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# STEP ONE

STARTING POINT

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# WELCOME TO STARTING POINT

## OUR HOPE FOR YOU

We are honored you have chosen to find out more about Church of the King! Step One is designed to give you a basic introduction to our church family and to clearly explain who we are, what we believe and how you can find your place. We are glad that you are here, and we look forward to connecting with you and helping you continue to grow in your relationship with Jesus.

## HEARTBEAT OF CHURCH OF THE KING.

Our story began when God planted a desire in Pastor Steve and Jennifer's heart to help people come into a life-giving relationship with Him and grow into who He called them to be. Church of the King was born when Pastor Steve and Jennifer came to the Northshore in the fall of 1999 to be a part of fulfilling God's vision for the Gulf Coast Region.

From the beginning, We have focused on reaching out to those who do not know God intimately and helping them build their lives based on who God is. The life-giving message of the Gospel, the passion and joy of weekly services, the relationships developed within the church, and the simple style of Church of the King has continued to ***Reach People and Build Lives.***

Church of the King's story began with a single step of faith. Our prayer each day is that God would continue to use us for His glory and allow us the opportunity to see more lives changed through the power of Jesus Christ.

Our hope is that you will find Church of the King is a place where you can connect with God, find meaningful friendships, and discover your purpose. Our vision is ***Reaching People, Building Lives.***

### HOW WE FULFILL THE VISION

We have four main ways to connect and fulfill the vision of *Reaching People and Building Lives*.

#### 1) WEEKEND SERVICE

*Reaching People, Building Lives* for Christ is one of our greatest responsibilities. Our weekend services include people at all stages in their spiritual journey and are designed to reach the lost and feed believers.

- Regular participation in weekly services is an important part of spiritual growth.
- Weekend services are a great place to invite your family and friends so they can experience the love and life-changing presence of Jesus Christ.

Our services stream throughout the week on Facebook, YouTube, Church Online platform, and local TV stations.

Children's services (King's Kids), youth services (Limitless), and college and young adults services (The District) are all streaming as well.

Check out [ChurchoftheKing.com](http://ChurchoftheKing.com) for more information and service times.

#### 2) SMALL GROUPS

Because we believe real life-change happens through relationships, our vision is to be a church made up of small groups. In the Bible, we see that the New Testament Christians worshiped in the Temple and had personal ministries in their homes. A small group is an intentional gathering of people who connect to learn, pray, and build healthy friendships, with the purpose of growing closer to Jesus Christ.

*I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house.*

[Acts 20:20](#)

Check out [ChurchoftheKing.com/smallgroups](http://ChurchoftheKing.com/smallgroups) for more information.

#### 3) NEXT STEPS

Next Steps offers the information and experiences necessary to help you discover and develop your purpose. Our process is designed to help you grow in your walk with Jesus, connect with other believers through the church, discover your God-given gifts, and use those gifts to serve others.

Check out [ChurchoftheKing.com/nextsteps](http://ChurchoftheKing.com/nextsteps) for more information.

### **Church of the King Evening Classes**

Church of the King Evening Classes offers courses focused on Bible and theology. It is designed for everyone who is interested in going deeper in their relationship with God by learning more about His Word. These classes will help you understand the Bible more fully and guide you in applying God's Word personally, in your family, at your workplace, and in your community. All courses are FREE.

Check out [ChurchoftheKing.com/eveningclasses](https://ChurchoftheKing.com/eveningclasses) for more information.

### **4) DREAM TEAM**

God created every person with a desire to make a difference in life. The Dream Team is our volunteer team that serves at weekly services, in the community, and around the world. When you join the Dream Team, you will discover how to use your time and talents for a life of purpose and influence through serving others.

Check out [ChurchoftheKing.com/dreamteam](https://ChurchoftheKing.com/dreamteam) for more information

# ROMANS ROAD & SALVATION PRAYER

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **Romans 3:23 NASB***

*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 6:23 NASB***

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **Romans 5:8 NASB***

*That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. **Romans 10:9-10 NASB***

*For “ whoever will call on the name of the lord will be saved.” **Romans 10:13 NASB***

## SAMPLE PRAYER

*Jesus,*

*I come to you today*

*A sinner*

*In need of a Savior*

*Jesus, I repent of my sin, I let go of my past, and I turn to you.*

*I turn to the cross.*

*Jesus, wash me with your blood*

*Give me a new heart, a new life, and a new reason to live.*

*Jesus, I take my life, and I put it in your hands*

*From this day forward, I belong to you.*

### CHURCH OF THE KING ESSENTIAL BELIEFS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - God has already done His part to restore our relationship with Him. He took the initiative. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, salvation is offered to all who, by faith, accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

**John 3:16**

*If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

**Romans 10:9-10**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ - There is one God who exists in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is equal in authority and nature, but they fulfill different roles.

*Then God said, "Let us make man in our image."*

**Genesis 1:26**

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.*

**2 Corinthians 13:14**

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Matthew 28:19**

3. \_\_\_\_\_ - The Holy Spirit comes into the life of every believer at the moment of salvation. Every believer can also live a Spirit-filled and Spirit-empowered life. We also believe all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are in operation in the church today through the lives of believers.

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*And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

**John 14:16-17**

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

**Acts 1:8**

*There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.*

**1 Corinthians 12:4-7**

4. \_\_\_\_\_ - The Scriptures are God's divinely inspired words and therefore are our sole authority for life.

*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,*

**2 Timothy 3:16**

The Bible, as our sole authority, guides us on what Biblical practices we should exhibit. As believers, we need to give of our time, talent, and treasure. God has called us to give of ourselves and to give to other people. We can give our talents through serving on the Dream Team. God has also called us to give our treasure. God, by His nature, is a giver, and He gave his most precious treasure, His son. God made us in His image and made us to be generous as well.

*Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.*

**Malachi 3:10**

*Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the first fruits of all your increase.*

**Proverbs 3:9**

\*Answer: The Bible

### CHURCH OF THE KING LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

Believers who invest their hearts, time, families, and finances in the building of a local church deserve to have confidence in church leadership. People are looking for leaders who conduct themselves with integrity and respect when making decisions that affect their lives. Church of the King operates with an external and internal board of elders who provide safety and accountability.

**Christ** is the Head of the Church.

**Board of Elders** provide safety and accountability.

**Lead Team** pastors govern the day-to-day operations of Church of the King and are responsible for the entire Church of the King staff.

**Staff** executes the day-to-day operations of Church of the King and is responsible for leading the Dream Team.

**Dream Team** members do the work of the ministry by caring for and leading the people in our church and community.

### CHURCH FINANCES

At Church of the King, we practice tithing for the support of Christ's Body, the Church, as God commands. We recognize that giving ten percent of our income is the biblical standard of giving.

- Every year Church of the King does a self-imposed audit.
- Church of the King gives away ten percent of our income to missions.
- Church of the King is a member of the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability (ECFA.org).

### I WANT TO JOIN THE CHURCH OF THE KING FAMILY

Being a part of the Church of the King family includes engaging in the weekly services, inviting others to church, giving regularly, being a part of a small group, serving, and agreeing with our statement of faith.

See our online Statement of Faith at [ChurchoftheKing.com/about/beliefs](https://ChurchoftheKing.com/about/beliefs) for more details.

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# NEXT STEP

1. Fill out New Member Form
2. Attend Step Two

