

First Baptist Cornelia
Spiritual Identity Survey

Directions: Circle the answer that most closely relates to who you are. You may be torn between two answers. Please choose the answer that resembles you most of the time. Tally the circles for each column on the back page.

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1	Order of worship	A carefully planned and orderly worship program is a glory to God.	A deeply moving and spontaneous meeting is a glory to God.	Simplicity and some silence are important elements needed for worship.	It is not a service, but ordering ourselves to God's service that is important.
2	Time	Stick to Announced beginning and ending of worship services	It is important to extend the meeting time if one feels led to do so	All time is God's time. A sense of timelessness is important.	Gather whenever and for as long as you need to accomplish the task.
3	Prayer	Words express poetic praise; we ask for knowledge and guidance.	Let words and feelings evoke God's presence in this moment.	Empty the mind of distractions and simply be in the presence of the holy.	My life and my work are my prayer.
4	Music	Music and text express praise to God and belief about God.	Singing warms and unites us and expresses the soul's deepest heart.	Chant and tone bring the soul to quietness and union with God.	Songs can mobilize and inspire to greater effort and dedication.
5	Preaching	The Word of God, rightly proclaimed, is the centerpiece of worship.	The Gospel, movingly preached, is the power of God to change lives.	Proclamation is heard when the Spirit of God speaks to the inward heart.	What we do is our "preaching" and speaks louder than anything we say.
6	Emphasis	A central purpose is that we fulfill our vocation (calling) in the world.	A central purpose is that we learn to walk in holiness with the Lord.	A central purpose is that we be one with the Creator	A central purpose is that we obey God's will completely.
7	Support of Causes (Circle the column with the most words that represent you).	Support seminaries, publishing houses, scholarship, preaching to others.	Support evangelism, missions, spreading the word on television and radio.	Support places of retreat, spiritual direction, liturgical reform.	Support political action to establish justice in society and its institutions.

8	Criticism	Sometimes I have been called too intellectual, dogmatic, and "dry"	Sometimes I can be too emotional, dogmatic, anti-intellectual.	Sometimes I can escape from the world and am not realistic.	Sometimes I have tunnel vision and can be too moralistic.
9	Dominating Themes (Circle the column with the most words that represent you).	Discernment, discipline, knowledge, order, grace, justification.	Love, conversion, witness, spontaneity, sanctification	Poverty, humility, wisdom, letting go, transcendence	Simplicity, purity of heart, action, temperance, obedience, martyrdom
10	Member Criteria (What is necessary to be a part of our church).	Assent to doctrine; baptism; endorsement of our church.	A personal inward experience of God, baptism; public declaration.	All who face Godward are incorporated in the holy.	Unity with humankind is membership in God's kingdom.
11	Ritual and Liturgy	Ritual and liturgy evoke memory and presence, teaching traditional truths.	Ritual and Liturgy are not of great importance.	Ritual and liturgy are ways in which God becomes present to us.	Ritual and liturgy are one way we make statements about inner conviction.
12	Concept of God	God is revealed in Scripture, sacrament, and in Jesus Christ and his cross.	I can feel that God is real and that Christ lives in my heart.	God is mystery and can be grasped for, but not completely known.	We participate in the mystery of God when we become creators with God in the world..
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	Total the circles in each column on the front and back.				

Name: _____

The column with the highest number represents your primary spiritual Identity.

Column 1	Thinking Identity	Attracted to the Knowledge of God
Column 2	Feeling Identity	Attracted to the Presence of God
Column 3	Being Identity	Attracted to the Mystery of God
Column 4	Doing Identity	Attracted to Action for God

*Developed by John Ackerman, *Listening to God: Spiritual Formation in Congregations* (2001).