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Living in Biblical Community

Explore what it means and
experience it for yourself this fall



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How to get the most from CTK Life

Thanks for picking up (or downloading) the latest edition of CTK Life!

Inside you'll find just about everything we're offering this fall to help you connect, grow, and serve alongside the family here at Christ the King Community Church.

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A Note from Grant Fishbook LEAD TEACHING PASTOR



I love fall! I love the warm days and the cool evenings. I love the fog that battles with the sun every morning but concedes and finally disappears.

I love the beginning of “sweater weather” and the transition into all things pumpkin Spice. I love the thick dew that blankets the ground and the return of my favorite sound in nature: the soft patter of rain that brings life and vibrancy into everything that has gone brown during the heat of summer. I love the return to a more predictable schedule and the sounds of kids playing on the school playground. I just love this season!

As we enter fall, Jesus is calling us a faith family to respond to some deep questions. Months ago, I was approached by a group of young adults who asked, “Grant, shoot straight. What does the Bible say about money?”

I did my best to answer, and that conversation has continued into an expanding circle of questions. What does the Bible say about gender, sexuality, roles and marriage? What does the Bible say about life, death and dying? What does the Bible say about suffering? What does the Bible say about war? What does the Bible say about deconstructing your faith and why are so many people doing just

that? What does the Bible say about welcoming the “stranger”?

Such rich questions...and God has told us to be ready with a response! 1 Peter 3:15 says, “But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...”

I have a conviction that the frame for our response needs to originate in the word of God. Our opinions often come from our newsfeed, our personal passions, AI, or from the brokenness of our story. All of these have their place, but for a Jesus follower, all that we say, promote, think, and share should start in the pages of our Bible.

I am excited (and a little fearful) about tackling these cultural hot buttons, but I have deep confidence that we can handle the truth and learn how to share God's heart with gentleness and respect.

As another exciting twist, I am going to be hosting follow-up sessions after every service. This will be an opportunity to have a conversation, answer some questions, and process the heart of God together. Come and join me in Room 215 after every service!

Looking forward to all God has for us this autumn,

Grant



SUMMER THROWBACK: CTK Kids helped lead worship at our Labor Day weekend family service. PHOTO: SCOTT SAYERS

A Note from Melonie Kemp NETWORK EXECUTIVE PASTOR



Hello everyone!
When you hear the word *community*, what comes to mind? For most of us, community means a number of things. You might think of

your town or your neighborhood as your community. Perhaps you think of the school your child attends, or the network of family and friends you lean on for support. Community can also grow around shared passions and interests—a biking or hiking group, a gardening club, a sports team, or an online gaming community or support group. Today, the list of ways to “find community” seems almost endless.

No matter the form, these communities all share a few common threads: a sense of affinity and a sense of belonging. We say *this is my community* because we experience a connection—whether by association, preference, or shared experience.

But what about *biblical* community? What comes to mind then? Church? A small group? A Bible study?

For many, the idea of community in a church context can feel similar to all the other communities we engage in. The invitations sound the same: *join in, get connected, find belonging*. And if we're not careful, in our context, “community” can lose its depth and purpose, blending into the background of all the other groups we participate in.

Yet, biblical community is meant to be something distinct. It is not simply another place to belong, but a space where *transformation* happens. Jesus doesn't invite us to belong, he invites us into transformation—being formed and transformed into his image... with others. There is a part of our spiritual formation, our becoming more like

Christ, that can only take place in the context of relationships with others. Jesus never called his followers into isolated faith; he called them into life together, centered on him.

So, biblical community is not about creating a social club within the church. It's not even about finding people who are just like us. It's about being formed and transformed into the image of Christ *with others*. It's intentional and purposeful.

When Christ is at the center, community becomes the environment where encouragement, accountability, growth, and challenge take place; where everyone has something to give and something to receive. It's the space where we practice the one-another commands of Jesus, and where we discover that following him is something we cannot do alone.

In fact, I would go so far as to say this: if you are not engaged in regular biblical community with others in the ways I've just described, there is growth and transformation in Christ that you will miss. Jesus invites us into a kind of change that simply cannot happen in isolation.

So while many forms of community add value and meaning to our lives, biblical community carries a unique calling. It's not only about belonging, but about *becoming his body together*—the people God has designed us to be for the purposes he calls us to.

This fall at CTK, our focus is on biblical community, and we invite you to experience its transformational potential as we allow our relationships with Jesus and with one another to shape us, stretch us, and form us more fully into his likeness.

Blessings to you this season!

Melonie

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Community is our
middle name (*literally*)

Because we believe
it's essential for our
spiritual growth
and maturity

ON THE COVER

CTK's worship and production team community from all five campuses came together in early September for dinner, worship, and to be appreciated for serving!

for everyone

Be part of the big CTK family at these all-church fall events

SUN
SEP 14

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Community Connect Sunday

Sunday, September 14

After both services in the Commons

For many of us, the Sunday service is a highlight of our week. But in that setting, it's hard to get to know each other or live out the "one-anothers" of the Bible that foster authentic Christian community. So we create dozens of smaller spaces throughout the week where you can experience community, encounter Jesus, and grow in your relationship with God.

As we get ready to kick off our fall ministry season, join us in the Commons after either service to munch on some snacks and get to know some of your church family. We'll have staff and volunteers throughout the Commons to help you find a place in biblical community.

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One Church

Whatcom Night of Worship

Thursday, October 2

5:00–7:30 PM at CTK Bellingham

If you love to worship, you won't want to miss the 3rd annual One Church—Whatcom Night of Worship. Churches and individuals from all over our county are invited to this evening of worship, inter-church community, and prayer hosted this year by CTK Bellingham.

We'll have food trucks and fun in the parking lot beginning at 5:00 PM, and worship will begin at 6:00 PM.

The band will include talented musicians from several churches in our area. Come experience worship as a unified family of faith here in Whatcom County! **Please note:** Childcare will not be available.

Questions? Email Anna Claire Forney (annaclairef@ctk.church).

SUN
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Donuts & Cider

Sunday, October 19

After services in The Meeting Place

As we adjust to shorter days and cooler weather, we invite you to pause and experience the warmth of the CTK community. Whether you've been attending services for years or are just visiting for the first time, we invite you to gather with your church family for donuts, cider, and conversation.

The Christian life is meant to be lived in community. We know CTK can feel like a big place, and it can be hard to find your people. That's why we create these gatherings. We hope you'll enjoy some good food, meet some interesting people, and feel a little more connected with your church family. Join us in the Meeting Place after either service and enjoy the warm ambiance, sweet taste of fall, and an opportunity to connect.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31
4:30–7:30 PM

At CTK and around our parking lot

This year we will once again partner with our neighbors and welcome our community to Cordata Place for a candy smorgasbord in a safe, walkable, well-lit shopping center with plenty of parking! We host events like this to help remove barriers or hesitations people might have about checking out a church. When they feel welcomed by us in the fun things, they're often more open to checking us out during a Sunday service or sign up for a class or service project in our community. Cordata Place Trick or Treat could be the first step in someone's faith

journey, and it's not possible without you. We're encouraging every person to find a way to be involved.

- **Sign up to volunteer.** It takes 75 volunteers to successfully host this event. You can help with setup, cleanup, or during the event itself. Watch info.ctk.church for sign-up details in October.
- **Donate candy.** We need lots of candy to give away. Bring a bag to the wheelbarrow in the Commons any Sunday in October, or drop it off at the church M–Th, 9 AM–4 PM. **Even easier, order through our Amazon**



Thanksgiving Potluck

SUN NOV 16
12:15-1:45 PM in The Meeting Place

All throughout the Bible you read stories of people gathering around the table, building community and connection. On Sunday, November 16, join us after the 11:15 service for a Thanksgiving potluck! Bring your favorite festive dish to share and come ready to make new connections and talk about what you're grateful for this season.

Helpers will be available at the Catering Room door to take your dish on your way into either service if that is helpful. Please be sure to label all your dishes. See you there!

Questions? Email Kobi Dorning
(kobid@ctk.church).



Volunteer Christmas Decorating Party

SUN NOV 30
12:30-3:00 PM at CTK Bellingham

Do you love decorating for Christmas? Are you an expert in fluffing up an artificial tree to look like it's fresh from the forest? Come join us after the 11:15 service to decorate the Commons for Christmas. We'll be setting up Christmas trees, hanging hand-cut snowflakes, and more. A light lunch will be provided.

Equipment and heavy boxes will be moving throughout the venue, so please keep your children close by.

Let us know that you plan to come.
Text DECOR to 360-800-4173 and we'll keep you updated with details.
Message and data rates apply.



All-Campus Christmas Concert

THU DEC 11
6:30-7:45 PM at CTK Bellingham

Invite your friends and family to join us as we ring in the Christmas season... musically! All five of our campuses will come together to enjoy the songs of Christmas, new and old (and sing along too)! Doors open at 5:45 PM and the concert starts at 6:30 PM. Children are encouraged to attend, so no childcare or children's ministry will be available on this night.

Questions? Email Anna Claire Forney
(annaclairef@ctk.church).

Wishlist (ctk.link/candy) and have it shipped directly to the church.

- **Invite your friends and neighbors!** We host this event so you'll have an easy invitation for the people in your life who aren't connected to a faith community. Make a goal to personally invite 2 or 3 families.
- **Donate toward expenses.** You can give to offset event costs: glow sticks, hot cocoa, and of course, more candy. No need to make a special designation, just add a little extra however you usually give.



Scan for
Amazon
Wishlist



couples



Saturday, November 15
9:00 AM–3:00 PM in Room 215
\$75.00 per couple includes lunch

Every relationship needs attention—from couples just starting out to those who’ve weathered decades together. Whether things feel solid or a little shaky, this one-day workshop is designed to help you reconnect, reflect, and grow stronger together.

We’ll explore several key topics, like communication, conflict, connection, and spiritual alignment (but not too deep, not too heavy). Just enough to spark meaningful conversations and give you practical tools and skills to take home.

The day will also include a relationship panel, where you can ask real questions and hear honest perspectives from couples in different seasons of life. If you’re dating, engaged, or married, and want to be more intentional about your relationship, this is for you.

Spots are limited; register soon!

Register by Wednesday, November 12 at ctk.link/events.

Questions? Email Erin Drews (erind@ctk.church).



Explore faith together

Those three words are one of the promises we make to everyone who comes through our doors—that CTK is a place where nearly every opportunity for spiritual growth happens along with others, in community.

But we can’t take credit for the idea; it’s what God intended all along. He designed us to be *better together*. Here are just a few ways you can be part of that this fall...

Learning together

- Classes, workshop, and Bible studies across all ministries

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interest groups

Who says building community can't be a lot of fun?

Check out these opportunities to connect with others who enjoy doing the same things you do!

Step-by-Step Painting Group

4 Tuesdays, October 21–November 11
6:00–8:15 PM in Room 216
\$25.00 for materials



Build community one step at a time. Our step-by-step painting group is a fun way to make new friends in your church community, learn how to paint decorative items for your home, create gifts for loved ones, or just to have fun using your imagination! On each of the four nights, we'll get into the holiday spirit and paint a seasonal piece and take time to reflect on some Scripture and pray for one another. Whether you've never picked up a paintbrush before or you've been doing it for years, our instructor Faith Whaley will make it easy to create your very own masterpiece one brushstroke at a time.

\$25 covers all needed art supplies for all 4 weeks.

Pre-registration is required at ctk.link/events.



Questions? Email Missy Elzea (missye@ctk.church).

Childcare available; email Melanie Cobb to RSVP (melaniec@ctk.church).

Meal Prep Group

4 Wednesdays, October 22–Nov. 12
6:00–8:15 PM in the Catering Room
\$110.00 for ingredients



No time for community? We all have to eat, so why not get two things done at once. We've created an opportunity to hang out with other CTKers and get some meal prep done at the same time. We'll prep two meals per night, and each meal serves at least four people. Don't need that much food? This is a great opportunity to be generous and create meals to give to your neighbors and friends. Let us do the shopping and join us for 4 nights that will include 2 main dishes, a taste of community, a *dash* of scripture, and a *thyme* of prayer.

\$110 covers ingredients for 8 meals (32 servings). That's just \$13.75 per 4-serving meal!

Limited to 10 participants, and we're not able to offer individual nights or childcare. Register by Sunday, October 19 at ctk.link/events.



Questions? Email Missy (missye@ctk.church).

Limited financial assistance is available, email Keri (keria@ctk.church).

Childcare available; email Melanie Cobb to RSVP (melaniec@ctk.church).

Table Game Group

4 Mondays, October 27–November 17
6:00–8:00 PM in the Family Room (103)
FREE!



Building community with your church family is a core part of growing and sustaining your faith, and our Table Game Group is an easy and fun step in that direction. Over the four Mondays we meet, we'll play a variety of card and board games and also be encouraged by something from the Bible and prayer.

So bring your **A game** and come play with us; we promise you won't be **board**! This is also a great opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor, or co-worker to join in the fun with you.

Please note, this group has been planned with adults in mind, and we invite those over 16 years of age to sign up.

Register by Sunday, October 26 at ctk.link/events.



Questions? Email Missy Elzea (missye@ctk.church).

Childcare available; email Melanie Cobb to RSVP (melaniec@ctk.church).

kids



CTK Kids Sunday Mornings

Every Sunday during the 9:30 & 11:15 AM services

Every Sunday, there's a place for kids—from newborn to 5th grade—to have fun, make friends, and learn how much Jesus loves them (and how to love him back)!

Questions? Contact Pastor Duane Weaver (duanew@ctk.church or ext. 2236)

Kids' Baptism Class

Class: Sunday, October 19
6:00–7:45 PM in Room 210

Baptism: Sunday, November 2
in both morning services

Has your child decided to follow Jesus and expressed interest in being baptized? Our kids' baptism class is their ideal next step. A parent is asked to attend with their child.

In most cases, we suggest 3rd grade and older as a suitable age for kids to be baptized. The class will help you and your child determine their readiness to take this important step in their journey with Jesus.

Register by Sunday, October 19 at ctk.link/events. For more information, please email Children's Pastor Duane Weaver (duanew@ctk.church).



visit
kids.ctk.church
for the latest information & events



See also...

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Child Dedication page 13

Nursery

Infants and toddlers up to 23 months

Your newest family members are very precious to you—and to us too. That's why we're intentional about creating a clean, safe environment where they will be loved and cared for while you attend the service. This is their first experience in God's house, so we focus on the love and joy of Jesus for these youngsters.

Adventureland

2–5 year-olds

Kids age 18 months to 5 years old are ready to move, worship, and learn in much more active ways. Adventureland helps them discover the love of Jesus through games, musical worship, and Bible lessons that come to life. During this curious stage of their lives we want to encourage them to explore and discover a God who delights in them!

Base Camp

Kindergarten–5th grade

Every adventurer needs a base to venture out from, and that's what Base Camp provides for K–5th graders. It's a place to grow and discover God's truths while learning to love others well. As kids develop their relationship with Jesus, they grow in their identity in Christ, learn to see for "God opportunities," and avoid pitfalls that can cause us to lose our way.



NEW!

Summit for 5th & 6th Grade

Every Sunday starting September 14
During both services in the
Meeting Place Alcove

This fall, we're launching a brand new Sunday morning gathering just for 5th and 6th graders. Summit will be a place to connect with friends, learn about Jesus, and bridge the gap between our elementary and middle school communities.

You'll find us in the Meeting Place Alcove during both services enjoying games, lesson time, group discussion, and snacks. Check in at Kids' Check-in, head to the east hallway, and look for the Summit banner. We hope to see your 5th or 6th grader there!

New to CTK Kids? Pre-register anytime at ctk.link/ctk-kids. Questions? Email Megan Peek (meganp@ctk.church).





Encounter Crews

Every Tuesday starting September 16
6:30–8:00 PM in Base Camp

We're so excited to begin another year of Encounter Crews discipleship program for kids in 1st through 5th grade! Join us each week as we delve deeper into God's Word, exploring scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. We'll learn about the foundations of faith from people like Moses, David, Jonah, Gideon, Abigail, and Jesus. As we discover how they placed their faith in the one true God, we'll learn how we can do the same.

Our large and small group time will include worship, games, and crafts. We'll also learn about missions and the importance of praying for one another, our community, and the world. We are looking forward to encountering Jesus and building relationships and community with one another.

Annual registration for Encounter Crews is \$25.00; see registration link below. Scholarships are available if needed; email Melanie Cobb for more details.

Help Kids Encounter Jesus

We are also seeking volunteers who want to be part of this fantastic experience. Whether you're a teenager, a grandparent, or a mom and dad team who want to serve together, we have a spot for you! Come and see what God can do through you in the lives of the kids at Encounter Crews.

If you have a desire to serve the next generation, helping kids grow stronger in their faith while sharing how God has made a difference in your life, please fill out our volunteer interest form (see link below). Melanie Cobb will contact you to discuss all the ways you can be a part of this ministry.

Sign up now so you don't miss the Encounter Crews kickoff!
Both kids and volunteers can sign up at ctk.link/e-crews.



Have more questions? Email Melanie Cobb (melaniec@ctk.church).

Meet our new Early Childhood Director



Hi, I'm Bethany Pellerin and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Early Childhood Director. I grew up in the state of Maine, but I have called beautiful

Washington State home for many years now. I've been married to my husband Peter for 25 years. We have three amazing kids: Isaiah (who is married to Nathsaya), Elijah, and Hannah.

At the heart of my life is my relationship with Jesus. Through every season—whether filled with joy or sorrow, victory or struggle, confidence or questions—he has been my faithful foundation. Surrendering my life to Jesus is the greatest decision I've ever made, and walking with him continues to be the deepest joy of my life.

I've always felt a deep love for children and a calling to help them know and experience the love of Jesus. There is nothing more meaningful to me than watching a child begin to understand who God is and how much he cares for them. I also love coming alongside those who serve kids—encouraging, supporting, and reminding them that their work matters deeply. "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me" (Mark 9:37) is a verse that has shaped the way I see ministry and reminds me of the beauty of serving the next generation.

I'm so excited to be part of what God is doing here at CTK. It's a joy to join a community that is passionate about Jesus and committed to loving kids and families well. I'm looking forward to continuing to build a ministry that's rooted in Jesus, where children feel known and loved.

I would love to meet you on a Sunday. Or if you'd prefer to schedule for another time, please email me at bethanyp@ctk.church.

Serve with CTK Kids

Join the CTK Kids team and make a lasting impact in the lives of children!

As a volunteer on Sunday mornings or Tuesday evenings, you'll help shape young hearts and minds, fostering their growth in a nurturing, faith-filled environment. You'll find a vibrant, supportive community of fellow volunteers who share your passion for serving and offer meaningful connections that enrich your life.

Experience the joy of knowing your efforts matter as you bring smiles, inspire curiosity, and plant seeds of love and hope that children will carry for years to come. Become a part of something truly special—join CTK Kids today!

Let us know you're interested at ctk.link/kids. Questions? Email Claire Moore (clairem@ctk.church).



students

Building community every week.



Middle School United (MSU)

Every Tuesday through Dec. 16
6:15–8:30 PM in the
Meeting Place Alcove

MSU meets every Tuesday evening for games, snacks, worship, a short message, and small group time. It's a fun, welcoming space for middle schoolers to build friendships and explore faith together. Everyone's invited—come hang out with us!

Questions? Email Megan Peek
(meganp@ctk.church).



High School United (HSU)

Every Sunday through Dec. 14
6:15–8:30 PM in the
Meeting Place Alcove
(Not meeting November 30)

HSU meets every Sunday for an evening of games, snacks, worship, teaching, and small group time. It's a space to have fun, grow in faith, and connect with friends. All high schoolers are welcome!

Questions? Email Katie O'Bray
(katieh@ctk.church).

Meet our Student Ministries Staff



Josh Lease, Student Ministries Pastor

I grew up in Spokane and have lived in Bellingham for the past 13 years. I have served as the Student Ministry Pastor for four years, I've been married for about 4 years, and I love basketball, Marvel movies, fantasy books, and eating good food!

What do you hope students experience at United this year?

I hope that students can experience a safe, tight-knit community, and be given a clear vision of who Jesus really is and how to follow him. I hope students feel free to be honest with their questions and that they know that God wants to use them for amazing purposes!



Megan Peek, Middle School Director

I grew up on Whidbey Island, moved to Bellingham for college seven years ago, and loved it so much I stuck around. I enjoy reading, baking, and spending time outside—especially with my dogs, Meatball and Oscar.

What's your favorite thing about working with students?

One of my favorite aspects of student ministry is getting to see students build meaningful friendships and experience Jesus in real ways. I'm continually encouraged by the ways God shows up in students' lives, and it's a gift to be part of it!



Katie O'Bray, High School Director

I've lived in Bellingham for 10 years. I have three sweet daughters and a knack for collecting animals! I love to backpack, read and spend time with my fam outside.

If you could give your high school self one piece of advice, what would it be?

The community you foster right now could impact your future; seek out people who care for your whole person and help you grow closer to Jesus. It might not feel like the most popular thing to do but the friendships you will gain will be so beautiful.

Stay connected!

Join our text groups

For weekly program reminders text
“HSU” for high school updates or
“MSU” for middle school updates to
360-855-8683.

Follow us on Instagram

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@[ctkunitiedhsu](https://www.instagram.com/ctkunitiedhsu) for high school

Subscribe to our monthly email newsletter

Read about the ways God is moving, learn about upcoming events and get updated prayer requests. Email Josh Lease, Student Ministry Pastor, at joshl@ctk.church to subscribe.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EVENT



MSU Halloween Party

Tuesday, October 28
6:15–8:30 PM • Meeting Place Alcove

Invite a friend and join us at MSU for a Halloween-themed night full of games, candy, snacks, and fun with friends! Costumes are a must, so come dressed up and ready to have a blast. **Do. Not. Miss!**

Questions? Email Megan Peek
(meganp@ctk.church).

HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT



Serving Dinner at Lighthouse Mission

This school year, our HSU community will be covering a dinner shift at the Lighthouse Mission on Sunday nights, prior to HSU. Every week, a group of at least 3-4 students will be serving dinner and building connections with guests staying at the mission. Let us know if you'd like to be involved in this exciting project!

Questions? Email Katie O'Bray
(katieh@ctk.church).

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HSU

Questions about High School UNITED?

Email Katie O'Bray (katieh@ctk.church)

Text **HSU** to **360-858-8683** to receive occasional updates

MSU

Questions about Middle School UNITED?

Email Megan Peek (meganp@ctk.church)

Text **MSU** to **360-858-8683** to receive occasional updates



What a weekend!

Go Camp on Labor Day weekend was the best weekend of the year and God moved powerfully. We have too many stories to share but just know this—your investment, time, donations, and prayers mattered.

Twenty students were baptized at Go Camp, over 40 students dedicated their lives to Jesus, more surrendered areas of their life to Jesus that they hadn't before, friendships were created and strengthened, and so much more. God is so faithful!





9 Thursdays starting September 18
6:30–8:30 PM in the Meeting Place Alcove • \$20
On October 2, we'll attend One Church: Night of Worship

Register by Wed., September 17 at ctk.link/events.

Questions? Email Young Adults Pastor Jake Hruza (jakehruza@ctk.church).



Young Adults Apprenticeship: Community

In a world that's seemingly more connected than ever, genuine relationships can still feel out of reach. This fall, join us for Young Adult Apprenticeship: Community—a course designed to help you engage in the kind of community we see Jesus create in the New Testament.

Through teaching, conversation, and real-life practice, we'll explore what it means to be the Church—not just attend one. Together, we'll learn how to build a life marked by intimacy, healing, and spiritual growth alongside others.

The apprenticeship will include both large and small group gatherings—meeting some weeks at the church building and other weeks in homes—giving space to grow in both learning and life together.

Come ready to be challenged, encouraged, and supported as you take your next step into community.



Young Adults Tuesday Morning Prayer

Every Tuesday through December 16
6:00–7:30 AM in the Meeting Place Alcove

Every Tuesday morning, young adults meet here at CTK for 60–90 minutes of prayer. We believe that when Jesus is present, we have everything we need. The lost will be saved, the sick will be healed, and Jesus will bring a fresh touch from heaven. As we gather together for prayer, we will open our hearts to his love, ready to receive whatever God has in store for us. Come with hunger, expectation, and, above all, with your eyes fixed on Jesus. Please bring your Bible and a journal. Join us at 6:00 AM and stay as long as you're able.

If you'd like to receive Tuesday morning prayer updates, text **PRAYER** to 360-495-8683.

Have a question about either of these opportunities? Email Young Adults Pastor Jake Hruza (jakehruza@ctk.church).



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Child Dedication Class & Ceremony

**Class: Sunday, October 12
9:30–10:30 AM in Room 210**

**Ceremony: Sunday, October 26
4:00–5:00 PM in Basecamp**

Of all the responsibilities involved in raising our children, none is more valuable than pointing them to Jesus. At CTK, child dedication is about equipping and supporting you to do this vital work. If you are committed to raising your child to love and follow Jesus, we invite you to consider Child Dedication.

To get started, you'll complete a child dedication questionnaire, then join other families for a class that will prepare you to dedicate your child to God and encourage your Godly parenting.

Following the class, we'll gather for a dedication ceremony on Sunday, October 26, where family and friends are invited to support you in this commitment to your child.

Preregistration required.

Start by completing the Child Dedication Interest Form
(ctk.link/dedication) by
Sunday, October 5.

Questions? Email Pastor Duane Weaver (duanew@ctk.church).



Connect & Play

**1st & 3rd Mondays of the month
9:00–10:30 AM in Room 116**

Are you a parent looking for community? Join us on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month for a relaxed time of connection and community. While kids enjoy playtime, parents can enjoy a cup of coffee and time for conversation. It's a great opportunity to build friendships and connect with others in the same season of life.

Connect & Play is recommended for kids ages 0–5, but children of all ages are welcome.

Register at ctk.link/events.
Questions? Email Bethany Pellerin (bethany@ctk.church).



Moms & Dads Nights

**2 Tuesdays: October 7 & November 11
6:15–7:45 PM Room in 216 • \$5 ea.**

Calling all parents of children from infant through middle school! We invite you to two special evenings created to encourage and support you on this incredible—and at times exhausting—journey called parenthood. This season of life brings both joy and challenge as we love, nurture, and guide the precious children God has entrusted to us. But we aren't meant to walk this path alone. We need God and each other for strength, wisdom, and community along the way.

Join us for a relaxing evening that includes dinner (\$5 per parent). Our hope is that you'll leave recharged for the next parenting challenge ahead.

Childcare is available by RSVP only (see details at ctk.link/events).

Please RSVP at ctk.link/events.
Questions? Email Pastor Sydel McKim
(sydelm@ctk.church) or Pastor Tyler Forney
(tylerf@ctk.church).



October RSVP
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November RSVP
Tuesday, November 11



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Baptism Classes

Sunday, October 19 • 6:00–7:40 PM
In Person in Room 216 or
Online via Zoom

Jesus taught baptism as a way to publicly declare our decision to trust and follow him. If you've committed your life to Jesus and you're ready to take this important step, we'll be baptizing during both services on Sunday, November 2.

To be included, come to our baptism class on Sunday evening, October 19, either in person or on Zoom. We look forward to hearing your story and explaining what baptism is all about.

Register by Friday, October 17
at baptism.ctk.church.

Questions? Contact Erin Drews
(erind@ctk.church or x2219).

For children 12 and younger who have expressed interest in being baptized, we teach a baptism class at the same time in Room 210.

See all the details on [page 8](#).



Baptism
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Biblical Community Focused Opportunities

Dip your toe in the water...

Community 101

Sunday, September 28
10:45–11:30 AM and 12:30–1:15 PM
in The Meeting Place
Includes Free Brunch!

Community 101 is a quick, informative starting point for anyone wanting to find their place in biblical community at CTK. More than casual connection and friendship, biblical community is about being formed by Jesus together through shared spiritual practices like prayer, meals, study, and service—experiences that help us develop deeper, more loving relationships with each other.

Whether you're new to faith or have been following Jesus for years, come explore what it means to do that alongside others at CTK. You'll learn what we mean by “biblical community” at CTK, why it matters, the rhythms that help us grow in our relationships with God and others, and where to take your next step. Brunch will be served!

Please note: childcare will not be available, but all ages are welcome.

Register by Wed., September 24
at ctk.link/events. Questions?
Email Pastor Julie Burleson
(julieb@ctk.church).



Go for a swim...

Community Practice

6 Wednesdays, Oct. 8–Nov. 12
6:00–8:00 PM in Room 216
\$10.00 for materials

You've probably heard the phrase, “you can't do life alone”—and that's especially true when it comes to being formed by Jesus and being part of his body, the Church. We were never meant to follow him in isolation. In a culture of individualism and disconnection, Jesus invites us into a family—a diverse, often messy, but beautiful community of people learning to live his way together.

If you're curious what “biblical community” really means or if you're hesitant to commit to a long-term Community Group, this 6-session experience is a great place to start. Together we'll explore what it means to be part of God's family through teaching, conversation, and shared practices like prayer, meals, study, and service.

\$10 fee covers the cost of materials and dinner for all 6 nights. Financial assistance available.

Childcare is not available for this class.

Register by Wednesday,
October 1 at ctk.link/events.
Questions? Email Pastor Carrie
Butler (carrieb@ctk.church).



Explore and experience
what it means to live in
community with other
followers of Jesus

Take a deep dive!

Community Group Launch

**Sunday, October 5
12:30–2:30 PM in the Meeting Place**

Church is more than an hour on Sunday—it's about being formed by Jesus together in community. At CTK, Community Groups are the primary way we grow in biblical community, and new groups are launching this fall.

These groups of 10 to 15 people gather during the week to share rhythms of prayer, study, meals, and service as they practice the way of Jesus together. If you're looking to build relationships with others who love Jesus and want to grow in following him through the ups and downs of life, we'd love to connect you with a group!

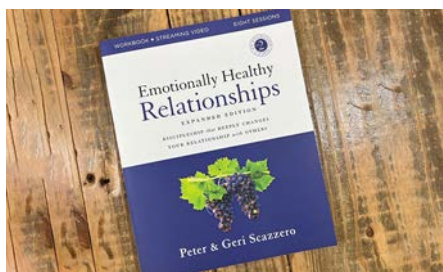
Join us for lunch, group orientation, and meet others who you can start a group with.

To join a new Community Group, register online by Wednesday, October 1 at ctk.link/events and we'll be in touch with more info. Questions? Email Pastor Tyler Forney (tylerf@ctk.church).



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Emotionally Healthy Relationships

**8 Tuesdays, Sep. 30–Nov. 18
6:00–7:30 PM in Room 215
\$35 for materials**

We all want deep, authentic relationships, but too often we find ourselves stuck in patterns of disconnection, frustration, or isolation. It turns out that we can't build real community without real depth.

Over the years at CTK, experience has taught us that true biblical community only thrives when we engage one another with honesty, empathy, and emotional maturity. That's why we're offering Emotionally Healthy Relationships, an 8-session discipleship course by Peter & Geri Scazzero. This experience will equip you with practical skills to break unhealthy patterns, communicate with clarity, and build deeper connections—both in your home and everyday life. Join us, grow your emotional and spiritual maturity, and experience the kind of community Jesus designed us for—honest, safe, and life-giving.

Limited childcare is available by RSVP only; register at ctk.link/EHRkids.

Register by Sun., September 28 at ctk.link/events. Questions? Email Pastor Ryan Ervin (ryane@ctk.church).



Seniors' Bible Study, Hymn Sing & Lunch

**2nd Thursday of Every Month
Sep. 11 • Oct. 9 • Nov. 13 • Dec. 11
10:30 AM–Noon in the Meeting Place**

Join us for a warm, welcoming monthly gathering where seniors (age 55+) can enjoy a delicious, home-cooked meal, uplifting fellowship, singing hymns, and meaningful conversation centered on Jesus. Held on the second Thursday of every month, it's a chance to connect, grow deeper together, and build lasting friendships in a spirit of friendship and community. Whether you're a longtime member or new to the area, there's a seat at the table for you. Come hungry, leave blessed!

\$2 donation for lunch is appreciated.

No need to sign up—just show up!
Questions? Contact Pastor Tyler Forney (tylerf@ctk.church or 360-733-1337).



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all adults

The Bible's View of the Stranger

8 Mondays, October 27–December 15
6:30–8:00 PM in The Meeting Place

Community is a word we use to describe different groups we're a part of—like our church, our school, our neighborhood, or even our city. With community comes connection, a sense of sharing an experience or a space, and often acknowledgment of how people in a community impact one another. As Christians, we want to base our ideas about community on the word of God and the example of Jesus. During his ministry, Jesus was asked directly *who is my neighbor?* And his answer challenged society's norms in

that culture. This Bible study discussion group takes a deep dive into Scripture's greatest command (to love God and love our neighbor) by seeing what else the Bible has to say about that. What emerges is the theme of welcoming the stranger. After that, the course covers some basics of how the modern US immigration system works and begins a discussion of how that system and scripture go together. These days, immigration can be a very hot topic, but as your church, we invite you to search the Scriptures and share perspectives with other believers in



order to allow the truth and the heart of God to shape your view of community. Join Pastor Wendy Powell and facilitator Amanda Eurich as we humbly, respectfully, and bravely open up this difficult topic to the light of Scripture.

Please Note: a working knowledge of the Bible, its themes, and stories is recommended for active participation in this discussion.

Register by Wednesday,
October 22 at ctk.link/events.
Questions? Email Pastor Wendy Powell (wendyp@ctk.church).



Grief Support Group

8 Tuesdays starting September 30
6:00–7:30 PM in Room 213

Grief and loss can come in a variety of packages and stall us like nothing else. They can stem from the death of someone close, a sudden career change, health issues, or even a child making decisions we don't agree with. On top of the loss itself, we can shame ourselves for not "getting over it," never realizing just how stuck we are. CTKers Brian and Stacy have seemingly seen it all and are masters at creating a safe space to share, listen, and heal in the arms of Jesus. If you need a safe space to process the burden you carry, come join this grief support group. The group meets 8 weeks per quarter.

Come as often as you need to.
Register at ctk.link/events.
Questions? Email Pastor Ryan Ervin (ryane@ctk.church).



Needlecraft Care Group

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the Month
September 4 & 18, October 2 & 16,
November 6 & 20, December 4 & 18
10:00 AM–Noon in Base Camp

Join with others who knit or crochet to create shawls, blankets, hats, and scarves to give away to people dealing with a health crisis or difficult time in life. These items offer comfort and a reminder that the CTK family cares. The group meets to knit and pray two Thursday mornings each month. You'll find great fellowship, various levels of experience, and always-helpful advice.

If you'd like to participate or know someone who would appreciate a shawl, email Pastor Julie Burleson (julieb@ctk.church).



Newcomer Class

Sunday, October 12
10:30–11:00 AM in Room 216

If you're new to CTK and would like to get more involved, join us for the Newcomer Class where Pastor Grant will talk briefly about the history of CTK, our core commitments, and how you can embrace those commitments to become a voting member of the church. We'll wrap up the class with some time for Q&A.

No need to sign up—just show up!

prayer ministry

Day of Prayer

(Formerly Day to Pray)

First Thursday of every month

Pray wherever you are;

Prayer Room (214) open 9 AM–4 PM

For years, Christ the King has joined a county-wide prayer movement with one simple goal: to see every day of the month covered in prayer by churches across our community. Together in unity, we pray for the church, our neighborhoods, and the world, asking for God's kingdom to come. At CTK Bellingham, our day is the first Thursday of each month.

You're welcome to pray wherever you are, or join us in the CTK Prayer Room between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Prayer guides, prompts, and themes will be available each month to help focus your prayers as we seek God's peace, restoration, and hope for our community and beyond.

New to Day of Prayer? Sign up and choose your prayer hour at ctk.link/pray.



Find the monthly prayer guide at ctk.church/dayofprayer.



Questions? Email Pastor Carrie Butler (carrieb@ctk.church).



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Praying in Community: 1-Night Workshop

Wednesday, November 5

6:00–8:30 PM in Room 215

Conversing and communing with God in prayer is never meant to be just a solo journey—it's also a shared practice that draws us closer to God and one another. But praying with others can feel uncomfortable, intimidating, disappointing, or even hurtful. The good news is that it doesn't have to be that way! And you are not alone in those experiences.

In this 1-night workshop, we'll explore praying with and for others: why it matters, what holds us back, common stumbling blocks, how it can deepen relationships, and how it shapes the church and the world around us. Through practical teaching and guided prayer, you'll gain tools to pray in community with more confidence and joy.

Register by Sunday, November 2 at ctk.link/events. Questions? Email Pastor Carrie Butler (carrieb@ctk.church).



Advent Prayer & Worship Gathering

Sunday, November 23

6:30–8:00 PM in the Meeting Place

Join us to pause, reflect, and ready our hearts for the season of Advent. A four-week period before Christmas Day in the Church calendar, Advent is dedicated to anticipating the arrival, or "advent" of Jesus of Nazareth, the long-awaited Messiah and King. Through musical worship, teaching, Scripture, and guided prayer, we'll make room for the hope, peace, joy, and love that Christ brings. Whether Advent is a familiar tradition or new to you, this gathering will prepare you to encounter Jesus in a deeper way this season.

Please note: childcare will not be available, but all ages are welcome.

No need to register, just join us! Questions? Contact Pastor Carrie Butler (carrieb@ctk.church).

Join the Ministry Prayer Team

Praying for others is a powerful, meaningful, and tangible way to share Jesus' love with those who come forward after services. If you have a passion for encouraging others through prayer, we'd love to have you join our Ministry Prayer Team.

To learn more and join the next training, sign up online at serve.ctk.church or email Pastor Carrie Butler (carrieb@ctk.church).



A New Era for Women's Ministry at CTK

Introducing our new Women's Ministry staff, Sydel McKim and Holly Pike



Sydel McKim and Holly Pike

Our new women's pastor, Sydel McKim, is passionate about seeing women of all ages and backgrounds come together to build meaningful relationships, learn and grow in their faith, lead as disciples of Christ, and step confidently into their God-given purpose. Her heart for women's ministry is both intergenerational and deeply rooted in community—creating spaces where women are known, con-

nected, and empowered to reach others with the love of Christ.

Holly Pike, our new women's community director, brings a deep passion for helping women connect, discover their identity in Christ, and walk confidently in who God created them to be. She is excited to cultivate welcoming spaces where women of all ages can build authentic relationships, support one another, and grow together in faith.

Sydel and Holly have been dreaming and praying boldly, trusting God to expand the vision for women's ministry in the year ahead. Their heart is to see every woman equipped to learn, grow, and invite others into the fullness of God's plans.

This fall, we're launching a few exciting new gatherings, including a monthly mom's group (*see page 20*) and a Tuesday moms & dads gathering each month (*see page 13*). The moms & dads gathering will include dinner

for parents along with fun, faith-filled learning opportunities for kids led by our children's ministry team. We care deeply about supporting parents as they embrace the beautiful, challenging work of raising the next generation, and we want to walk alongside them in the journey.

We'll also offer opportunities to serve—such as partnering with the annual Blue Skies for Children Back2School Boost—as well as moments to simply enjoy community in fun women's events planned for fall and the holiday season.

Our regular Monday evening and Wednesday morning Bible studies resume this fall, and we're thrilled to host Collide's 1-night conference preceded by the always-enjoyable Pre-Collide Soirée, where you can meet other women attending from CTK.

We can't wait to step into this new season of community, growth, and faith with you!



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Women's Dessert Gathering

Saturday, September 27

6:30–9:00 PM in The Meeting Place • \$5.00

You're invited! All women age 16+—come celebrate the beautiful, intergenerational gift of relationship and strength we share as women of faith.

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with laughter, meaningful connection, worship, prayer, and joy. Together, we'll experience the richness of community that deepens our walk with Jesus and draws us closer to one another. The night will include an inspiring message, heartfelt worship, powerful prayer, and delicious desserts from Pure Bliss. You'll also have the chance to meet and connect with women from all walks of life.

We'd love for you to invite the women in your life to be part of this special gathering. Let's grow, celebrate, and enjoy this beautiful sisterhood together!



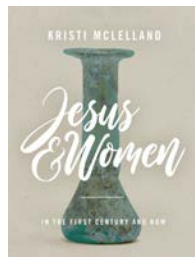
RSVP by Wednesday, September 24 at ctk.link/events.

Questions? Contact Pastor Sydel McKim (sydelm@ctk.church).

Women's Fall Bible Studies

Jesus & Women

8 Mondays, Sep. 29–Nov. 17
6:00–8:00 PM in Room 216
\$25.00 for materials



Jesus and Women is a powerful and thought-provoking study that explores the radical way Jesus honored, valued, and uplifted women within a deeply patriarchal culture. Through her

rich cultural insights, biblical scholar Kristi McLelland brings to life the ways Jesus restored dignity, worth, and purpose to women—revealing a message of equality and hope that transcends time.

This study invites us to rediscover the heart of Jesus and the truth that every woman has a cherished place in God's kingdom—a truth that continues to resonate and transform lives today.

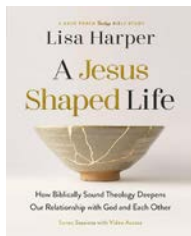
Childcare available for 5th grade and younger with RSVP only by Wednesday, September 24 at ctk.link/MonChildcare.

Register by Wednesday, Sep. 24 at ctk.link/events.



A Jesus-Shaped Life

9 Wednesdays, Oct. 1–Nov. 26
10:00 AM–Noon in The Meeting Place
\$25.00 for materials



A Jesus-Shaped Life by Lisa Harper invites you to explore the richness of theology and its power to transform your relationship with God and others. With

warmth and clarity, Lisa Harper shows how embracing sound theology leads to deeper faith, authentic connection, and a life increasingly formed in the image of Jesus.

The format includes video teaching from Lisa followed by discussion and prayer groups around tables. You'll be with the same group through all 9 sessions of the class so you can build friendship and trust as you learn.

Childcare available for 5th grade and younger with RSVP only by Monday, September 29 at ctk.link/WedChildcare.

Register by Monday, Sep. 29 at ctk.link/events.



Class scholarships are available; email Erin Drews (erind@ctk.church) for details. Questions about Bible studies? Email Pastor Sydel McKim (sydelm@ctk.church).

Fall Serving Opportunities for Women

We'd love to have you serve with us this fall!

- **Blue Skies Back-to-School Drive** | September 18–20
- **Foster Family Holiday Event** | Friday, November 21
- **Wednesday Morning Childcare** | Support moms attending women's study and monthly moms groups. Serve weekly or choose the Wednesdays that work for you.
- **Moms & Dads Night Childcare** | Tuesdays, October 7 & November 11

Find out more at any women's ministry event or contact Pastor Sydel McKim (sydelm@ctk.church).



HERE and NOW

Collide 1-Night Conference

Friday, November 7
6:00–9:30 PM at CTK Bellingham

Collide invites you to an unforgettable evening of inspiration and community. Join women from across the Pacific Northwest as we gather—different generations, backgrounds, and churches—to experience the powerful presence of Jesus. You'll hear from dynamic speakers Carlos Whittaker, Willow Weston, and Bethany Allen, and enjoy a night filled with worship, creative artistry, meaningful storytelling, dessert, and more!

Use code CTK to receive \$10 off Early Bird Tickets through Friday, Oct. 24. Tickets at: wecollide.net/conferences



Pre-Collide Soirée for CTK Women

Friday, November 7
5:00–6:00 PM • Mtg. Place Alcove
VIP Soirée Pass: \$5.00

Join women from CTK for a cherished tradition as we gather ahead of the always refreshing and inspiring Collide event. Come early and head to the Meeting Place Alcove for light appetizers and meaningful connection as we prepare our hearts for all that God has in store during this powerful evening together.



RSVP by Wednesday, November 5 at ctk.link/events. Questions? Contact Pastor Sydel McKim (sydelm@ctk.church).

Moms in Prayer

Every Monday through December 15
9:30–10:30 AM • Prayer Room (214)

There's incredible power in prayer—especially when we come together in a caring community as moms, grandmas, moms at heart, to pray for the children in our lives. No matter what challenges or joys our kids may be facing, praying alongside others brings renewed hope and strength. Join us any (or every!) Monday morning as we gather to pray for our children, their teachers, and our schools, standing firm on the promises found in God's Word.

Together, we'll replace worries with hope and build meaningful connections with women who truly understand and support one another.

No need to sign up, just show up any Monday. Questions? Email Holly Pike (hollyp@ctk.church).

Moms in Prayer "Come & See"

Monday, October 20
9:30–11:00 AM • Prayer Room (214)

Our weekly Moms in Prayer hour is always impactful, and we invite not only moms but all women who care deeply about children to join us for this special one-day "come & see" event. You'll get a glimpse into our weekly prayer rhythms and fellowship and have a meaningful opportunity to intercede for children and young adults in our community—from preschoolers through college age.

Come with a prayerful heart and a desire to connect with other women who long to see God move in the lives of the next generations. We look forward to welcoming you!

No need to sign up—just show up! Questions? Contact Holly Pike (hollyp@ctk.church).

NEW! Monthly Moms' Group

2 Wednesdays, Oct. 15 & Nov. 19
10:00 AM–Noon in The Meeting Place
\$10.00

Moms with children up to 5th grade—this is for you!

Motherhood is a beautiful journey filled with joyful adventures and, let's face it, sometimes challenging moments. It's a season of life that can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to walk it alone. We're excited to introduce monthly gatherings designed to refresh your spirit and encourage your heart.

Join us for brunch, an inspiring message, and meaningful connection with other moms who truly understand the joys and struggles of this season. You'll also hear from experienced moms who have been through this phase and are eager to offer their wisdom, support, and encouragement.

As well, we invite you to sign up for our Wednesday morning women's fall study which we'll pause once a month to make space for this special mom-focused time. Together, we'll explore God's Word, build lasting friendships, and find strength and hope to carry you through the daily demands of motherhood.

Come be refreshed, supported, and uplifted as we walk this journey together—because motherhood is better together.

Please RSVP at ctk.link/events or use the QR codes below. Questions? Contact Sydel McKim (sydelm@ctk.church).



October RSVP
Wednesday, October 15

November RSVP
Wednesday, November 19





Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 4
9:00–11:00 AM in The Meeting Place
\$5.00

You weren't meant to do life alone. Many men want connection and purpose but struggle to find it in the busyness of life. Without intentional community, it's easy to end up isolated, lacking the support and friendships that make life richer.

That's why we're kicking off the men's ministry year with a men's breakfast. Over a great meal, you'll meet other guys, hear what's coming up this year for men, and discover how you can grow alongside a band of brothers who have your back. We're making community our theme this fall, and this breakfast is your starting point.

To help us plan enough food, please RSVP by Thursday, October 2 at ctk.link/events. Questions? Email Pastor Tyler Forney (tylerf@ctk.church).



Guy's Coffee & Prayer Mornings

Monthly on Selected Wednesdays
Sep. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 12, Dec. 10
7:00–8:00 AM in the CTK Café

Life moves fast — but you don't have to navigate it alone. Many of us carry pressures, questions, and hopes that need space to breathe. That's why CTK Men's Ministry is opening the café for a simple yet meaningful hour of coffee, connection, and prayer.

Join us for a relaxed morning where you can grab a cup of coffee, connect with other guys, and spend time praying together. Whether you're walking through something big or just want to start your day centered, you'll find a seat here.

No need to RSVP — just show up, grab a coffee, and connect.

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When you're looking for the most current information about events and other opportunities at CTK, look no further than our online weekly program at info.ctk.church. You'll have all the latest news and resources right at your fingertips—on your smartphone, tablet, or computer.

To get there quickly during services, just scan the QR code shown on the seat or the screen in front of you and tap the link that pops up. It'll take you right there.

Updated every week, the online weekly program is loaded with **convenient clickable links** to help you easily...

- Sign up for events and classes
- Share a prayer request
- View sermon notes (even fill in the blanks)
- Fill out a Connection Card
- Give online
- See current CTK job listings

...and more!



Check it out today at
info.ctk.church



Men's Football Watch Party

Thursday, September 25
5:00–8:30 PM in The Meeting Place

You don't have to watch the game alone. Join the men of CTK for a watch party as the Seahawks take on the Cardinals on September 25. We'll have the game playing on the big screen with plenty of food and space to hang out, talk life, and build community with other guys who follow Jesus (and the 'Hawks).

Whether you're diehard fan or just in it for the snacks, this is a great way to connect. So bring a lawn chair and join us for all the football fun!

To help us plan food, please RSVP at ctk.link/events. Questions? Email Pastor Tyler Forney (tylerf@ctk.church).



CTK Global Partner Focus: Belize

Hope Has a New Address for Trafficking Survivors

A Message from Agape International Missions (AIM)

Imagine sitting in a brand new building, walls still carrying the scent of fresh paint, and palm trees rustling in a breeze crossing over Central America. Imagine watching as a young survivor of trafficking discovers for the first time that there's a God who loves her unconditionally. That her identity isn't defined by her backstory.

This is no longer a distant dream or future plan—this conversation is taking place in a real home, with real walls, built by real people who believed that this moment was worth it.



Five years ago, this scene existed only in prayers and blueprints. Donors financed a building that at the time housed nothing but hope. Partners traveled thousands of miles to work on the home and get everything ready. With hearts led by God, staff prepared for residents who existed only in our minds.

The Transformation Begins

"Today, when I got to work, I could hear the girls laughing across the property," shared our Manager of Residential Care. "They were being silly and playing football with their house moms. I'm so blessed to see (and hear) their journey of healing begin."

Think about that for a moment. Girls aged 12 to 17, who arrived scared and uncertain, were playing soccer and laughing with the women caring

for them. This isn't just residential care; this is restoration in action. What started as a vision five years ago is now a vibrant reality.

Survivors will receive

- **Trauma-informed counseling** that guides each young woman toward freedom from fear and shame
- **Comprehensive medical** care to restore physical health
- **Catch-up schooling and individualized tutoring** so that missed years in the classroom are reclaimed
- **Vocational training** that equips girls with skills for dignified work
- **Discipleship and daily spiritual formation**, because lasting transformation begins at the heart



Every day, our team of house moms, social workers, and teachers will weave safety and structure into ordinary moments: shared meals, homework help, evening devotions. This is where restoration takes root.

First Guests, First Prayers

We are so excited to announce that our very first guests are settling in. Each brave girl arrives with her own story and her own journey ahead, and now they share a common connection, one where people like you gave them

the chance to explore a future filled with possibility.

Please join AIM in praying for:

- **Healing and Wholeness** – that God would meet each survivor in her unique journey
- **Staff Strength & Unity** – for endurance, wisdom, and joy as they model Christ-like love
- **Community Protection** – that the neighborhood would become an extension of safety, not a reminder of past danger
- **Sustainable Provision** – for steady inflow of resources so every need (educational, medical, spiritual) is met in abundance
- **Multiplication of Impact** – that this home would be the first of many spaces of freedom across Central America

Thank you, CTK, for your generous giving that made Agape Restoration Home a reality, your trust and patience in the process, and your loving hearts.



To join AIM in the fight against trafficking, visit aimfree.org/pulse



CTK Global Ambassadors, Tracy & Brian Hull



Claudia & Tommy Manay, CTK Global Directors



The Manay Family (L-R): Tommy, Faith Ann, Ariela Justice, Jeremiah David, and Claudia

Celebrating CTK's Global Ministry Pioneers—Past and Future

As we say farewell to our Global Ambassadors, we welcome our new Global Directors

We are so incredibly grateful for the past three years of faithful ministry provided by our Global Ambassadors, Brian and Tracy Hull. They have traveled the world, encouraging our Global Partners with the message that they are seen, known, and loved.

The role of Global Ambassador was new and innovative when the Hulls stepped out on this adventure of faith. They pioneered a new approach to global impact that we will continue to build on in the days to come.

Brian and Tracy will be stepping away from this role in October to pursue a new chapter in their lives and ministry, and we bless them in everything Jesus leads them to in the future. Change always brings new opportunities to innovate, and that is exactly what CTK is going to do!

Our new CTK Global Director will be “global” in the truest sense of the word. We have always said that

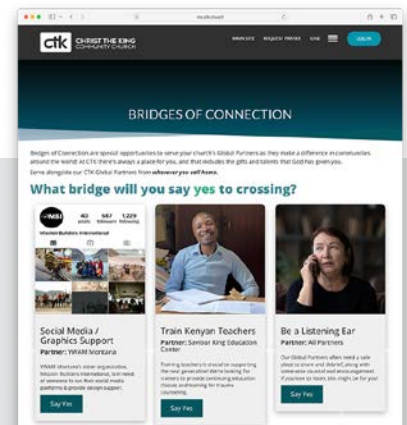
we have so much to learn from our partners. So, it just makes sense to turn over this role to an innovative leader who lives and breathes her missions in the most literal way.

Tommy Manay and his wife, Claudia, are followers of Jesus who are changing the spiritual landscape in the Philippines. The Manays embody the calling of reaching people who are far from God! From the front line of international ministry and the place they call home, they will be leading CTK's global ministry and inspiring us to make our partners seen, known, and loved.

We can't wait to share how this amazing story and connection came about, but that's for another time. Tommy will be joining our team in October, and we can't wait to have him here in Bellingham for CTK Global Impact Month in March!



Explore opportunities to serve alongside our Global Partners at my.ctk.church/bridgesofconnection



food share & farm



Family Fun & Pumpkins!

Sunday, September 28
1:00 PM at the CTK Farm

Come serve alongside us Sunday after church and help us harvest all of our farm's pumpkins and squash. This is one of our favorite yearly events and is designed to be family friendly for all ages! Kids enjoy going on a treasure hunt to find pumpkins and squash in the field, and in about 90 minutes we are able to harvest it all! Children will get to pick a pumpkin to take home with them after the harvest.

No need to sign up—just show up!

The CTK Farm is located at the corner of Hannegan Road and E Hemmi Road (6069 Hannegan Road). Enter from E Hemmi Road and park in the grassy area next to the first field.

Scan QR
for map



Join CTK Food Share's Item of the Month Club

As we enter the fall and winter seasons, the pressure on our pocketbooks rises and many of our neighbors face a tough question: how do I pay my heating bill and get food for my family this month?



The answer for most is to pay the heating bill and lean on food banks to help feed their families. And when our partners at local food banks are wondering how they'll be able to meet the need, you can be part of the answer by joining our Item of the Month Club.

Signing up is simple—just text Food to 360-800-4173 and you'll receive one monthly text message with a link to our online shopping list. From there, you can order a few items that will directly ship to the church.

Our team will gather them together and deliver to our partners who are serving our hungry neighbors or others who just need to feel seen through a gift of food.

Thank you to all of you who have been faithfully donating to this ministry. You are making a true difference in our community.

Text **FOOD** to **360-800-4173**

or scan QR below and we'll reply with a link to the online Amazon wishlist for that month's item as a reminder.* If you shop on Amazon, your donation can be shipped directly to the church.

Fall Items

SEP Canned beans for Seamar Clinic-Farmacia

GOAL 1000 cans

OCT Snacks for Lydia Place

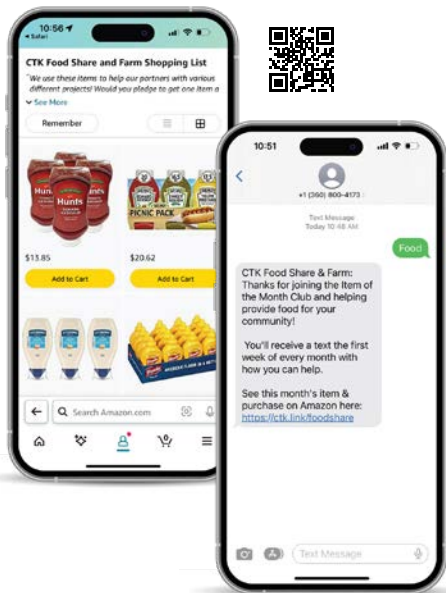
GOAL 300 boxes

NOV Cereal and tuna pouches for Mount Baker School District

GOAL 250 boxes of cereal
300 tuna pouches

DEC Canned fruit for Mercy Housing Seniors

GOAL 1000 cans



*Message and data rates may apply.
Opt out at any time by replying STOP.

production team



Lights, camera, action!

The CTK Production Team is responsible for a lot of behind-the-scenes roles when it comes to running our services like filming, sound, lighting and graphics. Did you know that most of our amazing volunteers had no previous training or experience when they started? Over time they've honed their skills to produce the beautiful, high quality worship services you enjoy.

If you're interested in joining the team, stop by the sound booth at the back of the auditorium after any Sunday service. On most weekends, our friendly production team staff or volunteers can help you start getting connected.

Or visit serve.ctlk.church, choose the Bellingham campus, and click on AV Production Team to let us know you're interested. Questions? Email Gabe Chartier (gabec@ctlk.church).



hospitality

Experience community as you create it for others!

Join our hospitality team

As a part of the hospitality team, you'll meet others who share your heart for helping people feel not just welcomed at CTK, but *wanted* here. Whether you're willing to greet, help set up events, serve a cup of coffee, host an online service, or answer questions, we have a place for you on our hospitality team.

Here's what one of our volunteers had to say about how serving not only impacted others, but made a difference in their own life as well.

“ I often joke that God had to send me to Africa on a mission trip so I could have the confidence to make friends back home. When I met my African brothers and sisters in Christ, they showed me that community isn't just good for survival, it's vital for thriving.

So when I came back to Bellingham, I realized I needed to step out and get involved with the community around me. What better way than to serve each week at church? I love seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones. It's super low-key, and I get to give and receive lots of hugs and handshakes!

If you've been wanting to get to know more people that love Jesus and just have some quality moments with others, I highly recommend getting connected by joining the hospitality team at CTK! ”



To find out more, visit serve.ctlk.church and click on Hospitality or email our Welcome Team Director, Kobi Dorning (kobid@ctlk.church).



Join our Team of Volunteer Receptionists

Did you know that many of the friendly folks who answer our phone and greet you at the reception desk are volunteers? And we're looking for a few more people to join the team! It's a great way to get to know our staff and discover more of what happens here throughout the week.

If you enjoy welcoming people from all walks of life, feel comfortable learning a multi-line phone system, and can find your way around a computer well enough, we'd love to learn more about you and discover if this role might be a good fit for you.

For more details, email Kobi Dorning (kobid@ctlk.church) or ask at the reception desk any time it's open!



Bible reading plans

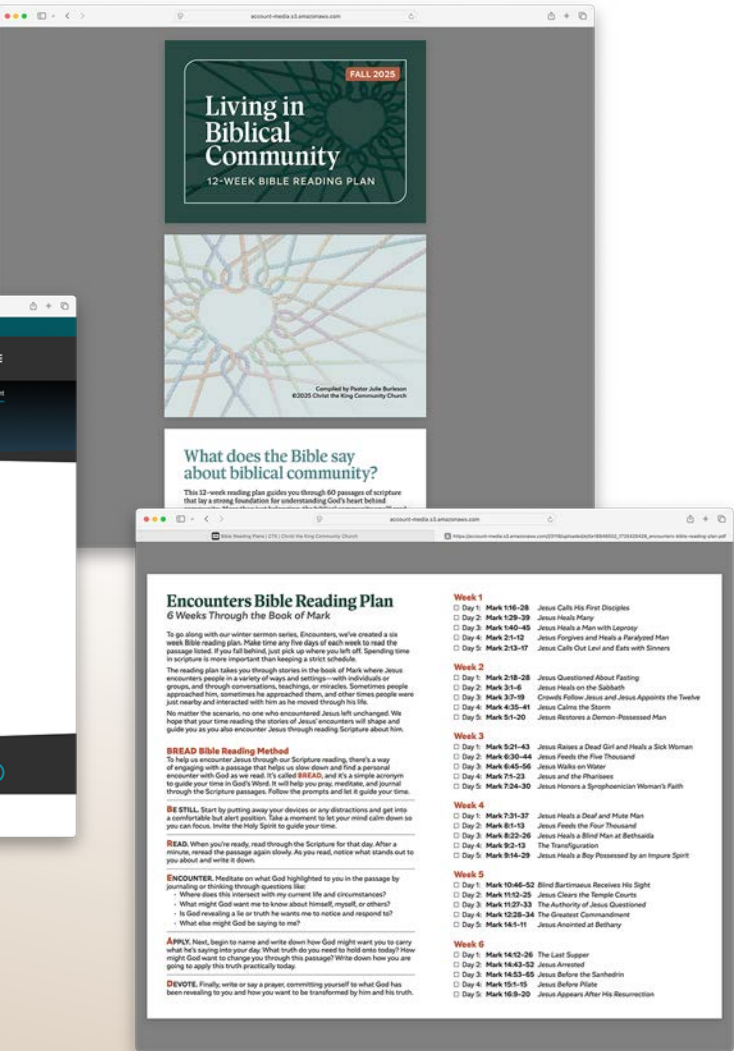
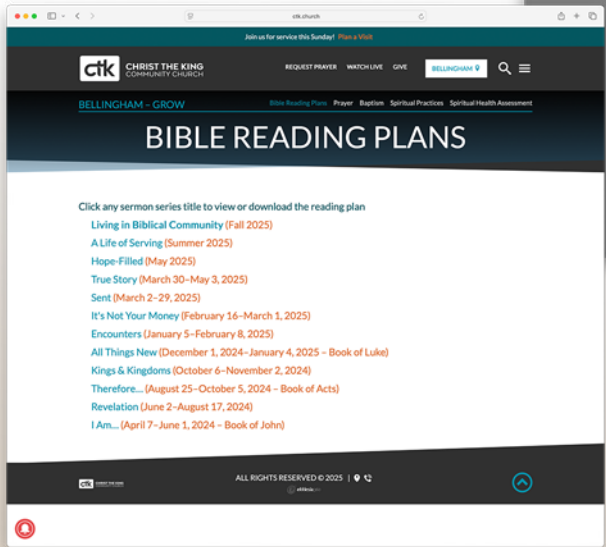


Want to read the Bible, but not sure where to start?

Check out our current Bible reading plan, *Living in Biblical Community*, available in print in the Commons and also as a downloadable PDF on our website at ctk.church/bible-plans.



And while you're there, browse some of our past Bible reading plans. Many are just 4 to 6 weeks long and might a perfect fit for what's happening in your life right now.



online resources

from Pastor Grant & Laurel Fishbook



Continuing the Conversation with Grant & Laurel Fishbook

Everyone needs a safe place to talk. Pastor Grant and Laurel Fishbook are passionate about the messiness of authentic conversation. Fielding hard questions with sometimes difficult responses, they bring a lot of laughs, maybe some tears, and everything in between. Join them to gain understanding about yourself, others, and the Jesus we love.

Check out new podcast episodes with live questions from listeners and responses from Grant and Laurel. New episodes are available to watch live on the second Wednesday of every month at 10:00 AM at jesus.net/live or on the second Friday of every month at podcast.ctk.church.



Also, join Grant live every Wednesday at 10:00 AM at jesus.net/live for live questions and responses.

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Pastor Grant's Devotional Audio Guides from jesus.net

Looking for some encouragement and challenge in your personal time with Jesus this fall? Join Pastor Grant for one or more of these 21-day devotional journeys using daily audio guides produced by jesus.net.

Sign up at the links provided to receive a daily email containing the audio devotional along with a link to a downloadable/printable guide. When you sign up, you'll have the option to donate to jesus.net or request free access.



Every Moment: A 21 Day Spiritual Reset for Your Past, Present and Future

Summary: Many times I wish life came with a reset button—for my past, present, and future. Yet Jesus calls us to live in every moment, as each one is a sacred moment from him.



Sign up at ctk.link/reset



Named & Chosen: A 21 Day Exploration of Your Identity in Christ

Summary: I have some old names in my heart that I have carried for far too long—failure, liar, fraud, and broken. Whether these names were true or not, I allowed them to become a part of

me. Acknowledging the pain of that old label is the first step in letting it go, and releasing the pain to God is an important part of healing. As a follower of Jesus, you have been made new! God does not see you with all the brokenness of your old life. He sees you as clean, whole, and restored.



Sign up at ctk.link/named



Restoring Calm: The Transformative Power of God's Promises

Summary: Strengthen your faith with this 21-day audio guide. Receive daily encouragement and learn how to claim God's promises in your life.



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21 Days of Listening to God's Voice

Summary: Discover how God speaks and how you can grow in this intimacy with him to live in all that God has planned for you! In this 21-day journey narrated by Pastor Grant, you will learn how to practice actively listening to God and, little by little, to develop your spiritual ears. Written by David Thiery and narrated by Pastor Grant Fishbook.



Sign up at ctk.link/listening

response teams

community partners

Look what God has done!

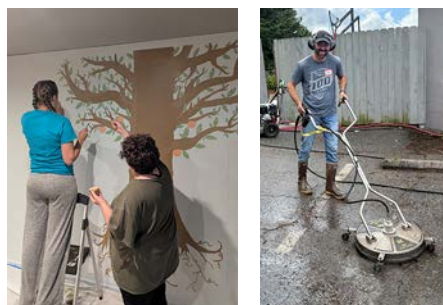
The impact Jesus is having through CTK Response Teams this project season extends far beyond our initial yes. Whether you served on one project or six, God takes that offering and continues to multiply it beyond what we could have initially imagined.



1 John 3:18 says, "...let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." That was the mission lived out this summer on each project. While we were constructing raised planters at AHA Childcare for future gardens; while we were power-washing pavement at Cascade Connections, New Way Ministries, and Boys and Girls Club; while we were sorting and organizing a garage space at Engedi, the love of Jesus was on display through these actions. We put our faith fully into action with each Saturday project.



Know that God sees the work of our hands and feet for his kingdom, and he delights in it. That's cause for us to delight in it as well, so we celebrate the gritty beauty of the hundreds of paintbrush strokes at Whatcom Pregnancy Clinic, the hacking of hedges at Agape House, and the demolishing of bricks in front of CTK's own building. Our work is a light to our community. It's a reminder that we care for those who need us just as God does. Well done, friends.



Your Mission Field May Be Right Out Your Door

If you've felt a call from God to missions, you may have explored options with outreach or relief ministries around the country or around the world. But have you ever considered the mission field right in your own community?



Deni Starbuck

For some perspective on this subject, we chatted with longtime CTK member and former staff member, Deni Starbuck. Her experience and insight may reframe your view of not only missions, but of the easy-to-miss needs that exist right in our own back yard.

Deni, how long have you been part of Christ the King Community Church, and what role has this church played in your journey of serving the Lord?

I started attending CTK in 1994. I had experienced church hurt and was somewhat disillusioned with the church. Over time, I joined a small group and began attending various classes, and the healing process began. Long story short, I was hired at CTK in 1996 and held multiple positions for the next 20 years.

You've been volunteering with Engedi Refuge Ministries, one of our community partners, for five years. Share a little about what they do.

Engedi Refuge is a local ministry that serves women 18 and older who have experienced sexual exploitation and are ready to seek help to overcome the adverse effects of sex trafficking. Engedi's program is uniquely designed

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to help women find healing and regain dignity and respect, with trauma-informed and survivor-involved therapy and curricula. This is one of the best restoration homes in the nation.

We often describe the way CTK partners with local nonprofits as building a bridge from our congregation into the community. You're a CTKer who has crossed the bridge into meaningful ministry and seen some of the women from Engedi come over the bridge to CTK. How did you first learn about Engedi, and how has your engagement with them changed over time?

I attended a Rooted class around the time Covid-19 was ending. One of the main topics was the importance of volunteering. I was volunteering for several overseas ministries, but I wasn't serving in our local community. I challenged myself to connect with a local ministry.

Since one of my passions is working with women, I contacted Engedi, and after attending a volunteer training class, I began driving their residents to various appointments. I helped with the art class and was soon asked to teach their Spiritual Awakening class. I am currently a board member.

I've enjoyed witnessing the redemption process as residents begin to heal and discover their worth. I've seen many women come to CTK, and several have been baptized here and now attend Bible studies. It's been a privilege to develop meaningful relationships with many of them.

As our former Missions Pastor, what do you want to say to our church family about local missions?

The work of "missions" starts at home. If you can't be the hands and feet of Jesus in your community, it doesn't get easier in a foreign country. **Start at home.**



If you're in need of a computer, email Keri Allen (keria@ctk.church) or call the church office.



To apply for a YES Card, visit us at ctk.church/blessing and click on CTKers in Education. Not sure if the need you see fits? Fill out the form and let's have a conversation!



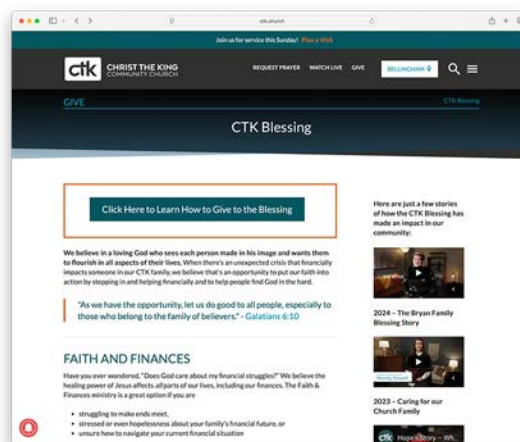
Computers 4 People in Need

If you're the parent of a K-12 student or an individual on a lower or fixed income, we want to remind you that CTK partners with Computers for People in Need (C4PIN) to get technology into the hands of those who need it.

C4PIN is a local volunteer-driven organization whose purpose is to provide every person access to technology tools by offering quality refurbished computers.

Do you know someone in the education field who has impacted your or your child's life? Are you an educator yourself? Where can we help you meet a need in your school?

Whether it's a teacher, custodian, superintendent, or any other role, we think the work they do is important and we're here to support them! CTK wants to recognize those in the education sphere and help equip them with financial resources up to \$250 through something we call a YES Card. Examples from the past include new books for the library, craft supplies for the classroom, or equipment for special needs students.



Learn more about the CTK Blessing on our web site at ctk.church/blessing





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To get started, go to
ctk.church/rightnowmedia

We're not alone!

Christ the King Community Church is a network of five churches with the same name, the same mission, and the same central services that help to organize our network.

Though our campuses have a lot in common, each location has its own unique flavor, shaped by its leadership team and the community it serves (Bellingham, Blaine, Downtown Bellingham, Ferndale, and Sudden Valley).

If you're ever looking for something a little different than the Bellingham campus offers, check out other campuses' Facebook pages or go visit another campus some Sunday!

More CTK Network Campuses



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Learn more about our
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service times

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Children's ministry for 6th grade and younger
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