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YOUR GUIDE TO CHRIST THE KING CHURCH FALL 2018

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neighboring this fall!

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Fall is a time of year when it seems fitting to push the reset button. The weather changes, school starts, routines resume, and new opportunities come our way — all good reasons to rethink our approach to life.

In my own personal world, I've been sensing a deep nudge from God's Spirit to simplify. I'm not talking about decluttering my garage (even though I did that), or even creating white space on my calendar (I did that too!). I'm talking about approaching life with an intentional simplicity that will allow for more of Jesus and less of me.

The words of the Apostle Paul have been ringing in my heart:

"Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so [love all of God's family] more and more, and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody." — 1 Thessalonians 4:10-12

So, following Paul's urging to lead a quiet (and simple) life, I am going to preach seven simple words this fall. Words that we're prone to overcomplicate, qualify, or apologize for rather than embracing their power to free us (and others) if we're courageous enough to use them.

After we digest the profound simplicity of these seven words, we'll start on a quest for hope as we head toward Christmas. Without hope we die. With hope, we thrive.

I am thrilled to be in this great adventure together.

Grant

A Note from Pastor Todd King



One of the greatest challenges of following Jesus is to take him seriously and live the way he's urged us to live so that we can experience the life he's promised us. Several times over the past year we've talked about the greatest commandment according to Jesus: to love God with everything we are and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:35-40).

Neighboring is the outcome of taking Jesus seriously. To be available, hospitable, friendly, open our home for a meal—all of these are ways we can love our neighbors like Jesus asked. In a culture where we often feel like drawing inward, retreating to our own homes, and closing the door behind us, Jesus is still calling us out to the curb to engage with our neighbors and live out his love for them.

Every year at Halloween we have a natural opportunity to practice neighboring through Glow Stations. When you host a Glow Station in your neighborhood, you get a chance to connect with kids and parents as they make the rounds trick-or-treating. The church provides candy and glow bracelets through the generosity of our congregation. You simply provide a place at your house for neighbors to stop and enjoy a moment of friendly conversation during a fun filled night.

I want to encourage you to consider hosting a Glow Station—it may be just the open door for neighboring that you've been looking for!

Blessings,
Todd

What's Your Next Spiritual Step?

Spiritual Health Self Assessment

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 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, on the **CTK App**, or pick up the 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 the symbols below. 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

Take a step toward a life-changing relationship with God that could impact your world and the world around you.

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE

Neighboring

One of the best starting points for living like Jesus is to begin loving like Jesus. When he was asked what the most important commandment was, Jesus summed up all the biblical laws and words of the prophets pretty simply: love God and love your neighbor as yourself. At CTK, we take Jesus' reply seriously.

The first step in loving your neighbors is to know who they are. Jesus knows your neighbors' names. Do you?

The Neighborhood Block Map is a handy tool to write in the names of the neighbors around you. Whether you live in an apartment or on a 40-acre plot, it's a simple and useful way to take stock of who you know and who you don't. Pick one up at the Neighboring display in the east hallway and begin asking God to give you a genuine love for the people who live right around you. Check out Glow Stations (page 9) for an easy way to start neighboring.



READING SUGGESTIONS

Want to explore neighboring more? Check out these two books:



The Art of Neighboring: Building Genuine Relationships Right Outside Your Door by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon. Available in paperback, Kindle, and audio book from Amazon and other booksellers.



The Neighboring Church: Getting Better at What Jesus Said Matters Most by Rick Rusaw and Brian Mavis. Available in hardcover and Kindle from Amazon and other booksellers.



Small Groups

Small Group Host Orientation

Authenticity C W R

Sunday, September 23

9:30–10:30 AM in Room 213 or
11:15–12:15 AM in Room 213

If you think you're ready to host a small group, don't miss our next Small Group Host 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 360-733-1337 x261).

Small Group Launch

Authenticity S C W R

Sunday, October 7

10:30–11:15 AM in the Meeting Place

The Christian life was meant to be lived in community with others. At CTK, small groups are the ideal place to build spiritual friendships and walk through a season of life together. Stop by the Meeting Place Alcove between our two Sunday services for our next Small Group Launch. Meet hosts of new small groups that will be starting and find the group that best fits your life.

No need to register, just show up!

Small Groups on the CTK App

Everything small groups — right at your fingertips!

Where can you find small group resources for coaches, hosts, and group members all in one easy-to-access place? The CTK App for smartphones and tablets!



Download the CTK App today and tap on Small Groups.

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To sign up for RightNow Media, visit ctk.church/rightnow.

Young Adults

Ekklesia Red Square Info Fair

Monday, September 24 &
Tuesday, September 25

11:00 AM–3:00 PM at WWU

WWU Students, come visit the Ekklesia staff and volunteers at the Red Square Info Fair during Welcome Week! We'll be on campus giving out free gifts for new and returning students, and info on how to get connected at Ekklesia this year!

For info, email ekklesia@ctk.church.



Ekklesia Fall Launch Party

Thursday, September 27

6:00–9:00 PM at Norway Hall

Come join other young adults for the Ekklesia Fall Launch Party at Norway Hall (1419 N Forest St). We'll have food trucks, music, and yard games. Then stick around to join us for our first Ekklesia gathering of the season!

For info, email ekklesia@ctk.church or visit ekklesiabellingham.com.

Ekklesia Worship Gathering

Launches Thursday, September 27
7:00 or 9:00 PM at Norway Hall

Don't miss the first Ekklesia worship gathering for the school year! Join us as we kick off another great year of Ekklesia at either 7:00 or 9:00 PM at Norway Hall (1419 N Forest Street in downtown Bellingham). Continues every Thursday. For info, email ekklesia@ctk.church.

All-Ekklesia Fall Retreat

The All-Ekklesia Retreat is coming in November for all college students and young adults in Whatcom County!

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram (@ekklesiabham), or visit our website (ekklesiabellingham.com) for more info!

Students

Youth Church MIDDLE SCHOOL

Every Sunday Morning

11:15 AM-12:30 PM in the Meeting Place
Doors open at 10:30 for Hangout Time

Every Sunday, student ministries hosts their very own middle school gathering! Come join us for worship, diving into scripture, and fun!

Follow us on **Facebook**, **Instagram** (@ctkunited) or contact Chandler (chandlerc@ctk.church) for more info.

High School Houses

Every Sunday Evening

6:30-8:00 PM

United High School Houses are a place where students can belong and enjoy time with friends and leaders. Every week students share a meal together and have conversations about life and the Bible. Come join us any Sunday night at the house nearest you.

For house locations, contact Chandler Corzine (chandlerc@ctk.church).

Middle School Midweek

Every Tuesday Evening

6:30-8:00 PM in the Meeting Place

Middle School Midweek is a gathering where students not only get the opportunity to have a great time with their friends and leaders, but also have a chance to talk about life and the Bible. Every Tuesday evening, students can enjoy a crazy program, ask questions that are important to them, go deeper in their understanding of who God is, and share life together in small groups.

Follow us on **Facebook**, **Instagram** (@ctkunited) or contact Chandler (chandlerc@ctk.church) for more info.

September One Night

Sunday, September 30

6:00-8:00 PM at CTK Ferndale

Every month, United One Night brings together middle and high school students from CTKs around the county as one family to celebrate what God is doing in and through us. September One Night will be special as we take time to hear about what God started at Go Camp 2018 and what we look forward to him doing in the school year to come. There'll be tons of free food and space for all your friends... hope to see you there!

CTK Ferndale is located at 5627 3rd Ave. Follow us on **Facebook**, **Instagram** (@ctkunited) or contact Chandler (chandlerc@ctk.church) for more info.



ONE NIGHT
MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

A MOVEMENT OF STUDENTS COMING TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE WORK OF GOD IN AND THROUGH STUDENTS IN WHATCOM COUNTY

October One Night

Sunday, October 28

6:00-8:00 PM at CTK North Bay

Every month, United One Night brings together middle and high school students from CTKs around the county as one family to celebrate what God is doing in and through us. October One Night will also be the official launch of our food and toy drive running through the month of November. There'll be tons of free food and space for all your friends... see you there!

CTK North Bay is located at 4895 Birch Bay-Lynden Rd. Follow us on **Facebook**, **Instagram** (@ctkunited) or contact Chandler (chandlerc@ctk.church).

Costume Skate Party

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 30

5:30-8:30 PM at Lynden Skateway | \$5

Join CTK United the 5th Tuesday of October at Lynden Skateway for a Halloween costume skate party for middle schoolers. Invite all your friends and dress your best for our costume contest! Cost is just \$5 including basic skate rental. Meet at CTK Bellingham at 5:30 to drive up to Lynden.

Follow us on **Facebook**, **Instagram** (@ctkunited) or contact Chandler (chandlerc@ctk.church) for more info.

November One Night

Sunday, November 25

6:00-8:00 PM in the Meeting Place

Every month United gathers as a family to celebrate what God is doing in and through the lives of the students of Whatcom County. For November One Night we'll be collecting all the toys and canned food items donated during our United Canned Food and Toy Drive. We'll also have tons of free food and space for all your friends... hope to see you there!

Follow us on **Facebook**, **Instagram** (@ctkunited) or contact Chandler (chandlerc@ctk.church) for more info.

United New Year's Eve Party

Monday, December 31

9:30 PM-12:30 AM in Base Camp

Ring in the New Year at CTK Bellingham with middle & high school students from across Whatcom County! We'll have a wild night to start off the new year with a bang! Come ready to party and throw down with all your friends and leaders.

Follow us on **Facebook**, **Instagram** (@ctkunited) or contact Chandler (chandlerc@ctk.church) for more info.

Kids

Volunteer with CTK Kids

“**FOLLOW ME**” is an invitation God offers people throughout scripture. Jesus called his disciples that same way. It’s a call to an adventurous journey.

Every week, the CTK Kids team gets to extend the invitation to this great adventure to kids of all ages – often for the first time. We would love for you to become part of the team that helps kids get started on the greatest adventure of their lives - a journey with Jesus!

Stop by Check-in (near the front doors) to chat with a Kid’s Team member and pick up a volunteer application or contact Jenai Kirkpatrick (bh.kidsadmin@ctk.church).



Infants and Toddlers 0-23 MONTHS

During All Weekend Services

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 are in the adult service. This is their first experience in God’s house so we focus on the love and joy of Jesus for these youngsters.

For more info, contact Sonya (360-733-1337 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. 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!

For info, contact Sonya (360-733-1337 x273 or sonyab@ctk.church).

1st-3rd Grade BASE CAMP

During All Weekend Services

Every adventurer needs a base to venture out from, and that’s what Base Camp provides for 1st-3rd graders. As this age group launches out on new adventures, they are learning to be open to God, discovering their ability to care and pray for others, building friendships and exploring God’s Big Story. They’ll discover that following Jesus is the best adventure in life.

For more info, contact Bren (360-733-1337 x264 or brenw@ctk.church).

4th-5th Grade THE LOOKOUT

During All Weekend Services

Life comes at us quickly, which means there are 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 their role in God’s Big Story.

For info, contact Bren (360-733-1337 x264 or brenw@ctk.church).

Lookout Fun Night

Friday, September 14

6:00-7:30 PM at CTK

4th & 5th Graders are invited to a wild and crazy time, of fun, meeting new friends, and enjoying life to the fullest. Don’t miss out — come discover what The Lookout is all about!

Need to sign up; just show up! Contact Bren Weatherby (brenw@ctk.church).

Campfire Training

Friday, September 21, 6:00-7:45 PM
or

Sunday, September 23, 12:45-2:30 PM
In Base Camp

If you serve in children’s ministry or want to explore what it’s all about, join us at one of these two identical training events. You’ll hear the mission and vision of CTK Kids and be equipped to follow the great commission in bringing the Good News of Jesus to kids. It’ll be an adventure!

Let us know you’re coming! Email Jenai Kirkpatrick (bh.kidsadmin@ctk.church).

PARENTS, DID YOU KNOW...

We offer free kid’s programs during our Monday evening classes (0-12) and Wednesday morning classes (0-5)?

If you are planning to attend a class at one of these times. We offer free kid’s programs for kids 5 and younger during both times and Compass for ages 6-12 on Monday Nights (see [page 7](#) for more details).

Pre-registration required by September 24 for Mondays and September 26 for Wednesdays. Registration will close as classes fill up. Register at ctk.church or contact Katrina (x221 or katrinaj@ctk.church).

Parents & Cookies

Sunday, September 30
12:30-1:15 PM in Base Camp

If have a child in 5th grader or younger who attends CTK weekend services, we invite you to join us after the 11:15 service for a brief gathering. Not only will you get to try some amazing cookies, you will meet the entire children's ministry team, connect with other parents, and hear about the exciting things going on in your child's room on during weekend services and along with the larger context of children's ministry at CTK.

Childcare will be provided during the meeting—please RSVP if you're bringing a child 2 years old or younger with you. Contact Jenai (360-733-1337 x246 or bh.kidsadmin@ctk.church).

Adventure Academy

This fall, we're excited to announce the launch of Adventure Academy — a collection of classes designed to equip kids to take the next steps in their adventure with Jesus. Whether it's understanding the Christian life, learning to play an instrument, lead worship, work a sound board, or interpret Bible passages, Adventure Academy will help prepare kids for the life God has called them to. Classes will be offered at various times throughout the year.

Learn more about Adventure Academy at CTK Kids' Parents & Cookies gathering on Sunday, September 30 (info on this page). Learn more or sign up to receive updates, contact Jenai Kirkpatrick (bh.kidsadmin@ctk.church).

Kid's Baptism Class

If your child would like to be baptized, see Baptism Class on page 13 for info.

Compass HELPING KIDS NAVIGATE LIFE

8 Mondays, October 1-November 19
6:30-8:15 PM in Room 215

We all face a wide variety of intense feelings and emotions, and how we identify and express them has a huge impact on the quality of our lives. Through fun activities, relevant teaching, and small group interaction, Compass gives kids ages 6-12 the opportunity to learn how to recognize big feelings like loss, grief, anger, or disappointment and process them in ways that are healthy and beneficial.

Because it's important to build an atmosphere of trust in our small groups and weekly teachings build on lessons from previous weeks, families must commit their child to attending at least 6 of the 8 sessions.

Free. Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Katrina (katrinaj@ctk.church or 360-733-1337 x221).

Couples

Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts

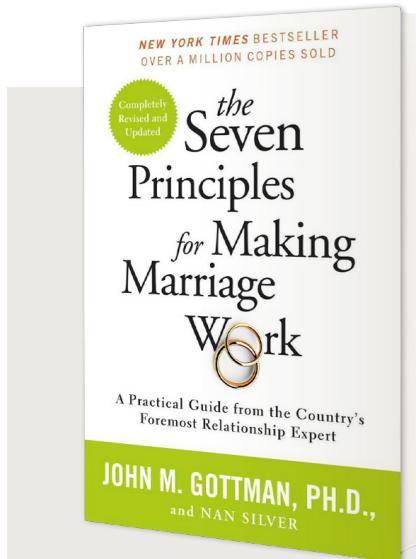
Launch Night: Tuesday, October 9
7:00-8:30 PM in Base Camp

Are you engaged or considering marriage? 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. You'll pair with a mentor couple who will meet with you 5 times. Mentor couples are not professionals but are carefully chosen and work under the leadership and coaching of a CTK pastor. \$50; register before October 5 so you have time to complete your assessment before mentoring begins. Register at ctk.church or contact Jayne (360-733-1337 x272 or jayned@ctk.church).

Recharge Your Marriage

Sunday, October 21
11:15 AM-12:15 PM in Room 215

No matter where we're at—dating for a season, engaged, or married for 50 years — our relationships all have potential to grow and improve. This 60-minute recharge is one part teaching/two parts practical. You'll come away with more clarity on some aspect of your relationship, and some tools to make it better. Free; no sign-up, just show up!



TWO DAYS COULD CHANGE YOUR MARRIAGE FOREVER.

7 Principles for Making Marriage Work

Friday, November 16, 6-9 PM AND
Saturday, November 17, 8:30 AM-1 PM in the Meeting Place

This 1-evening/1-morning 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.

Partial scholarships available. Contact Renee (360-733-1337 x242 or reneeb@ctk.church) for an application.

\$75/couple. Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Jayne (360-733-1337 x272 or jayned@ctk.church).

Families



Child Dedication

Devotion **S C W R**

2 Sundays, September 21 & 28

9:30-10:30 AM in Room 210

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 at CTK 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, Sunday, November 4; invite your friends and family to celebrate with you and pledge their support in your commitment to your child.

Free. Preregistration required at ctk.church/bellingham/childdedication.

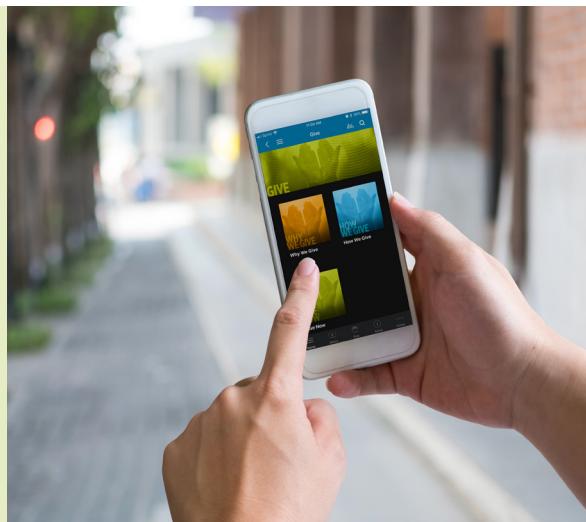
GIVE ON THE GO

Give on the go this fall with CTK's online giving on our website or on the CTK App! We know fall can be busy with back to school and fall sports, so we want to make it easy for you to give online while you're getting in to your fall routine.

Online giving is not only easy and convenient for you, but more of your gift goes to the ministry than with any other method of giving. It requires fewer staff hours and lower bank fees than cash or checks, making it the most efficient way for CTK to receive funds.

In addition to online giving, you can give by cash or check during services, by mail (Attn: Finance, 4173 Meridian St; Bellingham, WA 98226), using online bill pay through your financial institution, or with planned giving through stocks, real estate, retirement assets, and life insurance.

For more instructions on how to give, email victoriyak@ctk.church. Gifts can be dropped off at the church offices during business hours or give online at give.ctk.church/bellingham.



Impress [these commandments] on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

—DEUTERONOMY 6:7

Aaron Project Interest Meeting

Thursday, October 18

6:30-8:00 PM in the Meeting Place

The Aaron Project connects foster and adoptive families with local individuals, families or groups that are willing to serve in small ways to make a big difference. It's an awesome opportunity to serve as a family, group, or individual.

Those who have responded to the call to foster or adopt children have gone "all in" with their lives, and it's often a difficult journey. 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.

RSVP to 4theaaronproject@gmail.com.

Faith & Family JESUS ON THE GO

Integration **S C W R**

Wednesday, October 24

6:30-8:00 PM in Room 130

Life is busy. We mean to pray with our kids more and talk to them about Jesus more. But between school, homework, work, dinner, chores, activities, and...life, there just never seems to be time. And if there was time, what would we say?

Deuteronomy 6 coaches us that conversations about faith don't just happen at church; they can happen wherever we are. If you have kids of any age at home, join other parents from CTK to discover quick, simple ways to help your child grow in their faith — even while you're on the go.

Free. Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Jayne (360-733-1337 x272 or jayne@ctk.church).

Rebound Roots

8 Thursdays, October 11-December 6

6:00-8:00 PM in Base Camp

Dinner served 6:00-6:30 PM

Rebound's Roots programs are a safe, encouraging place for kids and parents facing difficult life challenges.

ROOTS PROGRAM FOR KIDS

In the kids program, age 3 years through 8th grade learn the necessary life skills to understand, discuss, and cope with life in healthy, positive ways.

ROOTS PROGRAM FOR PARENTS

Roots parenting 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; children 3 and older may participate in the Roots kids program.

To register, contact Rebound (360-714-0700 or info@reboundfamilies.org).

Be A Light In Your Neighborhood This Halloween

Host a Glow Station



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 (katrinaj@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 **#ctkglow18**

Women

Simple Moments for Single Moms

Sunday, September 23
12:30-2:30 PM in Room 215

As a single mom, 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 lunch and childcare so you can come have a little fun, connect with other single moms, and gain some tools for navigating life as a single parent. Invite other single moms to join you.

\$5. Lunch and **childcare for kids 12 and younger** provided with RSVP by Monday, September 17. Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Jayne (jayned@ctk.church or 360-733-1337 or x272).

He is Enough

Biblical Understanding SCWR

8 Mondays, October 1-November 19
6:15-8:15 PM in Room 216

In this study of Colossians, discover the life-altering importance of Jesus' sufficiency and sovereignty. And you don't need hours a day to enjoy this Bible Study. Each day's study contains two paths: Snack on the Go (a bite-size morsel of truth to chew on throughout your busy day) or Feast (a dig-deep guide to maximizing the "meat" you're getting out of your Bible study). Join other women for relationship, discussion, and an opportunity to explore God's word.

\$20. **Childcare/Compass** available, see page 6. Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Jayne (360-733-1337 x272 or jayned@ctk.church).

The Connection FOR SINGLE MOMS

8 Mondays, October 1-November 19
6:30-8:15 PM in Room 212

The Connection is a brand new way for single moms to connect with God, with each other, and with resources to help make the adventure of being a single parent just a little less overwhelming. Each week we'll take time to share life together, be encouraged, and walk away with practical help for the challenges life brings. Plan to attend all 8 weeks or just drop in when you can. **Childcare/Compass** available for those who plan to attend all 8 weeks (see page 6). Sorry, childcare not available for drop-in option.

Free. Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Jayne (360-733-1337 x272 or jayned@ctk.church).

We're called to always love,
but it isn't always easy

a special night for women
with author and speaker
Bob Goff

collide.
at Cornwall Church

Friday, November 2, 6:00-9:30 PM
Mingling and Mocktails 5:15-6:00 PM

Buy tickets at wecollide.net/events

COLLIDE AFTER-PARTY
9:30-11:00 PM at CTK Bellingham
Pop on over to CTK after Collide. We'd love to see you for fun, fancy mocktails, light refreshments, and a time to connect and keep the conversation going.
Contact Erin (ering@ctk.church).

Understanding Depression and Anxiety

Integration SCWR

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Become a Women's Mentor

Authenticity WR

Info Meeting: Sunday, October 14
11:15 AM-12:15 PM in Room 212

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 another woman deeper in her 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. No need to register, just show up!

Save the date

Missing Pieces

REAL HOPE WHEN LIFE DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

Authenticity SCWR

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10:00 AM–Noon in the Meeting Place

Does God care? Is he fair? Is he even there? Although you may know all the right answers, they don't always feel true. *Missing Pieces: Real Hope When Life Doesn't Make Sense* provides a personal Bible study experience combined with video and group discussion. God's ways don't always make human sense, but he is trustworthy. As we come close to him, he will reveal himself and fill in your missing pieces.

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Days for Girls

2nd & 4th Tuesdays (Oct. and Nov.)
6:30–8:30 PM in Room 216

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. We've found a way to help. In partnership with Days for Girls, CTK has a group of women who meet twice a month to sew and pack hygiene kits.

You can also donate supplies of thin washcloths, hotel size soap, Fruit of the Loom ladies underwear (sizes 12–16) and new fabric (100% cotton and double brushed flannel) at the reception desk. Visit ctk.church or contact Shannon (sam317@comcast.net) or Cindy (werfamily98@gmail.com) for details.

Collide PERSONAL + POWERFUL

Friday, February 1

5:00–9:30 PM at CTK Bellingham

We live in a world with profiles, passwords, identity fraud, Facebook stalking, selfies, swiping right and left, mass personalization, loneliness, and an ever-increasing sense of feeling unknown. Is God different? Does He truly see us?

Spend an evening discovering how God can be both ultimately powerful and intimately personal in a culture that is neither. Join us for an encouraging night of stories, speakers, artists, worship, dinner and more!

More info at wecollide.net/events.

Men

Men's Mentoring

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 aren't meant to navigate this road alone. If you're 19–40, we encourage you to consider being mentored.

BECOME A MENTOR

Are you a guy who's been walking with Jesus for awhile? 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.

Contact Stan (stanchron@hotmail.com or 360-739-2457).

The Book of James

FEATURING FRANCIS CHAN

Biblical Understanding SCWR

12 Sun., September 23–December 9
9:30–10:45 AM in Room 213

Francis Chan unpacks the dense truth contained in the book of James in front of the iconic backdrop of San Francisco, the city where he lives and ministers. In 12 sessions, Francis works through James verse-by-verse, challenging followers of Christ to move beyond a private, intellectual knowledge of God and His Word, to a vibrant faith that impacts every square inch of life. Video based lesson with table group discussions and prayer.

Free; register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Ron (733-1337 or ronw@ctk.church) for details.

Stand Firm

Authenticity SCW

13 Tues., September 25–December 18
6:30–8:30 PM in Room 215

Men, are you struggling with poor personal choices that are damaging your relationships and your life? If you're stuck in any addictive cycle, come join this class to gain the understanding, skills and support you need to find freedom. Stand Firm provides a safe, confidential experience that will help you understand the root causes of destructive behaviors, then help you find God's grace and strength to change and grow.

\$25; register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Dave Zollner (360-224-9009).

FREE MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 15 or November 10
8:30–10:15 AM in the Meeting Place

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.

Free; RSVP with Ron (ronw@ctk.church or 360-733-1337 x218).



Adults

Financial Peace University

Integration SCWR

9 Sun., September 23–November 18

11:00 AM–12:15 PM in Room 210

Since CTK began offering Financial Peace University, participants have eliminated more than \$1.2 million in debt combined, built savings of more than \$2 million, and dozens of marriages have been strengthened because couples get on the same page financially. Within the first 90 days, the average household saves \$2,300 and pays off \$5,700 of debt.

In this 9-session class, you'll gain budgeting insights, build a step-by-step financial plan, and enjoy an atmosphere that helps and celebrates progress. Join us for our next session to start your own journey toward financial peace!

\$109, register on the Dave Ramsey website (financialpeace.com/classes/1068734/registration).

Alpha AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIANITY

Authenticity SCWR

8 Mondays, October 1–November 19

6:00–8:15 PM in the Meeting Place

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 every question 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 their faith journey.

Coming straight from work? Join us at 6:30; we'll save dinner for you!

Free. **Childcare/Compass** available, see [page 6](#). Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Brian (360-733-1337 x228 or brians@ctk.church).

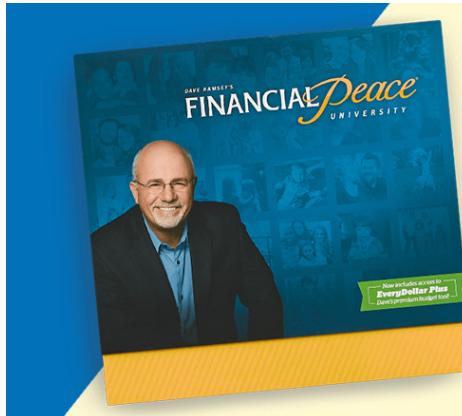
Seniors Lunch

2nd and 4th Thursday

10:30 AM–Noon in the Meeting Place

Seniors meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month for fun, fellowship and to enjoy lunch together. Invite a friend (50+) and join us.

To find out more, contact Bev Johnson (360-733-8675). \$2 donation for lunch is appreciated.



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Authenticity SCWR

7 Mondays, October 1–November 12

6:30–8:15 PM in Room 215

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Grace to Grieve

Authenticity SCWR

8 Mondays, October 1–November 19

6:30–8:15 PM in Base Camp

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 insightful teaching, self-discovery and support as you learn practical ways to experience God's design for grieving and healing well.

\$25. **Childcare/Compass** available, see [page 6](#). Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Jayne (360-733-1337 x272 or jayne@ctk.church).

Never Worry About Money Again

Financial Peace University will help you take control of your money, plan for your future, and transform your life.

The Whatcom Dream

Integration SC

10 Mondays, October 1–December 3

6–8 PM at Roosevelt Comm. Center

Have you given up any hope of ever getting out of debt, feeling financially secure, or owning a home? The Whatcom Dream Financial Literacy Class gives you the tools and encouragement to achieve financial stability and realize the dreams you have for your future.

The class provides:

- An understanding of basic budgeting
- A personalized spending template and plan
- An understanding of banking and identity theft
- A debt elimination plan
- An understanding of how to repair and sustain good credit
- Overview of home ownership programs available in Whatcom County

Roosevelt Community Center is located at 2303 Moore St in Bellingham.

\$60 per person; scholarships available. Register and find out more at thewhatcomdream.org.

Scholarships

We never want money to stand in the way of your learning and spiritual growth. Scholarships are available to cover registration and fees for many of our classes and workshops.

Contact Jayne (360-733-1337 x272 or jayne@ctk.church).

A True Life of Worship

Biblical Understanding SCW

7 Sundays, October 7–November 18
9:30–10:30 AM in Room 212

Learn a simple method that helps you study the Bible on your own in this hour-long, weekly Bible Study with no homework.

This quarter, join us as we dive into scripture and discover how to live a true life of worship. We were made to worship. But worship is more than just singing songs in a weekend service. What does the Bible say about true worship? It says to worship God alone, and to worship him and Spirit and in truth, but how do we do that? Come and find out and in the process learn the inductive Bible Study method which will help glean more out of any passage of scripture.

\$15. Register at ctk.church, the Connection Point, or contact Jayne (x272 or jayne@ctk.church).

Baptism Class

Devotion SCWR

Saturday, October 20, 7:15–8:15 PM or Sunday, October 21, 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 October 27/28. To be included, come to one of our baptism classes after services on October 20/21. We look forward to hearing your story and explaining what baptism is all about. 1st-5th grade kids meet with their parents in Base Camp; teens and adults meet upstairs in Room 212.

For more info, visit the Connection Point or contact Brian (brians@ctk.church or x228). Kids 12 and under register with Charles (charlesm@ctk.church or x270).

Sports & Rec

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Hey volleyball players — are you interested in playing co-ed volleyball this fall? League starts Tuesday night, October 2 and goes till Tuesday, November 20. All games are played at the Lynden YMCA. Cost to play is \$30 per person (3 men, 3 women, age 18+).

Contact Ron Walton (360-733-1337 or ronw@ctk.church).

HIKING COMMUNITY

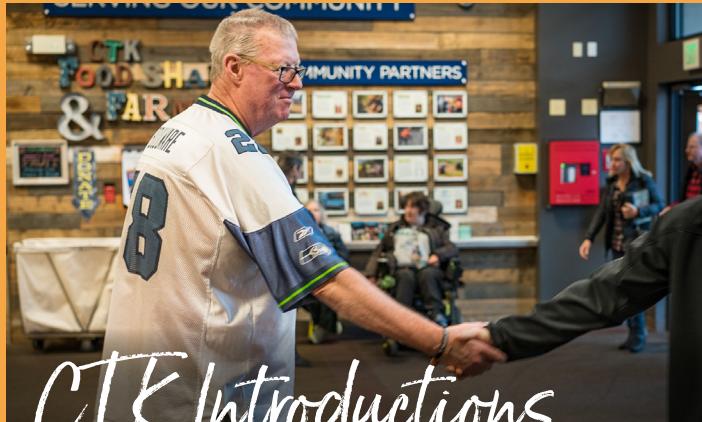
Do you want to experience the majesty of God's creation on trails throughout Whatcom and Skagit counties? Beginner to experienced — all skill levels are welcome. Join us and let's take advantage of living in one of the most beautiful places on earth! Open to age 18+. Find CTK Hiking Community on Facebook. To join the Hiking Community email list, email amy.hoover88@gmail.com.

Get Connected This Fall!



Before and After Services September 15 & 16

Looking for a place to learn, grow, serve or make new friendships? That's what Connect Weekend is for! On September 15 & 16, 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.



Sunday, September 16

9:30–10:15 AM 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 meet you and help you find a place to connect, grow, or serve at CTK.

No need to sign up, just show up!

Community Partners

One of the first reasons we've chosen our twelve community partners is that each organization cares deeply about something God cares about. Our partners compassionately and effectively serve people whose needs are often overlooked or underserved in our community.

In a congregation our size, we believe there are people who share the same passions and concerns as our partners. If God is nudging you to consider a career of service, we want you to know that several of our partners are hiring.

- Cascade Connections: **FT and PT residential caregivers and vocational support staff**
- Lighthouse Mission: **PT Weekend Graveyard Shelter Supervisor**
- Boys & Girls Club: **Eight open positions**
- DVSAS: **Behavioral Health Program Coordinator**
- Kids in Motion: **Physical Therapist and Patient Care Coordinator**

More info available at the Reception.

Help us Tell the Story of Serving

When you hear people talk about the personal impact of serving others, you can expect certain phrases to come up often. *I got so much more out of it than I gave. I thought I was blessing them, but I feel so blessed myself! Serving is its own reward.*

These responses could seem cliché if they weren't so true! As more CTK'ers and small groups are stepping out to serve our partners, we want to pave the way for many more to follow. We think sharing stories is the best way to reveal that what may seem menial or burdensome is actually appealing — even life-changing.

DO YOU HAVE A SERVING STORY TO SHARE?

If you participated in one of our service projects this summer, if your group went out to Pick-n-Picnic, if you have served one of our community partners in some way and it left an impression on you, we'd love to hear and share that story with others.

Email wendyp@ctk.church.



Samaritan's List volunteers building a shed at the CTK Farm

Samaritan's Skill Survey

Our ability to say yes to our partners and to meet needs in our own church grows with every new person who steps forward and offers their particular skill set.

Tell us how you can make a difference... take the Samaritan's List survey at ctkserves.org/samaritan.

Care Ministries

Carry each others burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. —GALATIANS 6:2

Galatians 6:2 tells us to carry each others burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. What better way to be a neighbor then to come alongside someone during a difficult time. Likewise, we need to allow our neighbors to help us when our life gets challenging. CTK Care Ministries has many opportunities for you to be cared for — and care for others.

Prayer Requests

The CTK Prayer Team is here to join you in praying for the concerns of your heart, whether your request is for yourself, a relative, or a friend.

Fill out a Prayer Request Form at the Connection Point or reception desk anytime the church is open or online at ctk.church/bellingham/care.

Prayer Shawls

Sometimes a practical and tangible item is the best way to let someone know you care. A prayer shawl might be just right. Each time it is draped across a lap or over shoulders it reminds the recipient that people care and are praying for them.

If you would like to have one delivered, contact Judy (dflijpl@gmail.com).

Hugs in the Mail

There are times when a few words of encouragement are just what our soul needs. If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving a card in the mail please let us know by submitting a request at the Connection Point or reception desk.

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve from home, sending these cards is a great way to be involved. Contact Marina (gomdysm2@gmail.com).



Prayer Shawl Ministry

1st and 3rd Thursdays, starting in Oct. 10 AM—Noon In the Mother's Room

If you enjoy needle arts, conversation and sharing, come and join us as we knit and/or crochet prayer shawls. These small blankets have been blessing individuals in our congregation as they experience a difficult time in their life.

If you'd like to donate yarn, bring it in a bag marked "Prayer Shawls" and leave it at reception anytime you're at CTK. Contact Judy (dflijpl@gmail.com).

Food Share and Farm

A year of growth at the Food Share and Farm...

1 HARVEST VOLUNTEERS

17 small groups came out for Pick-n-Picnic to work in the fields for a total of 350 extra hours of help! We couldn't have harvested over 17 tons of produce this summer without their support!

Over the past year, the CTK Food Share and Farm grew a lot! Not just in pounds produced or in donations of Food Share items, but also in the infrastructure needed for sustained development.



2 DRIVER & PREP TEAMS

We expanded our driver and prep teams. Without their dedicated hours, the food we grew wouldn't get to the people it was intended for in the form they could use. From freezing berries to chopping vegetables, this group served faithfully!



3 FIELD HOSTS

For the first time, we had a team of trained hosts who welcomed Pick-n-Picnic groups, 14 field trip groups including Rebound, Lydia Place, Boys & Girls Club, Visions, and CTK Kid's Ministry for their Farmingham event.



4 NEW TEST FIELD

We tilled and planted a test crop in the "third field." As that land is developed and worked, it will allow our yield to increase as our volunteer base grows.



5 FALL AND WINTER OPPORTUNITIES

God is expanding the reach of his blessing as we each play a part in sharing food with those who need it most. We are so thankful for each one who played a part this year—including every person who donated the item of the month at the bin in the Commons. We've already delivered 2,340 grocery items to local food banks so far this year! It takes a village, and we are committed to making sure that no neighbor in Whatcom County goes hungry.

Hunger doesn't take a break over the winter.
In fact, as heating costs rise, more families need help with groceries. Please think about how many items of the month your family could bring this fall and winter. One a week? 10 a month?

Food Share Item of the Month



September
CEREAL



October
CANNED
VEGGIES



November
TUNA
PACKETS



December
PASTA AND
SAUCE

Drop off donations off at the bin in the Commons.

Connect

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.

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 [4173 Meridian St
Bellingham, WA 98226](#)

The songs we sing— anytime, anywhere.



Find a CTK

CTK Locations

CTK is a multi-site church—one church 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 six 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 PM
Sundays, 9:30 and 11:15 AM
4173 Meridian St

DOWNTOWN

Sundays
9 and 11 AM
1419 N Forest,
Bellingham

BLAINE

Coming Soon!

NORTH BAY

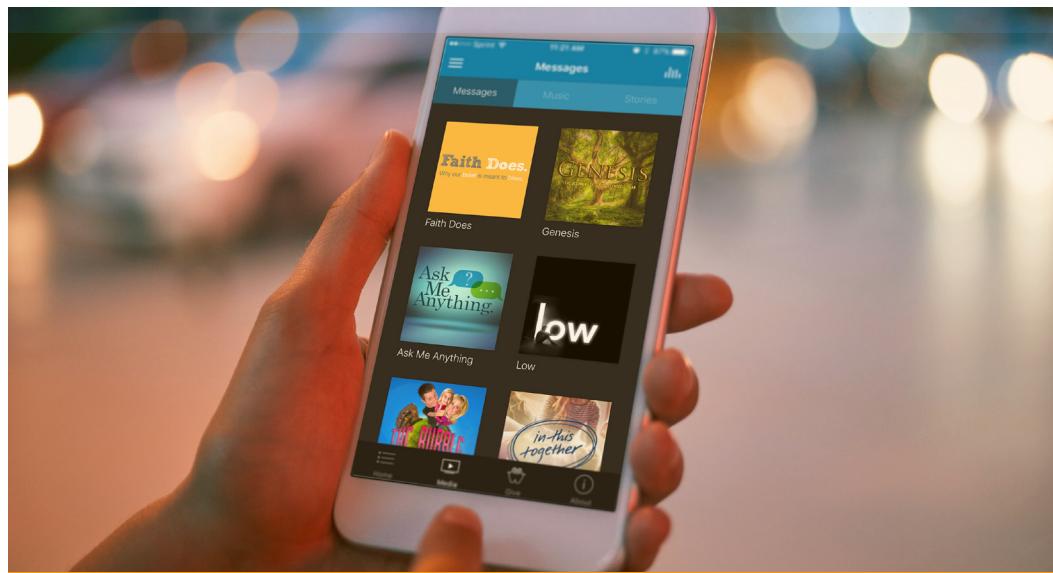
Sundays
9:30 and 11 AM
4895 Birch Bay
Lynden Rd

FERNDALE

Sundays
9:30 and 11 AM
5627 3rd Ave

SUDDEN VALLEY

Sundays, 10 AM
8 Barn View Ct



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