

Baptisms & Membership Transfers

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Jayden Ang



I've been going to church ever since I was a kid. I never really thought of church as something very special. As I grew up, I would usually stay with my sister as I didn't have many friends. I didn't like being all alone, so I asked God to give me some friends and God provided lots of friends for me.

God helped me start to enjoy church more. I would participate more in group activities and it was fun. But since Covid started, I started to slowly drift away from God. I felt a bit distant from God, the church, and my friends. I've accepted God as my saviour since I was twelve, but I was always indecisive about whether to get baptized or not. I always thought that I was too young to get baptized and was unsure whether it was something that I had to wait to do until I became an adult. Since some of my friends from school told me they were baptized already when they were children, I didn't think that baptism was very

special. But after taking the baptism classes, I learned that baptism means to start a new path with God and that there are other traditions for other churches. But, recently, I realized that I shouldn't let anything get between my relationship with God. So I have decided to recreate a new relationship with God by getting baptized. I know that I need God to move forward in my life and I need him beside me every step of the way for my future.

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Byron Fok



Hi! My name is Byron. I accepted God at a Hong Kong summer camp in grade 7. I made a promise to some leaders there to find a church when I returned to Vancouver. Fast forward to 15 years, I've attended a few churches and have been at Fraser

Lands for seven years.

At the beginning of that period I was hanging out with unhealthy friends, feeling abused socially and emotionally. I grew up in a broken home. I considered baptism in 2013, but couldn't go through with it. The thoughts of such a milestone not being accepted by mom was unsettling. Recently, a high school teacher told me that I needed a healthy support system. I saw this when I was invited to a friend's baptism. Since then, I wanted to be a part of a peaceful and supportive environment.

The journey to know Christ has not been easy. It's still going rough, especially when unexplained pain occurs.

As I age, I look back at all the difficult times and try to comprehend if this was God's plan. No matter where I've wandered, I was led back into His comfort with the support of my Christian community. My favourite verse is 1 Corinthians 16:13-14: "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."

By being baptized today I hope to announce my faith, live by example as a Christian and grow closer to God. Many thanks to those from Fraser Lands, eFree, PEC, and Lord's Love.

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Hannah Leung



I've always gone to church ever since I was a baby so I have known about Jesus. I put off thinking of being baptized since it seemed like something only adults did who had their lives transformed. I knew that God loved me and that being a Christian was something good but I never put much thought into my faith.

The summer after grade 7 was my first time going to teens camp. I had moved to a new city a year ago and I felt very isolated and alone. This was where I first felt God's presence. My counsellor was praying for my small group and I felt that I was loved and cared for by others. This made me realize that I wasn't truly alone because God was always there and provided people in my life.

After this experience I started to strive to be more like Jesus and how he treated others with kindness. However, my close friends started to feel like I wasn't prioritizing them since I would talk to other people

who were seen as outcasts. I struggled with what to do and prayed to God a lot about this. Through reading Bible verses, talking to my counsellors and sermons I heard, I felt God reminding me to always show love. This gave me the confidence to continue to show love.

I am getting baptized as a confirmation that I have committed to following Jesus' footsteps and will continue to show God's love to others.

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Naomi Li



Though I knew about God, I didn't know Him. I struggled with anger, rejection, and self-worth my entire life. My misconception of God became stronger when another Christian severely harmed me causing me to curse God. On the inside, I struggled with depression and other lies that told me I had to earn love through works. And so, through many sacrifices, I became a high-achiever and was successful. Unknowingly, I had band-aided my brokenness with the sin of pride. My ugly past would soon catch up to me in my later years, causing me to lose everything. I came to the end of myself in the summer of 2020, suffering attacks of anxiety and fear day and night. In desperation, I found myself crying out to God in confession, repentance, and surrender. He would then *instantly* deliver me of the attacks as I felt the fear leave my body. In the months following that experience, I was born again. I could now understand the Word, feel God's peace,

and could feel *Godly sorrow* from sin. I was transformed from that person who hated Christianity into someone who fervently sought God every day. Whenever I feel like I am lacking compared to others, I remind myself that He had given me a supernatural experience that solidified my belief. While my life circumstances have not changed I have chosen to follow Him and give my heart that is now *willing* to the God who is *able*. I have decided to make Christ the center of my life.

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Victoria Lo



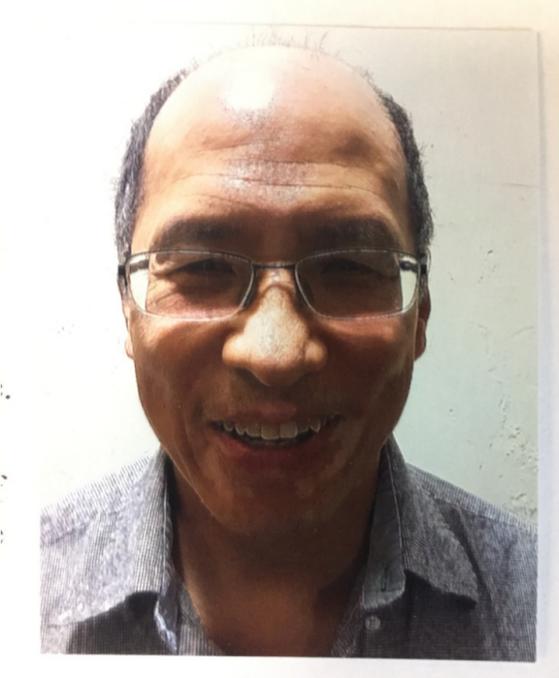
I've grown up in the church almost my whole life. I was introduced to the topic of Christianity as a kid, going to Awana and Sunday school at my old church. However, things really started to change spiritually for me once I started coming to Fraser Lands. There, I started taking my faith more seriously and it became more of a choice than an obligation. Church and my faith slowly started becoming more of something that I wanted, instead of something I just attended once a week with my friends from school.

I've questioned God's love and my own faith at times. "If he cares for me, why would he let all these bad things happen?" or, "What does being Christian really mean?" However, I have learned that even throughout toughest times, God is always present. Even in recent times, such as the past year, when the world shut down in the mass of a global pandemic. I had applied

to go to Jerusalem in July 2020. When the trip was cancelled, it was hard to accept, but I realized I don't need to go somewhere to find God, he's right here. I finally feel ready to fully commit myself to Christ, and to take another step forward in my relationship with Jesus.

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Patrick Lim



My name is Patrick Lim and I'm married to Lydia Huang and we have a 10 year old son named Jason. I'm a Baby Boomer who grew up in the 1970's. I'm an only child and I was not brought up in a Christian household. My spiritual journey started in 2005 when my future wife invited me to Fraser Lands Church. I started to attend on a regular basis, went to Sunday School, and then took the Alpha course because I had a lot of questions about God. Later that year, I took a leap of faith and accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord. I didn't get baptized at the time because I didn't really understand what baptism was and why it was necessary as I didn't think baptism was a prerequisite for salvation.

A few months ago our Small Group was discussing the importance of being better role models for our children. I wondered what kind of example I was setting if I didn't get baptized. By taking the Baptism

Class, I finally gained an understanding about why I should get baptized. I learned that we don't get baptized because it's a requirement for eternal salvation but because it's one of God's commands.

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Timothy Tang



I knew about Jesus through attending a church as a child. As I grew older, I didn't attend church save for a couple of years, but knew I could turn to God when I had any difficulties. Whenever I faced challenges such as tough decisions in school, feeling hopeless after job interviews, or problems in the family, I prayed to God for hope and direction because I knew I could depend on Him.

As the pandemic progressed last year, I was missing something in my life and felt a lack of direction; I didn't know that I was missing Jesus. But God knew, and gently guided me back to Him through media, a book and the community here at Fraser Lands. I realized the depth of God's love and how He never let go of me even though I've ignored Him for so long. That is why I've made the decision to commit my life to God, to grow in my faith and not let go.

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Cathleen Wang



I was influenced a lot by my daughter, Angela, who is a baptized Christian, and started to attend Sunday services at a neighbourhood church.

One event in my life stands out as a key period that I believe started my journey towards God. I suddenly lost my beloved father without receiving his last words four years ago. It made me feel so empty and lost, and the following two years were the lowest periods of my life.

It was truly a blessing for me on June 2nd, 2019, when Angela and I were introduced by a friend and attended our first service at FLC. We felt so welcomed by the church and thought it was a lovely community. I joined a small group and the Alpha program in 2020. I felt so welcomed and warm inside because everybody was very helpful and prayed for me. It was last October when I gradually accepted and believed in Jesus. In the same month, Angela was also engaged,

and her relationship with her now husband has been so blessed by God throughout its entire journey that I was very touched and am convinced that God really is there to help us and knows what is best for us. I believe that life's troubles sometimes rob us of our happiness, but they can never rob us of the joy God gives us.

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Christopher Zeng



▶ Growing up in a Christian Family, for as long as I remember, I have always had Jesus in my life, whether I accepted him as my Saviour or whether I just knew about him. Throughout my childhood I had always attended church because my parents did.

Growing up in Fraser Lands, through Sunday School, Awana, Kids and Youth Ministry, I slowly learned more and more about Jesus. At a very young age, I accepted Jesus as my saviour, but I never really established a relationship with him. It was mostly just because of the feeling that I needed in order to fit in at church and that believing in him would mean that I wouldn't have to go to hell. For many years, church just felt like a chore, I was supposed to go every week. If I was a Christian, I was supposed to go to church every week, and follow all the Christian practices. It even felt at times like I didn't really have to care about God right now because I had so many

more years in my life that I could just focus on it in the future. But as I went through my latter years of high school, I realized how much more I needed him.

Throughout all of my stresses and problems, Jesus has always been there, even when there were times that it felt like he wasn't. Now, as I head off to university, I can't wait to see where Jesus will lead me in my life and what changes he will make.

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Frederick Lau



I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal saviour when I was 17, after a period of studying Christian apologetics. Although my conversion happened at a young age, my spiritual journey with the Lord has been full of ups and downs. Before coming to

Fraser Lands regularly, I was a member of Richmond Chinese Alliance Church and served the Lord there. I started to attend service at Fraser Lands around 2007/8 and joined small groups for a few years until my triplets were born in 2014. My spiritual journey went through a very deep downward spiral as I was frustrated with the burden and family situation I was in. I did not come back to the Lord until last November in 2020 when I received a revelation from the Lord that I must repent, so I did, and the Lord is gracious as He restores my faith and changes my life for a better purpose. Now, my fellowship with the Lord is much closer than before. I am applying to be a member here

so that I can make it official and be ready to serve again. Praises to my Lord, Jesus Christ! Amen.

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Jonathan Rose



I was born into a Catholic family and have known God since I was young, getting baptized when I was 7. Growing up in Hong Kong, I went to both Catholic and Protestant churches while attending a Christian school. My parents got a divorce while I was still in middle school, leaving me in a very uncertain time of my life. I was left lost and alone, constantly moving around trying to find my way but still very isolated and occluded from happiness.

However, by the grace of God, I was given new opportunities to pursue Him and receive the love of Christ through those around me. I look back at all of the situations I was in and recognize how He has lifted me up through many hardships. The turbulent and unexpected paths that made me believe that I went astray was not at all what was happening to my life. God was with me in each moment. He not only led me to amazing people and opportunities when I felt so

alone, He also led me back to Him, to grow and to get to know His love. By the time I attended university, I chose to pursue and rekindle my relationship with Christ. Soon after graduation I moved to Texas, and in 2019, I got baptized again. I have devoted myself to a Christian life and a relationship with God, pursuing life in the way that God intended for me to. Fraser Lands Church has shown me the purpose and importance of a Christian community, to do life with other God fearing people, to praise Him and share His love with others. I am so excited to be a part of this beautiful community and look forward to doing well by God as a new member!