
STEP ONE

CONNECT WITH GOD

NEXT STEPS

CHURCH OF THE KING

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WELCOME TO STEP ONE

Welcome to Step One of your Next Steps journey! We are so glad you're here, and we're honored you decided to join us today.

Step One is designed to give you a basic introduction to our church family and explain who we are, what we believe and how you can find your place. We look forward to getting to know you, hearing your story, and helping you connect with God and others.

OUR STORY

Our story began when God planted a desire in Pastor Steve and Jennifer's hearts 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 weekend 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 vision is **Reaching People, Building Lives**.

GO and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

WHAT WE WANT FOR YOU

Everything we do is with you in mind, so you can live the incredible life God has planned for you! Our greatest desire is to help you Connect with God, Grow in Community, Discover your Purpose, and Go Make a Difference.

CONNECT WITH GOD

You can experience salvation, life change, and the love of a Heavenly Father when you Connect with God. Our weekend services are designed to help you on this journey. We create an environment for you to worship God, hear His Word, and learn how to practically apply that to your life. We can be confident of God's love and His desire to connect with us.

For more information and weekend service times, visit ChurchoftheKing.com.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!

1 John 3:1

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Psalms 92:13

GROW IN COMMUNITY

You are created for relationships. In community, you will deepen your relationship with God and others as you find healing and wholeness and do life with people.

At Church of the King, we designed Small Groups to help you grow in your relationship with God through community. We want to help you find a small group!

Join us next week at Step Two to learn how you can join or lead a small group. For more information, visit ChurchoftheKing.com/smallgroups.

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT

DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE

You are each uniquely designed with God-given talents, personalities, and passions. God made you to fulfill a purpose and a mission here on earth.

The Dream Team is our volunteer team that serves at church, in the community, and around the world. Serving on the Dream Team is a practical way you can begin fulfilling your purpose to Reach People and Build Lives.

In Step Three you will learn more about your purpose and how to become part of the Dream Team.

For more information, visit ChurchoftheKing.com/dreamteam.

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

[Ephesians 2:10](#)

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

You have influence. When you use that influence to Go Make a Difference, you use your God-given design and your unique story to help others know Jesus and experience life change.

Opportunities to use your influence are all around you at home, work, school, and everywhere you go. In Step Four you'll learn how to practically GO make a Difference with your life.

For more information, visit ChurchoftheKing.com/go.

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

[Mark 16:15](#)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

[Acts 1:8](#)

DECISION FOR CHRIST

God's plan for your life can only be lived out by making the decision to surrender your life to Jesus, and then partnering with Him as He guides you throughout the rest of your life. Fulfilling the mission of **Reaching People and Building Lives** starts with your personal relationship with Jesus.

Making the decision to follow Jesus, or recommitting your life to Jesus, is the most important decision you will ever make in your life!

ROMANS ROAD

"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 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 NASB

"For whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Romans 10:13 NASB

SALVATION 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.

CORE VALUES

We have six core values that guide us in all we do. When you make these values the focus of how you live your life, you become aligned with God's plan and purpose, and the mission He gave each of us to Reach People and Build Lives.

WE PUT GOD FIRST

One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."

[Matthew 22:35-38](#)

WE REACH PEOPLE

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

[John 3:16](#)

WE BUILD LIVES

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[Hebrews 10:24-25](#)

WE DEVELOP SERVANT LEADERS

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

[1 Peter 4:10](#)

WE LIVE GENEROUSLY

You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

[2 Corinthians 9:11](#)

ESSENTIAL BELIEFS

SALVATION

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.

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12

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

THE TRINITY

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

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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

THE BIBLE

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.

BIBLICAL PRACTICES

Since the Bible is our sole authority, it's important that we align our lives with what the Bible instructs us to do. Our relationship with God and desire to walk in obedience should lead us to the following biblical practices:

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...

2 Peter 3:18

STEWARDSHIP

Time

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

[Ephesians 2:10](#)

Talent

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

[1 Peter 4:10](#)

Treasure

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 firstfruits of all your increase.

[Proverbs 3:9](#)

Our first and our best is what the Bible calls our tithe -- the first 10% of our income, which is the way God knows we put him first.

RELATIONSHIPS

And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

[Hebrews 10:24-25](#)

Biblical Marriage is a God-designed relationship (Ephesians 5:21-33) and defined as a covenant relationship between God, one man and one woman. The Bible limits human sexual behavior to a marital relationship between a man and a woman, which is the only biblically accepted marriage relationship.

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be[k] joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Genesis 2:24

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 desire 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 of the King is a non-denominational church and a member of the Association of Related Churches. Visit ARCCChurches.com for more information.

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 tenpercent of our income is the biblical standard of giving.

- Every year Church of the King outsources 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 BECOME PART OF THE CHURCH OF THE KING FAMILY AS A CHURCH MEMBER:

Being a member at Church of the King means I will to the best of my ability:

- Walk in unity as a church family
- Engage in weekly services
- Invite others to church
- Give regularly
- Grow in community as part of a small group
- Serve regularly as a way to share the love of Christ
- Agree with the Church of the King Essential Beliefs and Statement of faith.
- See our online Statement of Faith at ChurchoftheKing.com/about/beliefs for more details.

YOUR NEXT STEP

1. Fill out New Member Form
2. Reserve your spot at Step Two

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Psalm 92:13

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

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THE HOLY BIBLE

The written words of the Holy Scriptures are divinely inspired and authoritative, and are the only writings containing the words of God Himself. The original manuscripts of the Scriptures are inerrant. The Scriptures are clearly understandable by all persons who will read them with a willingness to follow them, seeking proper understanding from the Lord. The Scriptures contain everything God intended to be known for salvation, and are profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness so the man of God may be adequate and equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 1:2-3, 19:7-8, 119:11, 105; John 17:17; Romans 15:4, 16:25-26; Isaiah 40:8; 2 Peter 1:21.

GOD

There is only one God, creator of the heavens and the earth, and eternally existing in the three persons of the Trinity including God the Father, God the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. God is love, and demonstrated his love by sending His only begotten Son Jesus into the world to die for man's sin, while we were yet sinners. Nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.

1 John 4:7-10, 5:7; Romans 5:8, 8:38-39; Genesis 1:1; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Jeremiah 10:10, 32:17; Hebrews 11:3; Revelation 1:8; Deuteronomy 10:14; John 17:21-22; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19.

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus the Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary to live among men on the earth, where He performed miracles and later died on the cross for man's sin. Jesus was both fully God and fully man, and was without any sin. According to the Scriptures, Jesus rose from the dead on the third day after His death on the cross, appeared in a glorified body to His disciples and many witnesses, ascended into heaven to take His exalted place at the right hand of God the Father, and will return again in power and glory. Through the shedding of His blood in His substitutionary death on the cross and His resurrection three days later, Jesus atoned for man's sin once and for all, and is the one Mediator between God and man by which man can be reconciled to God.

Hebrews 1:1-2, 4:14-15, 5:9, 7:24-27, 12:2; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; Colossians 1:15-20, 2:9; Galatians 4:4-5; Isaiah 7:14; Acts 1:9-11, 2:23-24, 9:20; Matthew 1:18, 25, 16:16-17, 26:63-64, 27:33-37, 59-60, 28:6; John 1:1-5, 14, 29, 2:19-22, 11:25-27, 20:14-18; Luke 1:35, 22:70, 24:45-47.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the fully divine Spirit of God that inspired men to record the Scriptures, convicts men of sin, calls men to Jesus Christ for redemption, comforts believers, and enables understanding of truth and the meaning of the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit enables every believer to live a Spirit-filled and Spirit-empowered life. Furthermore, all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are in operation in the church today through the lives of believers.

John 14:16-17, 26, 15:26, 16:7-11, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 2:10-16, 3:16; Joel 2:28-29; Titus 3:5-6; Galatians 4:6, 5:25; Mark 13:11; Acts 1:5, 8, 2:1-4, 38-39, 4:31, 9:31, 10:44-45, 15:8, 16:6; Romans 5:5, 8:11, 16, 26-27; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7.

MAN AND THE FALL

Man was created by God, male and female, in God's own image and innocent of any sin. God placed the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden, and gave man freedom of the choice to sin. The fall of man occurred when Satan tempted man and man sinned against God. Because of the fall, man is subject to sin and death, and needs the grace of God to bring man back into fellowship with God. God considered man to be His highest creation because He created man in His own image, and later sent His Son Jesus to die for the redemption of man from sin and the effects of the fall of man.

Genesis 1:27, 2:22, 3:1-24; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; Psalm 51:5.

SALVATION

Salvation and redemption from the power and penalty of sin and death is offered to all who by faith alone confess their sin and believe in their heart that Jesus is the risen Lord and Savior. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and resurrection from the dead after three days atoned for sin and is the only way to be reconciled to God, as Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and no man comes to God the Father but by Him.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 3:12, 22-24, 5:8, 6:23, 8:1-4, 10:9-10; 1 John 1:8-9, 4:9-10, 15, 5:1; John 1:12, 3:16, 14:6, 17:3, 20:31; 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, 6:2; Revelation 3:20; 1 Peter 1:18-21, 3:18a; Colossians 1:13-14; Ephesians 1:7, 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16; Psalm 32:5; Acts 4:12, 16:30-31; Titus 3:5.

CHRISTIAN LIVING

A person who has experienced salvation is "born again" and is united with Christ in His death and resurrection, having crucified the old sinful self by appropriating Christ's death on the cross, and having been delivered from bondage to sin. At the moment of salvation, the believer stands in a right relationship with God, and is adopted as a member of God's family. As a result of salvation, the new believer has been spiritually transformed and begins walking in the Light of Truth as a child of God, and begins becoming more and more free from sin in obedience to the Lord, being guided by the Holy Scriptures with a desire to practice righteousness—in other words, righteous Christian living. As an example of practiced righteous Christian living, the Scriptures teach that the marriage covenant is reserved only for one man with one woman, and limit the expression of human sexuality to such a marital relationship only. Additionally, the Scriptures teach that any conflicts between believers are to be resolved only within the Church according to biblical guidance. And furthermore, the believer living in righteousness has a special love of one another as God's love is perfected in the believer, who increasingly bears the fruit of the Spirit including love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, and demonstrates faith through good works.

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