



Matt and Ellie Bustamante

CHICO COMMUNITY CHURCH

About the Family

I (Matt) grew up in Chico, Calif., and Ellie moved to Chico from Riverside. Both of us were involved with Christian Challenge as student leaders during our time at Chico State, where I graduated with a degree in statistics and Ellie graduated with a degree in English.

We were married February 19, 2021, in Chico and have been serving on full-time staff with Challenge since 2020. We enjoy playing games with friends, outdoor activities like rock climbing and backpacking, and other activities like piano (Matt) and baking (Ellie).

Both of us attend and serve at Chico Community Church and love being a part of the community. I am currently in seminary at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and love getting to learn more about God and ministry.

About My Ministry

Christian Challenge changed our lives when we started going to it. It's a college ministry at Chico State that is open to any and all students with events ranging from small group Bible studies to large game nights and sporting events on campus.

Christian Challenge emphasizes personal relationships, which is what makes the ministry so effective. Challenge puts a strong emphasis on one-on-one discipleship, where every student who comes to Challenge is encouraged to connect with a staff member or student leader within Challenge. This personal relationship leads to a tight-knit community as we invest in every single student who comes to an event in hopes of growing his or her relationship with Christ and teaching each one to take next steps.

Find out how you can
Pray.
Participate.
Provide.

PRAY.

Pray for boldness to share the gospel and open hearts among college students.

Pray that through this ministry more college students would come to know Christ and would make disciples throughout their lives.

Pray that more students would know Christ and that other college ministries would be started as a result of this one.

PARTICIPATE

Connect as a Sending Church or a Supporting Church with a missionary's work. Commit to long-term missions support with your missionary partner. Be involved in supporting missionaries and their families. Pray for missionaries.

PROVIDE

Learn the ministry strategy and context, so you can provide relevant resources. Support a missionary financially.