from worship services, Session meetings, bible studies and discussions with other members
opportunity to worship God together in community / opp. to learn from others / support in adversity / opp. to learn more about the gospel /	services led by a minister to whom worship is paramount / meetings, learning sessions in small groups, where trust and sharing is engendered /

opp. for service to church / opp. for service to community	small groups support each other - also the minister / sermons, Bible study, church school / service to church re: Session, working groups, choir / community groups to cook and eat together / Group for people with disability / Foodlink / Assistance and volunteers to help in Guatemala - - We should more
regular and consistent exposure to the Word and preaching / time for reflection and prayer / regular contact with other Christians and seekers	Sunday worship and fellowship / study groups
worship and the opportunity to promote God's Kingdom on earth thru all available means - temporal and spiritual / fellowship / service	meaningful services / interpersonal/ interaction / outreach programmes: providing a monthly meal to the needy, tape (audio) ministry to shut-ins or other needed people, senior and shut-in communion service ad fellowship hour with a meal (twice yearly), pastoral care, Christmas & Easter contact with poinsettias/ Easter lilies / transportation needs
it "pushes the envelope" with heavy emphasis on Lay involvement and the increased role of the lay in service to each other and the community	small groups / a number of missions / regular participation of all levels of the congregation / Sunday services
service of worship and worshipful music, participation / friendship, fellowship / learning - chance to grow in knowledge and understanding of faith, scriptures, church doctrine / open-ness to all age groups / opportunity & support for service	regular planning and sharing by minister and choir director t assure service is a unified whole. Congregational responses during service has been instituted. Also changes in posture - eg. standing rather than sitting for introductory pray and reading of Psalm / variety of groups and organizations to meet needs and interests of people - new programs begun, old programs altered (sometimes dropped) if not longer serving / study groups, Bible study, also small groups led by our pastoral counsellor in which able to share feelings, strengths/weaknesses, joys/sorrows, relate to our growth in faith / communion/tea for "shut-ins" - transportation for those requiring it - all receive personal invitation for self & friend - hosted by Session, children welcomed and honoured in sanctuary (ie. during worship service, weekly communion mid-week / Those who look at local situations and attempt to find solutions are encouraged. We currently operate a collective kitchen (2 sessions/week) to train participants in preparing inexpensive, nutritious meals, recently began afternoon drop-in and teaching sessions to help fill gap left by cancellation of gov't project. Currently examining the possibility of providing a type of "Out of Cold" in co-operation with other churches/groups or on our own if necessary. This is a result of questions and concern of member.
fellowship and guidance / revitalizes the spirit / stress-releaser: our Sunday service gives me that	stimulation through well-organized programming in Sunday services and networking groups

weekly dose of tranquility and peace w/in (“spiritual valium”)	(Sunday School, choir) / awareness: bringing to the people the conscious needs of others - spiritual and material (taking the focus off the “me” society)
an opportunity to be of service to others / an opp. to socialize with others who share Christian beliefs and lifestyle / experiencing spiritual up-lift / being able to praise God / being able to exercise various skills I have / the joy of participation	by serving on Board, Session and by contributing to various charitable efforts / through worship services, socials, work parties, etc. / thru well-structured services and preaching / thru participation in choirs, services, etc. / thru service in various groups / thru my church experience
worship / contact with people / an opportunity to serve God	weekly worship / Session, Treasurer, WMS
support during bereavement / a time to think about God - God is present in my church / for one hour each Sunday, my weekly concerns are left at the church entrance	by our minister’s sermons / by caring and concern of the people for one another
a worship service that is meaningful, down to earth, and one I can relate to - each and every Sunday / warm and compassionate fellowship / a pastoral care team that cares / the opp. to grow in faith	sermons which relate to life’s experiences / the opp. to come together in various ways - one on one / phone calls/cards showing that fellow worshipers care / study sessions which open doors, stretch the imagination, getting one focused on Christ’s Word
I value the quiet time of prayer, the singing of hymns, fellowship, the regular positive influence in my life, spiritual nourishment and worship of God, offered by the church including the opp. to give of my gifts from God	church provides regular worship service with scripture instruction, a ministry of music, avenues for giving and volunteering - all with a network of people with a common love of God
a comfortable place with a challenging, consistent message of the place God has in our lives	a friendly, supportive group of people that show the same Christian values / a service each Sunday that is Bible-based with a strong music support, that constantly reminds me of the above / a minister that is capable of stimulating one’s thoughts re: the above AND who transfers the Bible message to our everyday lives, so that it is meaningful
an opp. to share fellowship with other Christians / to learn about their ways of acting out Christ’s way of life / to have fun, share joys and sorrows with them - and the realization that they truly care for me and my family	by sermons / group fellowship - choir, praise band, youth and adult / ladies groups, Session / bible study group / fellowship after service (coffee & cookie) / church suppers & special events / joining other denominations for special services
a beautiful place to worship, to know God thru Jesus Christ / other Christians I meet and learn to love / the music we make together / the THRILL of choral music in the worship service / the “Word” from the pulpit, to encourage and inform / opp. to serve	wonderful choir to listen to and sing in / extraordinary minister to teach us / bible study by wonderfully gifted laity members of our own congregation / Prayer Group / outreach and mission programs: CFGB, Out of the Cold, St. David’s innercity outreach, foster children / children’s programs
sense of loving community / unconditional acceptance (warts and all) / we are biblically-based congregation	I feel supported in my faith and reinforced by the love shown by church family members in times of joy and sorrow
the church offers me a family that I can go to as	by being a community and family in Christ

with brothers and sisters and father (our minister) to help and teach our Father's wishes and meaning for our everyday life	
church is a visible community presence / belonging / security / leadership / spiritual growth / friendship / wholeness / assistance / education / networking / clearinghouse of information and doctrine / stimulation / opp to practice Christian values	security is associated with churches knowing and doing the right thing in spite of environmental influences / spiritual growth is inherent in participation / wholeness - community well-ness includes a sense of belonging which improves health - essential to total well-being
friendship, encouragement / belonging - sense of family / caring / uplifting music / inclusion of all / variety of service structure / intercessory prayer / outreach - to the community, nationally, internationally	people calling each other / activities outside of Sunday services (bible study, women's breakfasts, youth group activities, dinner get-together - "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" - silent auction) / youth participation in the service / foster child in Bolivia / "shoebox" ministry to 3rd World countries / Canadian Food Grains / minister's discretionary fund / "Food for Thought" children's breakfast club / modern music mixed with some old favorites / occasional guest speakers / reporting of answered intercessory prayers
welcoming - committed community - with opp. to learn and serve - support offered for our faith journey / inclusive - warm acceptance with Biblically-based theology / generous - mission - prayer based decision making process / teaching - Sunday school / opp. to serve and identify gifts / improving joyful aspect, re: music and sharing / innovative leadership / nurturing environment	opportunity to serve / support, challenge / opp. to worship in a welcoming, loving environment / small group work / bible study / social time - making important life passages / affirmation and acceptance
the teachings of Christ / acceptance	teachings of Christ received by: great sermons (though provoking, etc.), availability of bible studies, "Sunday Shorts" - 45 mins before church to discuss different aspects of the bible, during contacts with others in the church - seeing their gifts, love, etc., outreach programs within our church / acceptance is the feeling of love and caring from others within our church
Sunday worship - praising God, the Message, singing, prayer, God's presence felt there, Christian fellowship / Session - serving God, fellowship / WMS - mission, prayer, giving, learning / other groups - prayer, study, fellowship	preaching / groups / study
Christian fellowship / caring / opp. to contribute to the life of the church, a spiritual anchor, a church family	through the Sunday service/ the coffee hour following the service / participation in the weekday activities of the church - choir, ladies group, Session, fund-raising activities (which have a way of becoming times of getting to know each other in a different ways) / Christmas trees / pie making / church outings / "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?"
inspiration / faith / friendship / comfort / direction	the minister and the people / thru worship and

	group meetings, etc / choir
meaningful worship / sense of close family - people who care / bible study that increases my knowledge	sermons that relate to everyday life / music - hymns chosen for the words become more meaningful, choir anthems / close friendships with other members / fellow elders who are always there for you.
being able to serve and use gifts / friendship - family of faith	serving as elder, clerk of Session, fill-in organist (former organist and choir director) / people supporting each other thru prayers, visits
bible-based preaching/teaching - focus on what the bible actually says and teaches, not on a liberal interpretation of that what someone thinks it says / congregational caring concerns / adequate facilities for program development / reform-based theology / variety in music ministry (i.e. classical, gospel) / dedicated volunteers / friendship	committed church school teachers / bible-based preaching (see #1) / “contact group” - visiting elderly shut-ins
greater awareness of the message of the Gospel / support in dealing with circumstances that occur in one’s life / fellowship of others who deal better with their circumstances and perhaps an opp. to help those who might benefit from ones own approaches / a structure of support in the broad view of life, particularly when there are times of pessimism	weekly enlargement of the Gospel message through sermons and study / free opp. to be a part of the functioning of the congregation
opp. to pray and study bible / like to work and participate in different activities (special Christmas eve service, turkey supper for community, help do bulletins) / music - have a great organist who does and motivates group in variety of music / introduce children, grandchildren and community to Jesus and God to a good basis for living	Sunday service / Sunday School / church events
fellowship with people learning and understanding / the Word of God / church friends, music and church service	being an elder / being member worship committee / talking to people of the church / listening to what people have to say / “friendship” / understanding
a valued opp. to do outreach in the community and to minister to the elderly - providing me with the opp. to work on a life-long personal goal / “try to make a difference in someone’s life, each day of my life”	visiting district - retirement and nursing homes serving meals to people in need and to individuals with mental and physical challenges / opp. to socialize with people of other religions, different cultural backgrounds, etc.
ministry of the Gospel / family values - concern for others / opp. to WITNESS to others, for Christ / ministering to others (sick, shut-ins) children, grandchildren, etc.	thru minister / fellowship / singing groups, choirs / Stephen ministries, lay visitors, being good example
fellowship / learning experiences / opp. for mission (local and wider) / moving along in my faith journey	worship services / group meetings (Session, etc) / preaching / teaching
a core of people, like myself, seeking authentic integration of our humanity into Christ’s realm / a broad spectrum of a biblical/theological vision which enables and encourages genuine	found within small group ministry / Session discussion, committee interaction (mission, worship, Christian Ed., etc), sermons / thru modeling at worship - a liturgy rooted in our

<p>exploration of fundamental questions / a congregation plugged into a denomination that celebrates its roots in the Reformed tradition, but which has also opened its minds and hearts to the even broader Christian/ecumenical historic faith / blended music program which is joyous and inspirational / willingness to incorporate different avenues in worship which appeals to a wide range of the senses (ie. sight, sound, ideas, movement, etc.)</p>	<p>historic faith and ancient traditions and get immediately relevant to our modernity</p>
<p>supports my study of the Bible / gives me opp. to share good news I find / reinforces my faith, hope in Christ / gives me opp. to share good news with people outside church membership (around weddings, funerals, in community organizations/groups) / challenges me to grow in relating to and dealing with others in ways that are respectful of them and of me</p>	<p>supports my financial needs (wants are something else) / preaching, talking to church groups (WMS, Session) / in daily interactions with faithful people I learn of their faith and share my faith and challenges with them - sharing our faith journeys / in community - being identified as a/the religious leader (the “identified” clergy person) and being OK with that role / leading Session where some challenges are present to my authority AND where inertia seems to favor the status quo</p>
<p>a meaningful place to worship / excellence of staff and volunteers / a place to grow spiritually (learning) / gives me a chance to use my gifts to the glory of God and the edification of others / a place to mingle with warm and caring people (fellowship) / a place where I can express my feelings and opinions and know that I will be listened to seriously and considerately</p>	<p>It offers two styles of services - informal and traditional - also special services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve, Celtic, Kirkin’ in the Tartan, Mariners’) / The ministers are effective leaders and preachers of the Word / music director is talented at playing the organ and a good instructor of the choirs - vocal and bell / There is ample opp. for religious instruction thru Bible study and adult education / We are encouraged to come forth or are approached to consider using our talents there / Fellowship groups abound - quilting, missionary, adult, cooking, etc. / there are opp. for serious dialogue in Session, Bible study, educational seminars</p>
<p>excellent music because of strong organist, enthusiastic choir, a congregation who enjoy singing / strong Sunday School - excellent leadership / sense of caring for each other among members of congregation / positive feeling in the worship and among members of congregation / although it is a small congregation with limited funds, this lack of funds is not made to be an issue - congregation is not obsessed with money issues</p>	<p>youth are encouraged by choir director and choir members to join / music provides uplifting spirit to worship / Sunday School superintendent and teachers encourage young people to join - and provide some activities eg. Sunday School concert / sense of community in church - concerned about well-bing of members / Session welcomed me as a new member and made me feel that I was valuable</p>
<p>friendships / agreement with God’s Word / musical celebration before God’s presence / a community (Christian and secular) available to me to serve and have serve me</p>	<p>if you look for it, you can find every gift, God is faithful / open-ness to God’s program/plan</p>
<p>having moved to a new city and not knowing anyone, it has become a second home where I can meet new people and make new friends (also a sense of belonging)</p>	<p>by allowing me to participate as an Elder/ and by allowing me to join a group of Gospel singers / I also enjoy the old hymns that our church often sings</p>

family atmosphere - love / friendship / support / concern for others / happiness / spirituality	each member is treated as part of the church family - always being welcomed and included by others / friendships are formed and continued outside of church events. All members are friendly to newcomers and visitors / support and concern are given during illness, financial problems, family problems, there is always someone to turn to / a very happy place to be, greeted by smiles, good feelings / spirituality - through music, programs, fellowship
assurance of pardon - a peaceful setting where cares of the world are forgotten/ a great music leader is helpful in creating this setting / friendship	a wonderful music program / dedicated ministers and leaders who try to include everyone
excellent leadership and worship from minister / Bible studies led by minister, retired ministers and able leaders / great staff - minister, organist, secretary - even cleaning staff, Educational Director - all can be approached / respect between groups / friendship - within - beyond church - other churches in area / good music / good and active Sunday School / encouragement for education - Crieff Hills, this workshop, etc.	good leadership / active members / material from head office / interesting and down-to-earth Bible study - good leaders / choir - willing to sing at other events, funerals, etc. / group to provide lunches for funerals and happy events (anniversary) / interest in mission work beyond Canada
minister that delivers very good message / great fellowship / great spirit in congregation thru ministry, missions and music / very good choir and music / good leaders in Sunday School, nursery and Christian music / great response to missions / many very good groups in the church that different ages of people can use and respond to	great worship service / very strong Sunday School / good leadership from Elders / good leaders in church music / good and strong finance and maintenance / beautiful church to worship in
a place... to share in God's Word...to learn about God's Word...that seeks and needs my involvement...where my family is welcomed... of friendship...of mission	teaching/preaching / involvement / family programs / fellowship / participation
a sense of comfort and peace thru the word of the Lord - prayer, hymns and scripture / the opp. to renew my beliefs within the House of God / the opp. to demonstrate and share the love of God	caring and fellowship thru worship, small groups, prayer chain, social activities and committees and mission
friendship and sense of belonging / spiritual growth / opp. to have a voice in how we worship God and the willingness to try other options / commitment to all ages	working together ie. ladies' auxiliary, choir, Session, Praise & Worship Bands / music - praise and worship, Bible studies / member and elder of Session / nursery, Sunday School, Kids In Christ School, youth group, family nights, adult/seniors club, ladies' auxiliary, contemporary and traditional worship services
the church helps us to live our lives according to God's way and teaching and use it on a daily basis	fellowship with other members / reading from the Bible and reviewing those readings to help understand and put the ideas into everyday happenings
2 point charge gives to me as a minster, a diversity	session meetings / conversation in committee,

and uniqueness of each congregation which is helpful when one or the other is driving me crazy / one congregation - JOY - willingness to work and share together / other cong. - lots of resources/high skill sets, desire to reach beyond community / keeps me thinking, feeling, sorting / good fights	visits, study / polity and doctrine of PCC
I like belonging to this group of excellent people - bright, thinking, caring, compassionate / our church makes large contribution to community - local and international	aside from Sunday am service, there are other opp. to enjoy the presence and company of these wonderful people - coffee hours, women's groups, discussion groups / our minister and mission committee looks for ways to provide service and \$ to others
worship / music / fellowship / education / Bible study / outreach . gives me a feeling of belonging	weekly worship service - sermons / music in worship service - singing in choirs, musical evenings (eg. Foodgrains Concert, Christmas concert, Christmas Eve service) / fellowship with others at meetings, coffee time, pot luck dinners and fun nights / education thru videos - meeting programs, Session meetings / Bible study groups / projects to reach out to community
prayer / friendship / Sunday School / music / fun / Xmas morning service	Prayer: prayer warriors helps us to pray, help and support to others thru hard times / Friendship: caring members and adherents who are part of a large church family who want to know what's happening in your personal life / Sunday School: opp. to help the young grow up with Christian values / Music: part-time choir / Fun: coffee time after church and pie making / Xmas morning service: a close-knit small group of faithful followers - very spiritual and touching
the friendship, love and concerns for members of the congregation and for persons outside the church family	by means of prayer and support of the shut-in thru visitation, donations to soup kitchens and Food Bank. Flowers to all senior persons at Christmas, whether members of the church or just residents of the village
Bringing God closer thru worship / friendship and compassion / choir music - what better way to praise the Lord / prayer chain	by having a minister putting the Bible into everyday life / coffee hours, phone calls, cards, etc. / prayer chain - it really works / choir - makes me feel good
meeting new friends / the great music / learning about Christ and what He can do	a good minister / meeting people after the service
worship / Session / programs / choir	meaningful worship services / opp. for intercession at Session meetings / Bible study groups, Youth/Mentor program, Parish Nursing, Lay Pastoral Caregivers / stimulating music (well-chosen anthems)
worship / music / programmers - education / fellowship / Lenten services and luncheons / outreach / Lay Pastoral visitors / communion - especially "Maundy Thursday" (very meaningful)	Sermons: great sermons - pertaining to current issues incorporating humour at times / choirs: senior, junior, and Handbell choirs / Bible study groups or Fellowship groups and Children's Bible

	Club / various groups (ie. Bessie McMurchy Group, WMS groups, also various concerts) / Lenten services and luncheons to follow, mixing with other denominations / special dinners (ie. Fall suppers,, soup luncheon, etc. / Shoebox programme, Christmas carolling to shut-ins, Children's Christmas Bazaar / visiting the elderly and others who need support
Christian fellowship and activity / Bible-based teaching / active Sunday School with large attendance / caring for the physical as well as spiritual body / reaching out to shut-ins or the lonely / music ministry	Bible studies / choir / ladies' groups / worshipful services / youth groups - after school and Sunday afternoons / Parish Nursing / Workshops on health concerns for seniors ans young adults (ie stress, Alzheimer seminars, blood pressure clinic / pastoral caregiver program
spirituality is the basis of what goes on / God is good, He loves each of us and we can have confidence in Him / we can do anything with His help / He will lead us to fulfill His desires of love to all / doing for all and learning continuously	prayer is very important / positive outlook / 1st response when answers are need / encouragement to take part in gift areas / nurturing others - bible studies / prayer chain / it's OK to say "would you mind praying for..." / alternative music: "Crosswalk"
a feeling of thankfulness / a sense of inner peace / spiritual recharge and re-generation / a sense of challenge / fellowship	for our church - church family - church community - Christian commitment and Christian leadership / that starts with the organ prelude - follow thru the ministry of word and music and carries thru the postlude / the service brings me back from the directions of the week to a more central focus / both for my spiritual growth and that of the congregation / I enjoy the envelope of warmth and family strength
fellowship - friendliness of members / inspi-ration - a young, vibrant minister willing to present new ideas, methods, etc. in spite of going against ingrained practices of older members / opp. for Bible study / co-operation in work projects - bazaar, catering, yard clean-up, etc. / music - choir, Praise Team, guest artists	fellowship - coffee time / meetings of organization - W.A., Bible study, Gals in Stitches, etc. / Bible study - 4 active study groups on different days and times / co-operation - all invited to assist and participate in planning, preparation and execution of various projects
sense of peace and tranquility inherent in its tradition and traditions both past and present / opp. to be spiritually creative within a structured environment / inherent in our atmosphere is a healing process. Newcomers often come troubled and weary and thru a process of time and patience actually begin to feel better about life and themselves / the church constantly surprises in its quality musical, # of participants and growth potential	self-expression - specifically and recently opp. to read scripture in other languages / opp. to present my own liturgy and poetic contributions / our church allows for and recognizes personal growth. It does not point our specific lifestyle choices as wrong. Rather, by example in action and in deed, points out the benefits in leading a productive Christian approach to life
hope / compassion / appreciation for a person (me and others) - a reminder/realization of the inherent good of a person / opp. for me and others to use skills, gifts / opp. for me and others to take risks, go out on a limb for what I believe in (value) from	worship (hearing the Word, singing, praying) / community partnerships with groups to serve needs of community / total integration of children into all church activities

a secure environment / chastisement (making me aware of my arrogance or ignorance of me and others) / love of God thru Christ, seeking of the Holy Spirit	
my churches, each in their own way, enable, hunger, and desire to hear the gospel preached, studied within a community of acceptance, love for me (minister) and each other	thru worship, willingness to change / thru responding to opp. to study scripture / thru positive affirmation of my efforts and pastoral concern for me and each other
sense of belonging / grounding in faith / opp. to serve God, act on my faith, use my talents / opp. to share my faith with others	conversation, smiles, greetings from people around me - invitations to events, coffee with a friend, supper together, working together on a project / worship, minister's sermon, Bible study, informal sharing, communion / thru "Out of the Cold", community mission projects. stewardship of money, teaching, time with children and youth, serving on committees, etc. / Bible study: sharing my faith journey, by sharing what is happening in my church and why I am involved
meaning: fellowship in Christ, participation, Christian education for children, community spirit and pastoral care	coming together as a Christian family with the same feelings for our Lord, Jesus Christ / taking part in worship service / excellent Sunday School teachers to build upon a child's questions on the life of Jesus / helping spread the good news thru devotionals in local nursing homes and pitching in when anyone in the community needs a helping hand
the friendliness of many of the people / the opp. for sharing one another's faith / the Sundays when the gospel comes thru in preaching / the excellent choir and skilled organist / the sense of a longstanding family connection (my wife's family) including weddings, baptisms and funerals / opp. for significant ministry / the Christian spirit of the minister's own life and approach to people	thru the coffee hour after services - occasional meals together / Bible study during Lent / ordinary weekly church services / the way we are treated as people who belong / being on the Session and Pastoral Care committee / contacts in various times and situations
relationship building: God and people, support, like minds / place to worship / singing / place to give leadership / personal growth	groups: Session, support, like minds, visiting, coffee time / sanctuary - place to worship / choir / various programs - studies - sessions / various Bible and other studies
other faithful people, caring, loving hearts / opp. to: worship, sing, grow, serve - locally and around the world / welcomes my children and shows care for them	personal contact, people who take the time to reach out / small by significant mission/charity projects to respond to need, cards, phone calls / projects that connect with larger church and world
support/building faith / ways to practice Christianity / friends	sermons, study sessions, discussions, church service components / services to hungry, disadvantaged, missionaries / children, Sunday School / visitations: old, sick, elders / from above, common interest - support (often friendships start with greetings, coffee, luncheons, parties, projects, etc.)
fellowship / a place to worship / a chance to exchange ideas about or religion with others thru	people what attend with me / a sense of belonging / insight and stimulation provided by the sermons

Bible study / to listen to al well-delivered sermon and reflect on it to try to use the contents of the message in our daily life / a personal renewal each week	/ the opp. to speak with others/ fellowship hours
reaffirmation of Christ's love for me; the different ways love comes to me / the guideposts for my actions towards others / the stabilizing confidence that I'm on the right track in what I say and do, both in the church and in the community	preaching and discussion (explanation) of the Word openly, actions of others in congregation towards me [fellowship] / actions of others on day-to-day basis / discussion of the Word with others - also values