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"CCSA40: Belong, Believe, Become":

For 40 years the CCSA has transformed many through participation in this league. The league has created a place to journey together by sharing, by the Spirit of Christ love and His life and ministry. It is on this This very premise by which CCSA was formed. By using softball over the past 40 yrs people have come to belong to a team, then to a community, then the Holy Spirit takes over and hopefully causes one to believe for the 1st time or reconnect to their faith and belong to the Body of Christ.

The theme for this the 40th season of the CCSA is: "CCSA 40 Belong, Believe, Become"

Through the game of softball the CCSA has created a place that we reach out to all people – non-believers included. We know all belong, and through the CCSA we hope to create place to experience that fully and unconditionally. By embracing unbelievers & believers alike with God's love, we welcome them with open arms when they come to play in the CCSA to live in a meaningful relationship with other like-hearted people. It definitely feels good to "belong" to a caring community, where people are excited to be together, are genuinely interested in each other, and are always looking out for one another. Thus the opportunity to share our belief in the transforming and unifying love of Christ, and that's what really connects us all.

We Believe, that Jesus encourages us to "believe" in the transforming love he shares with God. "What we believe" about Jesus may not be as influential than "how we believe". Jesus inspires us using this softball league to live God's love every day in all circumstances, and through this experience we hope that one truly feels they do belong and are accepted by God unconditionally, just the way we are.

And finally we Become. To come into and to grow into our true identity. To become is more than "becoming a member of a church." Within our softball league and community of faith, 'becoming' has more to do with stimulating the change process. It's learning and growing together, encouraging each other to be actively involved in one's own unique individual faith journey, but supporting how valuable everyone's personal spiritual development is to our true identity as "The church". Using softball we grow together in that direction, that we will discover the gifts that God gives us to serve others. The CCSA has provided a place for participants to experience this and to learn and become more about who they are in a relationship with God, through Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Like the church,The CCSA, may not be perfect, but it has grown from 4 churches to the league it is today 40 years later. Simply because it has and continues to be a league where people come to Belong, Believe & Become".

In his service,  
CCSA Executive

Scripture refs.

1 Peter 2:9-10 The Message (MSG)

9-10 But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

1 Peter 2:9-10 New King James Version (NKJV)

9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10 New Living Translation (NLT)

9 But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests,[a] a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. 10 "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy."

Remans 8: 1- 17

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- Roman's 8: 38,39