

# Identity

*An identity would seem to be arrived at by the way in which the person faces and uses his experience*—James Baldwin

## *Key components of identity...*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Spirituality</b></p> <p>Churches adopt or emphasize a preferred spirituality. This often is influenced by faith tradition, the personality of the pastor, or by culture.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Head spirituality</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Heart spirituality</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pilgrim spirituality</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mystic spirituality</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Servant spirituality</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Crusader spirituality</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Stance</b></p> <p>Your church's stance has to do with how it views its mission and ministry. Often a congregation's stance is determined by its immediate context, sometimes it is determined by a doctrinal or a mission task emphasis.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Ministry Church</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> University Church</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Country Club Church</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Community Church</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Mission Church</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pillar Church</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Shepherd Church</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Outreach Church</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Style</b></p> <p>Style has to do with the outward corporate expression of the spirituality that your church embraces. These styles can be plotted on a spectrum.</p>	<p>Open.....closed</p> <p>Inward-focused.....Outward-focused</p> <p>Inviting.....Excluding</p> <p>Culturally Conservative.....Liberal</p> <p>Professional .....Laissez-faire</p> <p>Traditional.....Pioneering</p>