

Life Tracks

MEMBERSHIP Becoming Part of the Family of NCCTK

*And we are members of his body.
Ephesians 5:30*

*This makes for harmony among the members,
so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers,
all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.
1 Corinthians 12:25-26*



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Christ the King

one church. many locations.

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OUR HISTORY

In 1988 a group of 54 adults invited Steve Mason to become their pastor. They had started a new church in 1981. After seven years the church had fallen on hard times. They were deeply in debt and attendance was in decline. Steve agreed to come on the basis that the church would go in a new direction and be willing to focus on three important areas.

- The church would be devoted to worshipping God.
- The church would be dedicated to the mission of reaching people who did not know Christ as their savior.
- The church would be determined to obey the “one-another” commands of scripture through the ministry of small groups.

The name of the church was changed to Christ the King.

In July of 2000, Christ the King in Bellingham was rapidly out-growing its new facility and in order to make room for more Pastor Kim Ryan was asked to start a new Christ the King in Lynden. With the courageous help of 68 volunteers we held our first service at the Lynden Christian Chapel and 404 people showed up. Shortly after that we moved into our ever expanding facility at the Fairway Center. God kept bringing more and more people and each time we asked for more space He has filled it. We now have three campuses in three locations giving away the love of Christ. We are one church in multiple locations including a campus in Everson/ Nooksack /Sumas area and one in the Kendall/ Maple Falls area. In these last few years our weekly attendance has grown to nearly 2000 people and we are witnessing lives transformed by the power of faith in Jesus Christ. We are constantly making room for more so everyone can know the love of God in Christ Jesus. Our prayer is that God would continue to draw people to Himself and to be a part of His family at NCCTK.



OUR VISION

Three phrases describe the kind of church we are seeking to become at North County Christ the King:

LIFE-GIVING

We are seeking to build together a church that gives away the love and life of Jesus Christ to one another and to those who do not know Him. We want to be a church that reflects His personality, lives out His priorities and cares as passionately as He does for people.

The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it. (John 1:4-5 NLT)

He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son. (John 1:11-14 NLT)

“For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3:16-17 NLT)

The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life. “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep. (John 10:10-11 NLT)

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?” (John 11:25-26 NLT)

And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. (John 17:3 NLT)

Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?” They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?” “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.” (John 8:1-11 NLT)

Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.” (Matthew 9:35-38 NLT)

MISSION-FULFILLING

All Christ the King churches share a commitment to the following mission:

“To create an authentic Christian community that effectively reaches out to unchurched people in love, acceptance, and forgiveness so that they may experience the joy of salvation and a purposeful life of discipleship.”

We have simplified this mission statement into 9 words:

Transforming Real People into Real Followers of Jesus Christ

Our mission is to cooperate with the Holy Spirit in His transformation of real people with all their past, problems, pain and potential into real followers of Jesus Christ.

And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. (2 Corinthians 3:18b NLT)

So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. That’s why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ’s mighty power that works within me. (Colossians 1:28-29 NLT)

7 CHARACTERISTICS OF A TRANSFORMED DISCIPLE

Loving

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. (John 13:34 NLT)

Obedient

So you must live as God’s obedient children. Don’t slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn’t know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. (1 Peter 1:14-15 NLT)

Faithful

“The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’ (Matthew 25:23 NLT)

Servant Attitude

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, (Philippians 2:5-7 NLT)

Secure

The Lord is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble? When evil people come to devour me, when my enemies and foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Though a mighty army surrounds me, my heart will not be afraid. Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident. (Psalm 27:1-3 NLT)

Truthful

So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. (Ephesians 4:25 NLT)

Bold

After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:31 NLT)

PURPOSE-DRIVEN

At NCCTK we believe that the three most important purposes of life are clearly given to us by Jesus in the Great Commandments and the Great Commission.

Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself. 'The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.'" (Matthew 22:37-40 NLT)

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20 NLT)

The three great life purposes are:

1. **LOVE Christ with all we are**
2. **LOVE one another as Christ loves us**
3. **LOVE and lead lost people to Christ**

We believe also that the Great Commandments and Great Commission call us to build together a church devoted to five biblical purposes. Doing these five purposes causes us to be a healthy church that can reproduce other healthy churches locally and globally:

1. **Worship** - Love the Lord with all your heart
2. **Evangelism** - Love your neighbor as yourself
3. **Discipleship** - Go and make disciples
4. **Fellowship** - Baptizing them (identification with Christ's body)
5. **Ministry** - Teaching them to obey

Churches grow warmer through fellowship
Churches grow deeper through discipleship
Churches grow stronger through worship
Churches grow broader through ministry
Churches grow larger through evangelism

These five biblical purposes shape how we do church:

1. **Inspiring worship services** that feed believers and connect powerfully to an unsaved person who attends.
2. **Empowering leadership** aimed at training believers for their unique ministry and doing God's work effectively as a united team.
3. **Gift oriented ministry** where believers learn who they are in Christ and what their divine design is.
4. **Passionate spirituality** where we love God back with all we are and all we have because of all he has done for us.
5. **Functional structures** that accomplish His will with unity and quickness for His glory.
6. **Holistic small groups** where we fulfill the "one another" commands of scripture and love one another like Christ loves us.
7. **Need oriented evangelism** where we reach out to our community and the world connecting Christ and His love to their greatest needs.
8. **Loving relationships** in everything we do knowing that is how people will really know we belong to Christ.

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. (John 13:34-35 NLT)

The key to developing and maintaining a healthy church is dependence on the Holy Spirit and building under His direction and guidance. He knows what people need, how to reach people, how to connect people to meaningful ministry and how to help us worship God in spirit and truth. He is the one who fills us with love for God and one another and gives us the boldness to share Christ.

*So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.
(Ephesians 5:15-21 NLT)*

7 VALUES OF OUR TRANSFORMATION COMMUNITY

- 1. TREASURE:** We believe every person is a masterpiece made by Christ for a unique purpose and should be treated with the love and respect Christ demonstrated to all people.
For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago. (Ephesians 2:10)
- 2. TRANSPARENCY:** We believe Christ accepts us unconditionally and frees us to be authentic and real in our relationships with Him and others.
But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:7)
- 3. TRUTH:** We believe in the absolute truth found in Jesus Christ alone and we seek to live and share the liberating truth He taught. He has the truth that sets people and nations free!
Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (John 8:32)
- 4. TRUST:** We believe that Christ and His Word are completely trustworthy and the sole guide for our faith. Believing in Him and His Word fills our lives with security and confidence.
For the word of the Lord holds true, and we can trust everything He does. (Psalm 33:4)
- 5. TEAMWORK:** We believe the body of Christ is Christ's dynamic team on earth where each person is uniquely gifted and called to serve in love and unity to fulfill the Great Commission.
...make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. (Philippians 2:2)
- 6. TRAINING:** We believe we are called to train and equip the people God leads to NCCTK for loving relationships and meaningful ministry so both are characterized with the excellence Christ deserves.
...for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12)
- 7. TRIUMPH:** We believe Christ saved us to live as victors through His grace not as victims of our past or our current problems.
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me! (Philippians 4:13)

7 TRANSFORMATIONAL HABITS OF A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST

1) Seeking God in prayer

Prayer was a lifeline for Jesus! His life on earth was filled with pressure, pain, peoples' problems and Satan's attacks, but He had a lifeline with His Father from which He drew strength and hope.

That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. The whole town gathered at the door to watch. So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons. But because the demons knew who he was, he did not allow them to speak. Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. (Mark 1:32-35 NLT)

So can we! Each of us can have a lifeline with our Heavenly Father through learning to pray as Jesus taught us. Jesus never wanted prayer to be a meaningless activity but a life-giving exchange between ourselves and a God who loves us and is for us. Learning how to seek God in prayer is one of the most transforming life habits a person can develop.

Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. (Matthew 6:9-13 NLT)

... my Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations. (Isaiah 56:7b NLT)

2) Studying God's Word for growth

God loves to speak to our hearts and nothing enflames our hearts more than hearing God speak to us. How does God speak to us most consistently? He speaks through His Spirit through His Word. That's why you can't experience transformation apart from studying God's Word. God's Word is authored by Him and it has so many life changing applications to our life. At NCCTK we love God's Word and believe you can't grow without knowing God through it. We study God's Word at our worship services, small groups and encourage individual study.

The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The commandments of the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are clear, giving insight for living. Reverence for the Lord is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the Lord are true; each one is fair. They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb. They are a warning to your servant, a great reward for those who obey them. (Psalm 19:7-11 NLT)

3) Serving God and others in your unique SHAPE

At NCCTK we believe every person was created to serve God in a meaningful and deeply fulfilling way. In fact we believe each person is a masterpiece of God's workmanship created for good works.

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. (Ephesians 2:10 NLT)

Our goal is to help you discover and use your SHAPE for significant ministry. So what is SHAPE?

- S** - your spiritual gifts
- H** - your heart passion
- A** - your God given abilities
- P** - your unique personality
- E** - your life experiences



Wouldn't you love to discover and do the good works you were created for in Christ Jesus? You can by attending our Life Tracks Ministry/SHAPE Class. Nothing feeds a person more than accomplishing the works they were created for in Christ Jesus.

Then Jesus explained: "My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work. (John 4:34 NLT)

4) Stewarding your resources as a trust from God

Part of being transformed is learning how to use the resources that God entrusts to you for His purposes. When a person believes in Christ as their Savior everything they own transfers in ownership from themselves to Christ. He becomes the owner and we are called to be faithful managers for Him.

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NLT)

"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. (Matthew 6:19-21 NLT)

"Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! "But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' "You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test! Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. "Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. (Malachi 3:8-12 NLT)

At NCCTK we encourage people to transfer ownership of all their resources to God and then follow His Word in its instruction about how to use His money for His purposes. We encourage people to tithe the first ten percent of their resources to the local church because we believe that is what the Scriptures teach.

5) Supporting other believers through sharing in a Small Group

Transformation is a process but it is a process that God never intended for us to do alone. In fact, the Bible teaches that the two greatest commandments are about relationships.

Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."
(Mark 12:29-31 NLT)

Loving God and loving one another are at the core of what we do at NCCTK. We love each other in real relationships by caring and supporting one another in small groups. That's how the early church did it and that's how we do it also.

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47 NLT)

We know that people come to our church needing and wanting different things and having different interests. But everyone who comes wants and needs meaningful relationships. That's why we have developed the 4 types of small groups described below.

LOVING GROUPS: Groups that build loving, lasting friendships where group members give and receive the care that each person needs to grow in Christ, and that reach out in love to others.

INVOLVEMENT GROUPS: Groups that build friendships as group members are involved in ministry in our church, our community and our global outreach.

FOCUS GROUPS: Groups that focus their transformation on areas they feel a need to grow in, while building friendships with others doing the same thing.

ENJOY GROUPS: Groups that build relationships with both believers and unbelievers as they enjoy participating in a shared interest together.

6) Sharing your “faith story” in Christ with others

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8 NLT)

Every person has a story to tell! Every believer in Christ also has a story to tell. It has three parts:

1. What your life was like before you knew Christ
2. When you received Christ and how
3. How Christ has changed your life

Sharing our story with others is one of the greatest ways the good news of Jesus Christ is spread everywhere. It’s how we fulfill our calling to be witnesses for Him. That’s why at NCCTK we encourage everyone to think through their story and look to God to give you divine opportunities to share it with others.

So for the second time they called in the man who had been blind and told him, “God should get the glory for this, because we know this man Jesus is a sinner.” “I don’t know whether he is a sinner,” the man replied. “But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!” (John 9:24-25 NLT)

But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light. “Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God’s people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God’s mercy.” (1 Peter 2:9-10 NLT)

7) Sending people or being sent themselves to the nations for Christ.

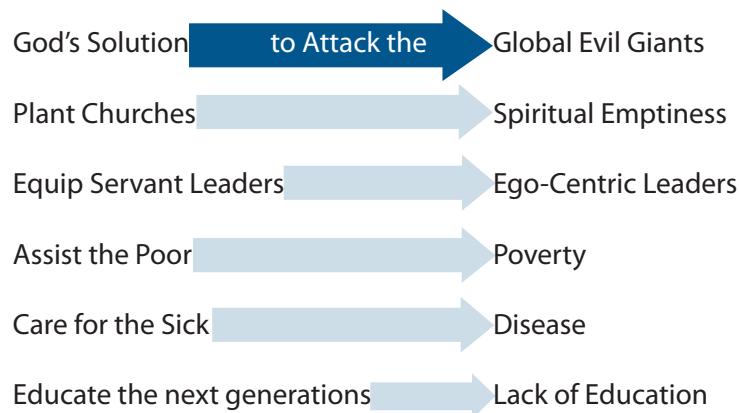
God loves the world and all the people in it. God has a global heart and because we love God we love what and who He loves. It's also clear from His word that He doesn't want any to perish anywhere.

*This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.
(1 Timothy 2:3-4 NLT)*

The first 10% of all our church finances goes into supporting and sending people for local and global missions. God cares about the poor. God cares about the orphans. God cares about the Jews. God cares about the lost. God cares about the oppressed. God cares about the unborn. So do we. We have found our lives transformed by going to and supporting what and who God cares about. We use that mission money to implement the PEACE Plan both locally and in these 7 strategic nations:

- China
- India
- Canada
- Haiti
- Macedonia
- Germany
- Middle East

God's Solutions for Global Evil Giants



Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20 NLT)

We have also developed the Dream Realization School to train believers for the unique mission God has for their lives. As they study God's word, they also learn great skills like teaching, counseling, and team building so they can touch the world for Christ.

The 7 critical areas of Dream Realization School training are:

1. Deepen your Abba Father relationship (John 5:19-20)
2. Solidify Your Identity in Christ (Matthew 16:15-18)
3. Grow in Christ-like character (2 Peter 1:5-8)
4. Increase your biblical understanding (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
5. Develop Spirit-filled ministry skills (Colossians 1:28-29)
6. Teach you how to work in teams (Colossians 4:7-9)
7. Clarify your unique calling (Acts 13:1-2)

ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

Evangelism Support

Habitat for Humanity
Praise 106.5 FM
Whatcom Pregnancy Center
Young Life
Servants Heart
Toy's for God's Kids

Missions Support

Jennifer Brim - YWAM Colorado Springs

Frontier Missions Support

Co Link - YWAM - Indore India
Mark & Dawn Marsucci - YWAM - SBS

Focused Frontier Missions Support

Alex Halsey - India Missionary
Campus Crusade - David Hock Tey
Campus Crusade - Moses Tey
Global Hope
Jan Schelegal
Starfish Ministries
YWAM Hernhut
YWAM Strategic Frontiers/Jen Brim
Church Planting Canada
Dan Smythe - GTN
Amber Elke - YWAM Germany
Josh Elke - YWAM Germany
SLAVE VELESANOV (Macedonia)
Ryan Smith (Macedonia)

India Project

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BAPTISM PART OF YOUR TRANSFORMATION PROCESS

The Importance of Being Baptized

The Bible is very clear in its teachings that all Christians are expected to be baptized in water. It is equally clear that men can become saved as Christians before receiving water baptism. The key to understanding baptism is that it should not be considered as an optional extra for the Christian. It is a command that Christians are expected to obey. However it is not obedience to this command that saves us, but believing in Christ. See the story of the Cornelius household:

He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name." Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter asked, "Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?" So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterward Cornelius asked him to stay with them for several days. (Acts 10:43-48 NLT)

Baptism is an outward expression of my inward faith in Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior.

Who Should Be Baptized?

Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. (Acts 2:41 NLT)

But now the people believed Philip's message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized. (Acts 8:12 NLT)

Then Simon himself believed and was baptized. He began following Philip wherever he went, and he was amazed by the signs and great miracles Philip performed. (Acts 8:12 NLT)

Every person who has believed in Christ.

Why Should I be Baptized?

"I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:19-20 NLT)

1. Because Jesus commanded it and expects it.

And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. (1 John 2:3 NLT)

"If you love me, obey my commandments. (John 14:15 NLT)

2. Out of obedience to and love for Jesus.

One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. (Mark 1:9 NLT)

3. It's a seal or sign of God's covenant promise with us.

What is the Meaning of Baptism?

For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. (Romans 6:4 NLT)

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT)

1. It illustrates my life as a Christian. It illustrates a washing away of my sins

What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord.' (Acts 22:16 NLT)

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. (Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT)

Baptism doesn't make you a believer - it shows you already believe.

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4 NLT)

For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. (Colossians 2:12 NLT)

Why be Baptized by Immersion?

a. It best symbolizes a death burial and resurrection.

b. The Greek word "baptizo" means to immerse or dip under water. (note: when the Bible was translated into English, "baptizo" was not translated but transliterated to the word "baptism".)

After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. (Matthew 3:16 NLT)

At this time John the Baptist was baptizing at Aenon, near Salim, because there was plenty of water there; and people kept coming to him for baptism. (John 3:23 NLT)

1. Because Jesus was baptized that way.

He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. (Acts 8:38-39 NLT)

2. Every baptism in the Bible was by immersion.

STATEMENT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE

1. The Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, to be the Inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and the Divine and final authority for Christian faith and life.
2. In one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. That Jesus Christ is true God and true man having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Furthermore, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He is now our High Priest and Advocate.
4. That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify God, the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service.
5. That man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is, therefore, lost and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.
6. That the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and, thus, become children of God.
7. That water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as a means of salvation.
8. That the true Church is composed of all such persons who, through saving faith in Jesus Christ, have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the Body of Christ, of which He is the Head.
9. That only those who are, thus, members of the Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church.
10. That Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church and that every local church has the responsibility, under Christ, to decide and govern its own affairs.
11. In the personal coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.
12. In the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord; of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious separation from God.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT

North County Christ the King Community Church is a non-denominational church. We have a congregational form of government. To participate, a person must become a member.

At the annual meeting, the members elect the people who serve on the Church Council. The Church Council directs the affairs of the church in accordance with the agreed upon Articles of Incorporation as a non-profit organization in the State of Washington. The Lead Pastor is elected by the membership and serves for a term that is determined at the time of election. The Lead Pastor is charged to create the vision for the church and directing the implementation of that vision. The Lead Pastor is responsible for the hiring of the church staff and for creating the budget to fulfill the mission God has for North County Christ the King.

People are nominated for the Church Council by a nominating committee. This is not a political election, but a process of identifying godly men and women who serve biblically and responsibly. Any member can suggest someone to serve on the Council. The nomination committee will give each member's suggestion consideration.

The Church Council meets ten times during each year. A term of service is for two years. The term limit for council members is three consecutive terms. We have three teams on our council:

- Pastoral/Staff Care
- Missions
- Building and Development

NCCTK Pastors

[Kim Ryan](#) - Lead Pastor

[Kurt Langstraat](#) - Associate Pastor

[Todd Rawls](#) - Executive Pastor & Campus Pastor Everson/Nooksack

[Steve Scroggins](#) - Prayer and Care Ministry

[Dean King](#) - Community Pastor

[Justin Bailey](#) - Pastor of Students

[Steve Watt](#) - Campus Pastor Kendall, Small Groups Director

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Faith Commitment

I offer myself to be used by God to show His love to friends, family and neighbors who are not yet following Jesus. I will ask God to guide me as I support the mission of my church and demonstrate Christian character in my conduct and relationships. I will seek to discover my spiritual gifts and use them as God leads me to contribute to the ministry of my church. I will support the mission of my church financially in accordance with God's Word. I give the Pastoral leadership of North County Christ the King Community Church permission to correct my behavior and counsel me accordingly if clear scriptural principles are being violated. I understand that the Elders may revoke my membership if I choose not to comply with clearly explained and widely understood steps of correction.

My church commits to train me to do ministry in an area that is of interest to me. My church will provide good coaching and support for me as I carry out the ministry I am involved in. My church will provide meaningful ministry to support my family and address issues of personal spiritual growth in my own life. My church commits to be a place of prayer where Biblical principles are applied to life and relationships and where the non-churched person is received in love, acceptance and forgiveness.

Name _____

Street Address _____

Mailing Address (if different than above) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Day) _____ Phone Evening) _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____

Please fill out both pages of this application. Thank you.

When did you receive Christ as your Savior?

What events led you to this decision?

How did your life change after you received Christ?

When were you baptized by immersion? (Approximate time frame)

Is there an area of ministry that you are interested in being involved in?

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return your completed Membership Application to Pastor Steve Scroggins at North County Christ the King during office hours. Alternatively, you may return your completed application to the Connection Center in the church Commons during service hours.