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YOUR GUIDE TO CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

FALL 2017

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A Note from Grant Fishback Lead Teaching Pastor



Last year I reached out to our church family with a few questions: What are the issues you are being confronted with in the real world? On what topics do you need biblical perspective? For what questions do you need some real answers from the real God?

Out of those responses came the series "Taboo." Hopefully, you remember tackling the tough topics of domestic violence, politics, depression, abortion and racism. I also hope you recall how Jesus showed up, healed old wounds and gave so many people new freedom.

Well, the truth about that series is that I got to less than half of the topics that people requested! So, this fall we're giving you a sequel to the series—Taboo 2! We'll tackle the tough topics of addiction, divorce, death and dying, suicide, racism (again!), hell, hostility and universalism.

I am anticipating that Jesus will show up again and do more great work in our lives and hearts. Please be praying as we enter some dangerous spiritual territory. I promise you—it will be worth it!

In this together,
Grant

A Note from Todd King Lead Vision Pastor



Opportunity. Interesting word isn't? It seems like in life we have so many opportunities. With school, sports, work, hobbies, entertainment, travel, home projects, or even relationships, there are so many options—so many choices.

Each of us controls which opportunities we decide to take, but truthfully, we often feel captive to the urgency of the present. I want to encourage you to step away from the whirlwind of life and consider a different opportunity this season—a spiritual one.

All the other practical stuff is important, sometimes even pressing. But what if we chose to prioritize our spiritual next step? Perhaps it's engaging biblical community through a small group. Maybe it's investing in specific learning through a class. Or maybe it's time to step up, serve and be part of giving back in a meaningful way. Check out the opportunities on the next page and throughout this edition of CTK Life.

My encouragement: choose *one*. God may have a world of discovery in store through just one spiritual opportunity!

Blessings,
Todd



Making weekends happen

Be part of our weekend crew!

Whether it's out in the Commons, in a children's classroom, on stage or behind the scenes, more than 150 volunteers give their time every weekend to make sure that services happen at CTK Bellingham. We're grateful for each person who sacrifices their time to welcome others, help people find seats, provide information, keep us safe, care for kids, lead us in worship, or handle service production. These volunteers make it possible for CTK to connect people with God week after week.

Even with all this generous serving, every weekend service team has room for more people! We're excited to make a place for you to help others in ways that you've been helped. Check out these opportunities and consider volunteering on weekends at CTK. Schedules are flexible and we always provide the resources and training you need to make a difference for others.

Worship Teams

This fall we're launching a new process to welcome more musicians, singers, and worship leaders to our worship teams at CTK Bellingham. If you're skilled in any of these areas and have a heart to serve, get started in the process by visiting ctk.church/bellingham/auditions. Questions? Contact Andy Tellman, Worship Director, at andyt@ctk.church.

Production Team

Start serving at church with the production team! Weekend services couldn't happen without our faithful volunteers, and we're always looking to grow the team. Production team members operate video cameras, mix audio, display song lyrics and graphics on screen, and operate stage and auditorium lighting.

As long as you're teachable and ready to commit, we would be excited to train you and ease you into the process. Join us at Team Night on the first Tuesday each month, or come say hi between services at the sound booth in the back of the auditorium. We would love to get you plugged in! Contact Stennar Martinson (stennarm@ctk.church).

Safety Team

If you have compassion and a heart to help provide a safe, secure environment at church, consider joining the CTK Safety Team. Our goal is to create the optimal environment for you, your friends and family to gather for meaningful worship. Skills in first aid and CPR, or prior military, law enforcement, or paramedic training are helpful but not required. Contact Jeff Winton, Safety Team Director, at jeffw@ctk.church.

Hospitality

Do you have experience in the hospitality industry, or are you naturally gifted in this area? If you've enjoyed working in restaurants, customer service, tourism, or hotels, you have what it takes to make people feel welcome and comfortable!

In May, CTK welcomed a new hospitality director, AJ Stanley, and she's ready to welcome lots of new volunteers in the roles of ushers, greeters, and other areas of weekend hospitality. We're looking for teens and adults who can arrive 20 minutes before a service and offer warm, confident interaction with people of all types—always with an eye toward newcomers and those who need a little extra help. Schedules are flexible and we provide any training and support you need. To find out more, contact AJ at ajs@ctk.church or x216.

Special Event Team

As we work together to prepare our facility for larger events such as Easter and Christmas, there's a specific need for helping hands to take on window cleaning, carpet steaming, vacuuming, gardening, minor repairs, and more. If you'd like to volunteer your abilities and talents on an occasional basis, contact Marissa Wittig (marissaw@ctk.church).

Giving

God calls us to be generous and steward our resources well in order to further His kingdom. One way of doing this at CTK is by offering non-cash gifts. This type of planned giving is a creative way to leave a legacy of generosity by donating stock, real estate, retirement assets and life insurance. For more info, contact Shawna Walton at shawnaw@ctk.church or x265.

Another way of giving to consider is online giving. Online giving is not only easy and convenient for you; it also enables more of your gift to go to ministry than any other method of giving. Online giving requires fewer staff hours and costs less in banking fees than cash or check deposits, making it the most efficient way for CTK to receive funds.



Online giving can be set up and used with your computer, tablet, or smartphone. You can give a one-time offering or set up recurring giving (weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly). If you'd like to try it out, just visit ctk.church/give and follow the instructions. If you have any questions, call our finance team at 733-1337.

Community Partner Projects

“If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”

1 JOHN 3:17-18

This summer hundreds of CTK'ers have done just that... put their love for Jesus into action! Not only did we meet tangible needs for our partners and those they serve, we sent a clear message that we care and that Christ's love for them compels us to action. We are so thankful for the way service projects are knitting together our relationships with these organizations and creating connections and conversations we believe God will use for the good of this community.

- 200 people served as part of 13 church-wide projects this summer donating 750 hours
- 63 new volunteers joined the Farm team; the team has put in 3,693 hours so far this year
- 31 small groups met a need with one of our local partners this summer
- \$22,000 from the 2016 Blessing went to fund the materials for these projects



Community Partner Events



Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic Banquet

Friday, October 27 at Ferndale Events Center

Heavy Hors d'oeuvers at 6:15 PM

Program: 7:00-8:45 PM

Please be our guest for a special evening as we celebrate the work God is doing through the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic. This is a fundraising event and an opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended. All proceeds will go to the Whatcom County Pregnancy Clinic. This is a semi-formal event for adults only.



Blue Skies Annual Dinner & Charity Auction

Saturday, October 28

5:30-9:00 PM at Four Points by Sheraton on Lakeway

Blue Skies for Children is hosting its 17th Annual Dinner & Charity Auction. Join us for a plated meal, optional wine tasting and dessert dash, silent and live auctions, a bid board, games, and raffles. This event is key to Blue Skies' ability to serve the homeless, low-income and foster children in our community. Event tickets are \$85. Business Sponsorships start at \$250.

Buy tickets and find out more at blueskiesforchildren.org, or contact Julie Guay at 360-756-6710.



Lighthouse Mission FREE Holiday Meals

Friday, November 24 at noon

Monday, December 25 at noon

Church of Assumption Gymnasium

Both meals are held at the Church of the Assumption gymnasium at 2116 Cornwall Ave. This is a free event for anyone in the community who can benefit from a meal with friends for the holidays. \$2.05 can sponsor one meal!

Visit thelighthousemission.org to donate or if you want to volunteer.



Engedi Refuge Ministries: Stand Against Slavery

A Night of Worship and Compassion

Friday, November 3, 7:00-9:00 PM • FREE Admission

Norway Hall (1419 N. Forest St., Bellingham 98225)

Let's come together as the Church to stand against the slavery of sexual exploitation in our country. Join us for a night of worship and prayer over this area of brokenness in our communities. Featuring worship leaders from area churches and messages from local pastors. You'll have an opportunity to support Engedi financially.



Rebound: Comfort & Joy

Saturday, December 2

6:30 PM at Ferndale Events Center

Comfort & Joy is a celebration of the services Rebound provides to connect, empower, and restore vulnerable families in our community. Join this fun event that highlights the stories and successes our families have experienced in 2017—along with music, appetizers, dessert, a paddle auction, silent auction, and bucket raffle.

Tickets: \$50 per person, available starting in November at reboundfamilies.org or call 360-714-0700.



Lydia Place Housing Hero Awards

Wednesday, December 6

5:00-8:00 PM at Lairmont Manner

Lydia Place invites you to a celebration of hope, housing, and bright futures for hundreds of families in our community. This event honors individuals, companies, and collectives who went above and beyond to ensure that homeless individuals and families in Whatcom County received the care, support, and housing they needed to take steps towards independence. Enjoy delicious appetizers, holiday spirits, and more as we honor our Housing Heroes!



Care Ministries

“ Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ”

GALATIANS 6:2

Prayer Team

The Prayer Team generously gives their time each week presenting our peoples' requests to God, and we're so grateful for their faithfulness. If you spend time in prayer daily and would like to be part of our team, we'd love to include you. Prayer requests and updates are emailed to each Prayer Team member weekly to include in their conversations with God.

Contact Christa (christap@ctk.church) to join the team. Submit a prayer request at the Connection Point or ctk.church.

Hugs in the Mail

Each week a thoughtful group of individuals send cards of encouragement and care to people in the CTK church family and their loved ones who could use a "written hug." There is nothing like a card you can hold in your hand and read, read again, and keep – to remind you that someone is thinking of you and praying God's best for you. We're looking to expand this ministry and invite additional people to join us.

If you can offer 30 minutes per week and would like to serve in this way, contact Marina (gomdysm2@gmail.com).

Request Prayer

Do you or someone you know have a need that others could pray for?

Share your prayer requests at the Connection Point on weekends and at reception during business hours, or submit your request any time at ctk.church (Prayer & Care, under Give Back). Your CTK family wants to be a part of what's going on in your life.

Stephen Ministry Info Meeting

Focus: Authenticity WR

Sunday, October 8

11:00 AM-12:30 PM in Room 210

Stephen Ministry successfully launched our first team of ministers this past spring. Each of them is building a relationship with someone in our CTK family who is going through a crisis or difficult time in their life. We're now ready to expand our ministry to serve others who are waiting for a special, trained friend. If serving God through a one-on-one relationship is your gift, please join us for an information meeting to have your questions answered and find out how you might be part of our next training course that starts in early January.

Contact Julie (julies@ctk.church or x279).

Hospital Visitation Team

Are you or someone you know experiencing or anticipating a hospital stay, a longer visit to a rehabilitation facility, assisted living, or long term care? We have a team of trained volunteers with caring hearts who would be happy to stop by with a word of encouragement and an offer of prayer.

Request a visit at ctk.church/bellingham/care or contact Julie (x279 or julies@ctk.church).

Prayer Shawl Ministry

1st and 3rd Thursday Mornings

10:00 AM-Noon in the Mothers' Room

Our Prayer Shawl team is excited to resume their gatherings this fall. If you enjoy crocheting or knitting, you're invited to share your talents as we create tangible items to express CTK's support for people during a time of illness. If you can't make it to the meetings, you can still create items and drop them off at reception, clearly marked "Prayer Shawls" and include your name.

Contact Judy (dfjpl@aol.com) for more info.

Northwest Adult Day Health Family Caregiver Support Groups

One of CTK's community partners, Northwest Adult Day Health, offers two support groups to educate, encourage and network people who are caring for an elderly or disabled family member. Open everyone.

For more info, visit nwadultdayhealth.com or contact Kevyn at 360-306-3031.

Lynden Support Group

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of every month
2:30-4:00 PM at Northwest Adult Day Health & Wellness Center (851 Aaron Dr)

Second Tuesdays feature a guest speaker; fourth Tuesdays focus on a facilitated discussion.

Bellingham Support Group

3rd Tuesday of every month
1:30-3:00 PM in Room 211 (at CTK)
Meetings offer time for sharing and encouragement.

Days for Girls

2nd & 4th Tuesday 6:30-8:30 PM
September 26-November 22
AND/OR

2nd & 4th Wednesday 12:30-2:30 PM
September 27-November 29

In many countries, girls and women miss days of school or work every month because they lack access to and awareness of feminine hygiene supplies. In partnership with the worldwide organization Days for Girls, CTK has a group of women who meet twice a month to sew and pack hygiene kits.

Unable to join us? You can donate supplies of thin washcloths, hotel size soap, Fruit of Loom ladies underwear (L or XL) and new fabric (100% cotton and double brushed flannel). Drop off donations at the reception desk.

Visit ctk.church or contact Shannon (sam317@comcast.net) or Cindy (werfamily98@gmail.com).



Hunger Relief

“ The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps. ”

PSALM 85:12-13

This verse speaks of God's goodness to us through something as basic as agriculture, and how his character clears a path for his purposes. That has certainly been our experience out at the Food Share Hub & Farm as we serve people who have to make difficult decisions — like whether to pay rent or buy food. We're humbled by how God is opening doors, creating partnerships, building a dedicated volunteer team, and providing donated food through our church to so many in Whatcom County.

Here are the stats...

- The 10 core and 63 new volunteers have put in 3,693 hours so far this year.
- 123 additional CTK'ers have been out to the farm to help.
- In July alone, 11,135 pounds of produce was harvested from the CTK Farm.
- CTK has received 3,015 items in the bin in the commons so far this year!

Join Us in Fighting Hunger

Donate the item of the month at the bin in the Commons or donate toward the cost of gas and supplies (choose Blessing when you give online or use a green Blessing envelope).

If you'd like more info about the Food Share, visit ctk.church/bellingham/food-farm or contact Faith (faithw@ctk.church or x220).

360-733-1337



Volunteers harvesting vegetables this summer at the CTK Farm



Volunteer prepping food to be served at one of CTK's Food Share partnerships

Item of the Month



September
Crackers



Drop off donations at the Food Share bin in the Commons



November
Canned/Dried Fruit



December
Canned Veggies

Age Based Ministries



Infants and Toddlers: up to 23 mos.

During All Weekend Services

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

For info, contact Sonya Bovenkamp (x273 or sonyab@ctk.church).

Preschool: Adventureland

During All Weekend Services

Kids age 2–Kindergarten are ready to move, worship, and learn in much more active ways. That's why we have created Adventureland—to help 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!

For info, contact Sonya Bovenkamp (x273 or sonyab@ctk.church).

Awana: age 2 ½ through High School

Wednesday Evenings

6:00–8:00 PM at CTK

\$50/child; \$10/ea uniforms, handbooks

At Awana, kids make new friends, play fun team games, learn Bible verses, and earn awards. Awana encourages families to learn, grow, and serve God together. Throughout the year, kids will enjoy theme nights, crafts, awards, games, and treats.

Register at ctk.church/bellingham/awana. Contact Awana (ctkawana@gmail.com).

1st–3rd Grade: Base Camp

During All Weekend Services

Every adventurer needs a base to venture from. Base Camp, for kids in 1st–3rd grade, is designed to be just that. As they are launching out on new adventures, kids are learning to be open to God, discovering their ability for caring and praying for others while building friendships, and learning God's Big Story. They'll discover that following Jesus is the best adventure in life.

For info, contact Charles Molenkamp (x270 or charlesm@ctk.church).

4th–5th Grade: The Lookout

During All Weekend Services

Life comes at us quickly, which means there are both great opportunities for adventure as well as dangers to avoid. The Lookout is designed to help 4th and 5th grade students grow and discover God's truths and love others. As they develop their relationship with Jesus, they will grow in their identity in Christ and learn to look out for "God opportunities" as well as pitfalls that can hinder the role God has for them in God's Big Story.

For info, contact Charles Molenkamp (x270 or charlesm@ctk.church).

Compass: Helping Kids Navigate Life

See details on page 10.

Meet Our New Children's Pastor, Charles Molenkamp



I was blessed to be born into a family who loved Jesus and lived it out. My grandparents were transformed by Jesus and lived out their love for him. My parents loved us kids and created a home where loving God and others

was demonstrated and taught — all with the freedom to explore and grow in our personal faith journeys with Jesus. That journey started for me when I was very young. Around age 7, I remember praying, "Jesus let me serve you."

About a year after graduating college with a BA in Accounting, God answered my prayer

from many years before and called me into full time ministry at a camp called Forest Home in the San Bernardino Mountains of California. Over the last twenty years I have worked at two Christian camps, served on church staffs, completed a Masters of Arts in Teaching (Theology) from Fuller Seminary and helped in the process of thousands of kids coming to know and fall in love with Jesus.

All of this experience has simply been the set-up and preparation for coming here to CTK. The children's ministry team has so faithfully served our children and families, and I feel honored, blessed, and thrilled to join them in this work.

I begin this new chapter with a couple questions. How can kids carry the hope of Jesus to a world that needs it unless they have heard it,

seen it, and experienced themselves? How can we create authentic Christian community for kids that offers love, acceptance, and forgiveness?

The answer? You. You are the answer for the next generation. So I proudly offer you the opportunity to create that community for kids, to be what my grandparents and parents were to me: living breathing examples of what it looks like to love and serve Jesus in the world today.

You don't have to be more than who you are. That's one of the many things I love about working with kids; they have so much love, joy, and forgiveness already in them. But they need us—men and women, young and old, theologians and those just starting their walk with Jesus. Our kids need you and me to help them discover Jesus. So, consider joining the CTK Kids volunteer team. You won't regret it.

charlesm@ctk.church





What's New In Student Ministries

Staff

We are excited to welcome Courtney Scott, our new Student Ministries Admin and Women's Discipleship Leader to the team. Courtney has the task of recruiting and investing in new female leaders, as well as tackling the administrative duties of our student ministries. Courtney has volunteered in our middle school ministry for the past two years, and we are excited to have her on staff!



COURTNEY SCOTT



KUA GUEVARA

We're also welcoming our new Creative

Ministry Leader, Kua Guevara. Kua is an experienced worship leader, most recently from San Diego, CA. In San Diego, Kua served as the worship leader for a youth group and graduated from San Diego Christian College with a degree in Communication Studies. Kua's passion is to connect students with God through a creative and engaging worship environment.

High School Ministry

United on Sundays

in a Home Near You • 6:30-8:00 pm

Our high school ministry is getting a makeover for the coming school year! We are moving our weekly gatherings to Sunday nights with a new name: United. We will also be meeting in homes around Whatcom County instead of at CTK Bellingham. The call for this change was rooted in a vision to partner with our sister churches, CTK North Bay and CTK Ferndale, as we work toward creating a unified, county-wide movement of hope and love for all high school students. Watch for details about special high school events.



Middle School Ministry

Transit on Tuesdays

at CTK Bellingham • 6:30-8:00 pm

Our middle school ministry, Transit, remains at the same time and place for the coming school year. We are placing a deeper emphasis on small group investment and community service this year and are creating monthly opportunities for our students to engage in their community through service.



If you have any questions comments or concerns, please reach out to our Student Ministries staff!

Chandler Corzine: chandlerc@ctk.church

Courtney Scott: courtneys@ctk.church

Kua Guevara: kuag@ctk.church

360-733-1337

Young Adults: Ekklesia (ages 18-25)

**Thursday Nights starting September 28
7:00 & 9:00 PM at Norway Hall**

Come to the *Ekklesia Launch Party* as we reconnect and welcome new folks to Bellingham with live music and food trucks. Tuesday, September 26, 5-7 pm at Norway Hall (1419 N. Forest Street).

Ekklesia Launch Night is the kick-off of our weekly gathering for the fall. Join us on Thursday, September 28 at either 7:00 pm or 9:00 pm at Norway Hall (1419 N. Forest Street). It'll be a great time to get plugged into community and worship God.

Postscript is a casual gathering for 20-somethings in the career community. Come join the Ekklesia staff for a low-key get-together in the loft at Goat Mountain Pizza (211 W Holly Street), Tuesday nights starting October 3 from 5:30-6:30 pm. We'll discuss the previous week's messages from CTK Bellingham and Ekklesia and explore what that means for our lives. No need to commit to every week, just drop by whenever!

Find out more online at ekklesiabellingham.com, follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter (@ekklesiabham) or email Rachel Scheffer (rachels@ctk.church).



Senior Adults: Seniors Lunch

**2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month
10:30-Noon in the Meeting Place**

Seniors meet twice a month for fun, fellowship and to enjoy lunch together. Invite a friend (50+) and join us. \$2 donation for lunch.

To learn more, contact Bev (360-733-8675).



For Families

Simple Moments for Single Moms

Saturday, September 16

4:00-5:30 PM in the Meeting Place

As a single mom, your life probably feels anything but simple. We'd love to spend an afternoon encouraging you and introducing you to possibilities for the future. We'll provide appetizers, treats and childcare so you can come connect with other single moms, gain some tools for navigating life as a single parent, and have a little fun. Invite other single moms you know to join you.

Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Jayne (x272 or jayne@ctk.church).

Child Dedication

Class: 2 Sundays, October 1 & 8

9:30-10:30 AM in Room 211

Ceremony: Sunday, October 15

4:00 PM in Room 216

When it comes to raising our kids, the list of responsibilities is long. But nothing we do is more important than pointing them toward Jesus. Child dedication is about helping you demonstrate your desire and commitment to do just that. Join other families with young children for two class sessions that will prepare you to dedicate your child to God—and yourself to godly parenting. The class culminates with a dedication ceremony; invite your friends and family to celebrate with you and pledge their support in your commitment to your child.

Preregistration required. Complete a request at ctk.church/bellingham/childdedication.

Compass: Helping Kids Navigate Life

8 Mondays, October 2-November 20

6:30-8:15 PM in Room 115 | Free

Change is inevitable, but that doesn't mean it's easy. This fall, we are inviting kids 6-12 years old to join us for Compass and learn how to navigate change, even when it's tough. Whether your child has already faced difficult circumstances, like divorce of parents, loss of a loved one, starting or changing schools, moving, being picked on or left out—or you just want to prepare them for the challenges they may face in life, Compass can help.

Through fun activities, relevant teaching, and small group interaction, kids can explore topics like dealing with feelings, understanding grief and developing a healthy identity.

Because weekly teachings build on lessons from previous weeks, families must commit their child to attending at least 6 of the 8 sessions.

Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Katrina (x221 or katrinat@ctk.church).

Childcare during Midweek Classes

During Monday evening and Wednesday morning adult classes

Planning to attend a Monday evening or Wednesday morning class? We offer free children's programs for kids 5 and younger during these times.

Pre-registration required; RSVP by September 20 for Wednesday classes and by September 25 for Monday classes.

Registration may close prior to the deadline if childcare classes fill up. Register ctk.church or contact Katrina (x221 or katrinat@ctk.church).

33 the Series: A Man & His Fatherhood

Focus: Integration SCW

6 Tuesdays, October 3-November 7

6:30-8:00 AM in the Meeting Place | \$20

OR

6 Thursdays, October 5-November 9

7:00-8:30 PM in the Meeting Place | \$20

Being a dad is one of the most important and influential roles a man could ever play in his life. But being a good dad doesn't always come naturally. That's what this volume of 33 The Series is all about—setting you up to win as a dad. All 6 sessions are designed to help dads think strategically about how they play out their important role. You'll gain insights that will help guide you through key decisions and the great challenges of being a dad.

Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Jayne (jayne@ctk.church or x272).

CTK Families Connect

We know families are busy. That's why we're committed to reaching you when you have a second, on the go or while you wait. Whether you're a night owl or early bird, CTK Families is just a tap away. Get connected to CTK Families today for great parenting tips, encouragement for the journey, and information on opportunities to play and grow as a family.

Subscribe to our text messaging group by emailing your cell number to jayne@ctk.church (data and text messaging rates may apply). Follow us on Facebook (CTKfamilies) or Instagram (@ctkfamilies). Like our Facebook page, check out the photo scavenger hunt, post your pictures with #ctkfamilies to get a free Redbox rental!



Rebound Roots

9 Thursdays, October 5-December 7
6:00-8:00 PM in Base Camp
Dinner served 6:00-6:30

Rebound's Roots programs are a safe, encouraging place for kids and parents facing difficult life challenges. In the *Roots for Kids* program, kids 3 years through 8th grade learn the necessary life skills to understand, discuss, and cope with life in healthy, positive ways. The *Roots for Parents* class provides the building blocks to create positive family change and realize your family's hopes and dreams. This class incorporates many of the same tools used in both the Roots children's program and in many local schools. Roots for Parents is offered in both English and Spanish. Childcare is available for kids up to 3 years old.

To register, contact Shelli at 360.603.9459 or shelli@reboundfamilies.org.

Aaron Project

Tuesday, November 7
7:00-8:30 PM in Room 216

Those who have responded to the call to foster or adopt children have gone "all in" with their lives. For many foster and adoptive families, the journey is difficult. But the Church can make a difference. Join us for our next info night to learn how doing something you already enjoy for just a couple hours a month can make a difference for foster/adoptive children and the families who care for them. Dessert is provided.

RSVP to 4theaaronproject@gmail.com.

Family Game Night

Friday, October 20
6:30-8:30 PM in the Meeting Place

Making time to play together is one of the best ways to strengthen family connections and build a strong family foundation. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and join other CTK families for a night of fun and games. There will be board games and card games to try out, plus a few optional group games throughout the night. Have a favorite family-friendly game? Bring it along!

No need to register, just show up!



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Boundaries for Women

Focus: Authenticity SCW

8 Wednesdays, Sept. 27-Nov. 15

10:00 AM-Noon in Room 215 | \$25

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Childcare available with pre-registration by September 20, see page 10 for more info.

Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Jayne (jayned@ctk.church or x272).



Steadfast Love

Focus: Biblical Understanding SCWR

8 Wednesdays, Sept. 27-Nov. 15

10:00 AM-Noon in the Meeting Place

OR

8 Mondays, October 2-November 20

6:15-8:15 PM in Room 216 | \$20

Steadfast love is a verse-by-verse study of Psalm 107. It reminds us that each season of life is an opportunity to reveal the anchor of our souls. This 8-session Bible study for women combines engaging videos, group study, and table group discussion. Learn to face both storms and deserts with courage and trust in Jesus, and discover how tests in our journeys of faith reveal the true condition of our hearts. With light homework, this is a great study for busy women.

Childcare available with pre-registration by September 20 for Wednesday class or September 25 for Monday class, see page 10 for more info.

Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Jayne (jayned@ctk.church or x272).

Divorce Care for Women

Focus: Authenticity SCWR

10 Mondays, October 2-December 4

6:30-8:15 PM in Room 210 | \$15

Divorce affects every area of life. Many times we trudge forward doing what needs to be done to regroup without ever taking time to process and find support. CTK invites you to join other women for expert video teaching, discussion and prayer around the topic of divorce. Learn more at divorcecare.org.

Free childcare (ages 0-5) and Compass program (ages 6-12) for the first 8 sessions with registration before September 25, see page 10.

Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point or contact Jayne (jayned@ctk.church or x272).

Women's Mentoring Info Night

Focus: Authenticity WR

Monday, October 23

6:30-8:00 PM in Room 217

Jesus modeled discipleship through life-on-life relationship. That's what women's mentoring is all about. We want to pair women who have an established relationship with Jesus with women who are earlier in their faith journey. Through real relationship, mentors will lead other women deeper in their faith by sharing life together, talking about the stuff that really matters, and helping mentees discover next steps in their spiritual journey. You don't have to have it all figured out to be a mentor. If you've taken the Spiritual Health Assessment and found yourself at Walk or Run in most categories, we'd love to show you how you can be a catalyst in another woman's life.

Join us for our next information meeting to find out more. Let us know you're coming! Contact Angel (angelf@ctk.church or x241).

Collide: Because You Say So

Focus: Authenticity SCWR

Saturday, November 4

9:30 AM-3:30 PM

Birchwood Presbyterian Church

What if on the other side of doubt and discouragement is abundance and purpose? Collide is a multi-church, county-wide event that invites women from all ages, stages and faith places to truly enter into what God has for them.

General Admission: \$30 before October 21/\$40 after, Students: \$15 before October 21/\$20 after

Visit wecollide.net to learn more or buy tickets.

Weekday childcare available for Monday and Wednesday classes.
See page 10 for details.

For Men

33 the Series: A Man & His Fatherhood

Focus: Integration **SCW**

6 Tuesdays, October 3–November 7
6:30–8:00 AM in the Meeting Place | \$20

OR

6 Thursdays, October 5–November 9
7:00–8:30 PM in the Meeting Place | \$20

Being a dad is one of the most important and influential roles a man could ever play in his life. But being a good dad doesn't always come naturally. That's what this volume of 33 The Series is all about—setting you up to win as a dad. All 6 sessions are designed to help dads think strategically about how they play out their important role. You'll gain insights that will help guide you through key decisions and the great challenges of being a dad.

Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Jayne (jayned@ctk.church or x272).



Stand Firm

Focus: Authenticity **SC**

12 Tuesdays, October 3–December 26
6:30–8:30 PM in Room 212 | \$25

Men, are you struggling with poor personal choices that are damaging your relationships? If you're stuck in an addictive cycle like pornography, substance abuse, or gambling, join us to gain the understanding, skills, and support you need to find freedom. Stand Firm will help you understand the root causes of destructive behaviors, then find God's grace and strength to change and grow.

Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point or contact Dave Zollner (360-224-9009).

Men's Huddle Groups **SCWR**

CTK Men's Huddle Groups are small groups of men who gather weekly or every other week for fellowship, prayer and to study and discuss God's word.

For more information contact Ron Walton (x218 or ronw@ctk.church).

MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 • 8:30–10:00 AM
IN THE MEETING PLACE • FREE

Guys: our men's breakfasts keep getting bigger and better as more men discover this fun and meaningful launch point for a deeper relationship with God and other men. Besides a delicious free breakfast, we'll serve up a short, inspiring video and provide details about upcoming men's events.

RSVP to Ron (ronw@ctk.church or x218).

360-733-1337

Men's Mentoring

Focus: Authenticity **SCWR**

Find a Mentor

To help young men live God-centered lives and fulfill their potential, we offer one-on-one mentoring where younger guys can be mentored by mature, spiritually healthy men. You don't have to navigate this road alone. In fact, you were never meant to. If you're age 19–40, we encourage you to consider being mentored.

Become a Mentor

Are you a guy who's been walking with Jesus for a while? Are you willing to be open with your victories and challenges? Consider being a mentor! Having seasoned, experienced believers come alongside less-experienced ones is the biblical model for spiritual maturity. There's a young man right now who needs the guidance you could give. Volunteer today!

Learn more at ctk.church or contact Stan (stanchron@hotmail.com or 360-739-2457).

Samaritan's List

Focus: Integration **SCWR**

Every week at CTK, we learn about people in our congregation and projects in our community that could use a helping hand (or two, or ten)! As a big church, we also know there are lots of people equipped with a wide variety of skills. We're looking for adults who want to connect their heart with their hands to serve. Our goal is to match skilled volunteers with specific needs, and we're inviting you into the process.

If you'd consider occasionally offering your time and talent, please answer a brief questionnaire (ctk.church/bellingham/men) to tell us about your skills and availability. To find out more, contact Ray Elliott (360-303-0380).

For Adults

Baptism Classes

Focus: Devotion SCWR

Saturday, September 23, 7:15–8:15 PM

OR

Sunday, September 24, 12:30–1:30 PM

Baptism is a way Jesus taught to publicly declare our decision to trust and follow him. If you're ready to take this important step, we'll be baptizing during all services on September 30/October 1. To be included, come to one of our baptism classes after services on September 23 & 24. We look forward to hearing your story and explaining what baptism is all about.

1st-5th grade kids will meet with their parents in Base Camp; teens and adults will meet in the Family Room (110).

For more info, visit the Connection Point or contact Jayne (jayned@ctk.church or x272).

Children 12 and under register with Lem Usita (lemu@ctk.church or x232).

Financial Peace University

Focus: Integration CWR

9 Sundays, September 24–November 19

11:15 AM–12:15 PM in Room 211

\$93 plus shipping/per household

Need a bold, no-nonsense approach to money matters? Not just the "how-to" but also encouragement and hope for getting out of debt and achieving financial health? Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace course offers this and more. You'll learn practical financial principles and be encouraged by others at CTK who are putting them to use to successfully reach their financial goals.

Register and purchase your kit online (fpu.com/1046791).



Grace to Grieve

Focus: Integration SCWR

8 Mondays, October 2–November 20

6:30–8:15 PM in Rooms 213 & 214 | \$25

The only way through grief is... to grieve.

But grief isn't just about death; grieving is a necessary part of healing from any kind of loss — divorce, broken relationships, job loss, traumatic past experiences, financial ruin, or a difficult diagnosis. Join local counselor Janet Robinson for a time of insightful teaching, self-discovery and support as you learn the "how-to's" of God's design for grieving and healing well.

Free childcare (ages 0-5) and Compass program (ages 6-12) with registration before September 25, see page 10. Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Jayne (x272 or jayned@ctk.church).

Join the adventure

Alpha: An Introduction to Christianity

8 Mondays, October 2–November 20

6:00–8:15 PM in the Meeting Place | FREE

Alpha answers frequently asked questions about Jesus, the Bible and the Christian faith. It's a friendly, no-pressure weekly gathering where you'll enjoy free dinner, hear common-sense teaching, and explore your questions in a welcoming atmosphere. Alpha is perfect for people curious about Christianity, new believers, or those who want to brush up on the basics—for their own growth or to better share their faith. Have a friend who's curious about God? Attend Alpha with them to walk alongside them in their faith journey. Coming straight from work? Join us at 6:30; we'll save dinner for you!

Free childcare (ages 0-5) and Compass program (ages 6-12) with registration before September 25, see page 10.

Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Jayne (jayned@ctk.church or x272).





Boundaries for Men & Women

Focus: Authenticity SCW

**8 Mondays, October 2–November 20
6:30–8:15 PM in Room 215 | \$25**

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Small Group Launch

Focus: Authenticity SCW

Sunday, October 8

11:15 AM–12:30 PM in the Meeting Place

The Christian life was meant to be lived in community with others. At CTK, home small groups are the ideal place to build spiritual friendships and walk through a season of life together. At our Small Group Launch, you'll enjoy snacks, see all the new small groups that will be starting, and find one that best fits your life.

If you have children, just check them into CTK Kids and pick them up afterward. No need to register, just show up!

Scholarships Available

We never want money to stand in the way of your spiritual growth.

Scholarships are available for many of our classes and workshops. Contact Jayne (x272 or jayned@ctk.church).

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Ownership Class

Focus: Integration SCWR

**Sunday, October 15
12:30–1:30 PM in Room 212**

OR

**Sunday, October 22
12:30–1:30 PM in Room 212**

Becoming a member at Christ the King Church is not about signing a piece of paper; it's about owning and living CTK's mission, vision and values as a disciple of Jesus. In fact, we refer to members as owners, and we've created an Ownership Class for those who want to be "all in" as fully devoted followers of Jesus. We hope you'll join us!

Choose either session; no need to sign up! Contact Diane (dianeh@ctk.church or x231) for more info.

Baptism Classes

Focus: Devotion SCWR

**Saturday, December 2
7:15–8:15 PM**

OR

**Sunday, December 3
12:30–1:30 PM**

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Sports & Outdoor Recreation

Sports and outdoor recreation activities at CTK are an excellent way for people 17 and older to enjoy the beauty that surrounds us, start new friendships, and include unchurched friends and family.

Visit ctk.church or contact Ron (x218 or ronw@ctk.church) for seasonal sports and outdoor recreation info.

Volleyball

Hey all you volleyball players out there. Are you interested in playing Co-Ed Volleyball this fall? League starts Tuesday night, October 3 and goes till Tuesday, November 28. All games are played at the YMCA in Lynden. Cost to play is \$30 per person or \$175 per team. Each team consists of three men and three women. All games are officiated by a referee!

Contact Ron (x218 or ronw@ctk.church)

Hiking

Come join us for some fun and friendship out in God's creation all around Whatcom and Skagit counties.

Find CTK Hiking Community on Facebook or contact Amy (360-223-0923).



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For Couples

Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts

Focus: Authenticity SCWR

Launch Night, Tuesday October 10
6:30-8:00 PM in Room 215 | \$50

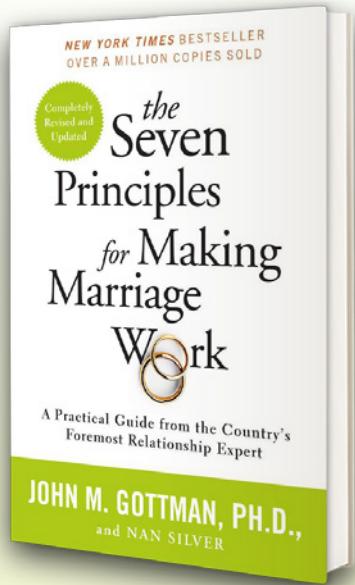
Are you engaged or considering marriage? Most people put a lot of thought into the proposal, the ring, and the wedding details. But have you done anything to guarantee the most important detail — the relationship? Couples who participate in premarital counseling reduce their risk of divorce by more than 30%.

Saving Your Marriage Before it Starts (SYMBIS) is personalized premarital work that will strengthen your relationship. As part of SYMBIS, you may be paired with a mentor couple. The mentor couples are not professionals but are carefully chosen and work under the leadership and coaching of a pastor.

Register at ctk.church before October 6 or contact Jayne (jayne@ctk.church or x272).

“ I really enjoyed the book/workbook/assessment. They were all very relevant and helpful. My biggest takeaway is that marriage is a constant effort by both people. It is imperfect and a mystery. ”

SYMBIS PARTICIPANT



TWO DAYS COULD CHANGE YOUR MARRIAGE FOREVER.

The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work

Friday, November 3 | 6:00-9:00 PM

AND

Saturday, November 4 | 8:30 AM-1:00 PM
In the Meeting Place | \$80/couple

This 2 half-day workshop is based on 40 years of research with thousands of couples by Drs. John and Julie Gottman. These principles are proven to help couples improve their friendship, enhance romance and intimacy, manage conflict constructively and solve problems. The workshop is equally useful for long-time married couples, those considering marriage, and everyone in between. If you've taken a workshop since November 2015, you are welcome to join us at the reduced rate of \$10.

*Facilitated by Angel Finsrud & Ryan Ervin, Certified Gottman Educators
Scholarships available, see page 15. Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Jayne (x272 or jayne@ctk.church).*



Small Groups

Small Group Host Orientation

Focus: Authenticity CW

**Sunday, September 17
9:30-10:30 AM in Room 211**

OR

11:15 AM-12:15 PM in Room 211

If you think you're ready to host a small group, don't miss our next Small Group Orientation. In just an hour, we'll give you the training and resources to start hosting, and you'll walk away ready to start a new group.

Contact Ryan Ervin (ryane@ctk.church or x261).



“ I have loved seeing our group bond quickly and enjoy seeing everyone feel like they belong. ”

SMALL GROUP MEMBER



CTK Small Group Launch

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Where are you in your spiritual maturity?

Take the Spiritual Health Self Assessment to find out.

As children, we develop in a fairly predictable way. We learn how to sit up before we crawl, and we walk before we run. But when it comes to our spiritual development, those same stages aren't as easy to see. We have ideas and hopes of what a God-centered life could be like but we're not sure what it means to sit, crawl, walk, or run—spiritually speaking.

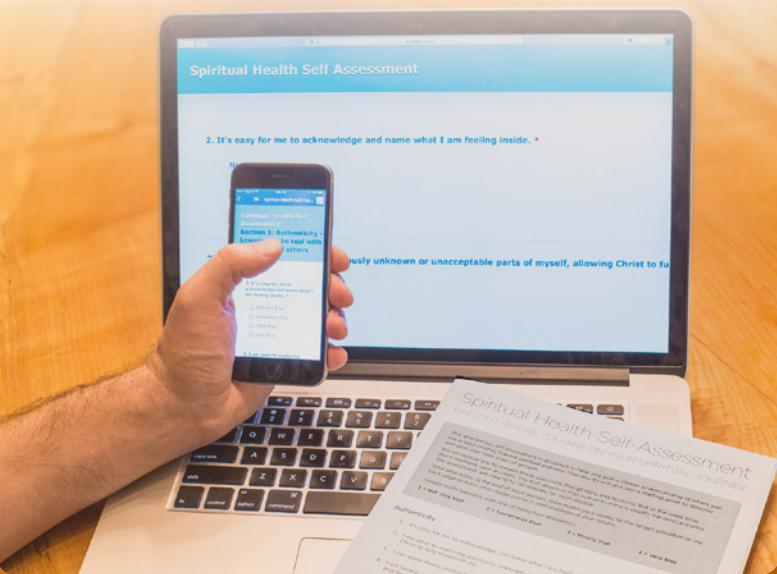
To help you figure that out, CTK has created a Spiritual Health Self Assessment. This tool gives you a clearer view of your progress in four general areas of spiritual maturity:

- 1. Authenticity:** learning to be real with God, yourself, and others
- 2. Biblical Understanding:** growing in your knowledge and acceptance of biblical truth
- 3. Devotion:** building a living relationship with God through spiritual disciplines and practices
- 4. Integration:** aligning every area of your life with your understanding and beliefs about God

Your assessment results will show if you're sitting, crawling, walking or running in each of these four areas. Armed with that information, you can begin to pursue steps forward. In the fall, winter and spring editions of CTK Life, classes, groups and workshops map directly to the four areas above and indicate which stage of growth they're best suited to.

Try the Spiritual Health Self Assessment today and take a step toward a life-changing relationship with God that could impact your world and the world around you.

Take the Spiritual Health Self Assessment at ctk.church or pick up a paper version at the Connection Point.



Class Finder Key

To make choosing a next step easier, many classes and events in this flyer are coded with these symbols. Once you've taken the assessment, match your result from any of the four areas to a next step suited to that stage of growth.

S Sit **C** Crawl **W** Walk **R** Run

Find Your Next Step

Connect Weekend

Before and after services on September 16 & 17 in the Commons

Looking for a place to learn, grow, serve or make new friendships? That's what Connect Weekend is for! On September 16 & 17, all our ministries will be on display before and after services in the Commons. Browse the various booths to meet some of the leaders and volunteers, ask questions, and find your next step forward.

CTK Introductions

Saturday, September 16

7:00–8:00 PM in the Family Room

OR

Sunday, September 17

9:30–10:30 AM in Room 210

OR

Saturday, November 4

7:00–8:00 PM in Room 210

It's easy to come to church week after week but never make a meaningful connection with other people or God. That's where CTK Introductions can really make a difference. Come take about 45 minutes to get an overview of what CTK is about and meet people who've been here a while. They're excited to get to know you a bit and help you find a place to connect, grow, or serve at CTK.

No need to sign up, just show up!

Small Groups Host Orientation

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Learn more about us

Stay Connected

Stay connected with CTK in a variety of ways—from social media and the web to traditional contact methods.

We provide free Wi-Fi so you can access the CTK App during weekend services.



Facebook:
ctkbellingham



Instagram:
ctkbellingham



Website:
www.ctk.church



Vimeo:
ctkchurches



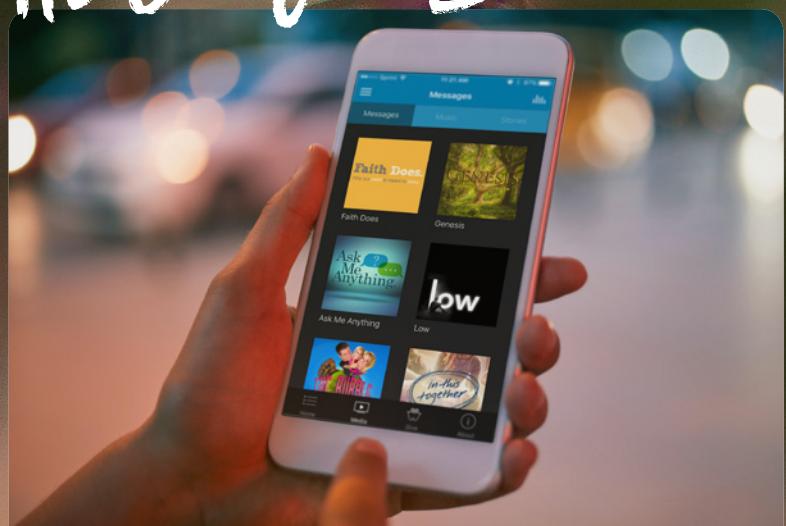
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Take CTK On The Go With Our Newly Redesigned App

We've redesigned the CTK App from the ground up to make it easier than ever to access CTK audio and video, sermon notes, built in Bible, and more! We provide free Wi-Fi so you can access the CTK App during weekend services.

Visit subsplash.com/ctkbellingham/app to download the CTK App for iOS, Android, Windows & Amazon devices.

CTK Locations

Christ the King is a multi-site church—one church that meets in a number of locations. This outward focused strategy allows us to serve more of Whatcom County (and beyond) with a single mission, custom tailored to fit each unique location.

The five campuses below are part of the CTK network based in Bellingham. You'll find even more CTKs throughout Washington, the U.S., and worldwide.

Visit ctk.church and choose a campus to learn more!

Bellingham

Saturdays, 6:00 PM
Sundays, 9:30 & 11:15 AM
4173 Meridian St, Bham

North Bay

Sundays, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
4895 Birch Bay-Lynden Rd
Across from the water slides

Downtown

Sundays, 10:00 AM
1419 N Forest, Bellingham
At Norway Hall

Sudden Valley

Sundays, 10:00 AM
8 Barn View Ct, Bellingham
In the Dance Barn

Ferndale

Sundays, 8:30, 10:00,
& 11:30 AM
5627 3rd Ave, Ferndale

Be A Light In Your Neighborhood This Halloween

Host a Glow Station



CTK GLOW STATIONS

Chances are, every neighborhood in Whatcom County is home to someone who attends CTK. What if we each stepped out of our comfort zone to bless our neighbors? What if we went out of our way to show kindness (and maybe get to know) the people God has already placed right around us? That's exactly what Glow Stations are all about!

Glow stations are simple, fun and create potential for us to someday share our lives and our faith with someone. **Here's how it works:**

CTK will provide:

- Candy and glow bracelets for trick-or-treaters
- CTK Glow Station sign

Sign up online to host a station before October 25! For more information, visit ctk.church/glowstations or contact Katrina (katrinat@ctk.church or x221).

As a Glow Station host, your job is to:

- Pull together a team of people to serve with you; it could be your small group, your friends, roommates, extended family, other CTK'ers on your block...the possibilities are endless!
- Organize your team to decorate your glow station; be as creative as you want to be but keep little ones in mind (avoid scary, gory or inappropriate ideas)
- Post photos of your experience to social media along with the hashtag #ctkglow17