



TESTIMONIES

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Is all your heart that in
of God?

called for your sins and re-
surrender life?

Baptism not only signifies
resurrection to a new life in Christ,
but it is also a public commitment to
walk in Christ's way.

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Acts 2:38-39

Welcome to Northview Community Church!

We're so glad that you have joined us for our Baptism service.

What Do We Believe at Northview?

Four words can be used to describe how Christians view the world:



Creation: Our world was created good by God, and people were created in God's image to care for our world and its inhabitants.

Rebellion: People chose instead to rebel (sin) against their creator and consequently experience death, disease and disorder.

Redemption: God set in motion a rescue plan to redeem (regain) people through faith. The Story began with a man named Abraham and climaxed with Jesus (God's son) coming to earth. Jesus lived a perfect sinless life and died to pay the penalty for our rebellion. After three days, God raised Jesus from death, and now offers full and meaningful life now and eternally to those who have faith, (believe that Jesus is the son of God) and who follow Him.

Re-creation: Jesus will one day return to judge the living and the dead and to re-create heaven and earth. Christians live today in faith and hope: following in the footsteps of Jesus as we represent God in the world, and anticipating the day when the world will be re-created: freed from death, disease and disorder.

Why Do We Baptize People at Northview?

Jesus Christ was baptized and He commanded His followers to be baptized. Going under the water symbolizes a person's willingness to identify with Jesus' physical death and die to themselves; recognizing and turning from their rebellion against God. Coming up from the water symbolizes a person's redemption and re-creation. They respond to God in faith, their sin is washed away, their relationship with God is restored, and they live as followers of Jesus now, and eternally.



"Christ" means *Anointed One*, or *King*. When Christians say "Jesus Christ", we recognize that Jesus is our King.

EAST ABBOTSFORD

Testimonies

SUNDAY

9 AM Micaiah Dawes

May 24, 2026

Sunday • 9AM

East Abbotsford



Micaiah Dawes

Baptized By: Colin Dawes (Dad)

I grew up in a Christ-loving home, where my Mom and Dad raised me and my siblings to love the Lord. This is where I first learned about God, and this belief was strengthened through my grandparents and relatives. My parents would read the Bible to me, and they taught me what they believed.

From a young age, I believed in Jesus. Around the age of nine, I started to understand what it truly meant to be a follower of God, and that's when I truly started my relationship with Him. I knew I was a sinner and in need of a Saviour. I knew I couldn't do it on my own, but I needed Jesus.

To build my relationship with Jesus, I am trying to read my Bible daily. Through the word of God, I know I will build my relationship with Him. Every day I want to put my full trust in Christ and know that His way is the best for me. I know that whatever I am going through in my life, my parents, grandparents, relatives, and most importantly God, will always be there for me.

I want to publicly proclaim my life to the Lord and proclaim that I am a follower of God. *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."* Romans 12:2



DOWNES ROAD

Testimonies

SATURDAY

4 PM Jayda St. Denis
Mike Zacharias
Scarlet Melnick
Nathan Martyn

6 PM Matthew Friesen
Yashasvi Pandey
Ben Esau
Evan Stevenson

May 30, 2026

Saturday • 4PM

Downes Road



Jayda St. Denis

Baptized By: Douglas Wiebe (Grandpa)

I've grown up in a Christian family, so I've always known who God is. But because of that, I think I took it for granted for a long time. It was just normal to believe, go to church, and hear about Jesus but I didn't always think deeply about what it meant for me personally.

At some point, I started realizing that just knowing about God isn't the same as actually having a relationship with Him. I had to ask myself if I really believed, or if I was just going along with what I was taught. A verse that really connects to me is Jeremiah 29:13, "*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*" This stood out to me because it made me realize that my relationship with God has to be real and intentional. It's not just about growing up in church, it's about truly seeking Him for myself.

I don't have a dramatic story, but I've started to see that God has been with me my whole life, even when I wasn't paying attention. I still have questions sometimes, and I'm still growing, but I know now that my faith is something I genuinely want. I have assurance because my standing before God doesn't depend on my feelings or my own imperfect performance, but in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

I'm getting baptized, not because I've always been in a Christian family, but because I'm choosing this for myself. This is my decision, with my whole heart, to continue building a real relationship with Him.





Mike Zacharias

Baptized By: Pastor Jesse Wilson

I was a lost person who was trying to fit into the popular and party crowd, always wanting to feel accepted - but not for the right reasons. After my divorce, I had a lot of time to myself. I felt Jesus wanting to be closer to me, so I listened and am now going strong in my faith, and not looking back.

God worked in my life to help me leave old habits behind and gave me strength and guidance to live the life I'm meant to live - following His commands and being the Christian Jesus wants me to be. I feel His presence often and sense Him calling me to follow diligently. I'm so grateful He has given me the guidance and strength to change.

God has given me the strength to quit old habits - He made it very clear He wanted me to change. I'm so happy I listened, and I feel Him working in me, giving me strength and guidance. My faith has gotten stronger and continues to grow. I feel lifted, knowing He has my back and wants me to follow Him with my whole heart and soul.

I came to Jesus about a year ago after my separation. I was praying a lot and could feel Jesus wanting to be closer to me, so I started following His Word and changed how I lived. My family noticed a huge change in my life, and I knew the Holy Spirit was changing me into a better person. I am so grateful that He has forgiven me for my sins, and I am following Him wholeheartedly.

Because of what He has done for me, I am so grateful that He has changed me from who I was, to who I am now. I thank Him every day for that. I wasn't happy with my old life, and he has shown me the way he wants me to act and live now. I want to be a great role model for my daughter and show her that Jesus, my Saviour, is in control.





Scarlet Melnick

Baptized By: Jessica Melnick (Mom)

I was given a great gift of being born into a family that has chosen to follow God for generations. Starting back from generations I have not even met, but have impacted my choice to also follow the Lord. I first learned about God from my parents. Watching and learning from what they did and how they acted. They spent time reading the Bible, and doing devotions with me. We went to church on Sundays, and helped serve in different areas of the church where I was impacted by other followers of Christ. I don't have an exact date or time when I remember becoming a Christian, but I remember my Mom reading devotions before dinner and playing Christian songs in the morning before school. This has opened my heart to the Lord, and I have chosen for myself to follow Him.

I know I am a sinner in need of a Saviour because I have four brothers who have tested my patience. I live differently because I try to live how God wants me to live, instead of following what some friends around me say and do.

I try to find courage in God to do what is right, according to the scripture. My parents, my core group, LIT/DIP Bible study, and continually studying the Bible, has helped me persevere when times are difficult.

I want to be baptized because I am proud to be a Christian who is going to live their life for God, and I want to publicly declare that and also be obedient to what God wants me to do.





Nathan Martyn

Baptized By: Colin Reimer (Father-in-law)

I first learned about God when I was young from my family attending church regularly. As I grew up and became more self aware, I knew I was a sinner - these actions were my own. Through all of that I was still a Christian. I said I was, but my practice of faith dropped off. I felt I was a Christian in name alone.

I met my amazing wife Brittany in 2020, and we welcomed our daughter in 2022. We wanted to attend church again, but there was always a reason to not go, "we're this or we're that"..

In August 2024, our family was shaken and our faith was tested. Our son was born at 24 weeks. Every hour was a test of faith. I spoke to God more as this was all happening, then we were asked what no parent should be asked in October 2024. 'Shane isn't doing well, you need to talk about end-of-life care ... we can make him comfortable.' I was shaken to my core, I'm being asked to give up on my son? The strongest kid I know, who has done nothing but fight and has excelled at it? How did we get here? Is this God's plan? Am I being punished? Why me? Why us? Why?....

I prayed and I prayed hard, everyone we knew was praying. We felt every emotion, then peace came. God, this is in your hands. If you need Shane at your side, then take him, but if you know he is still needed on Earth, make him strong and carry him out of this with your grace and glory. Our prayers were answered - he bounced back and continues to amaze us each and every day.

This was a faith reset and it worked. My love for God grows daily and this baptism is a declaration of my love, faith and commitment to Him.



May 30, 2026

Saturday • 6PM

Downes Road



Matthew Friesen

Baptized By: Tim Wildeboer (Friend) & Chaz Anderson (Friend)

I first learned about God when I was a kid. My dad took us to Sun West Church in Calgary, where I was quite involved in youth groups, going to Christian music festivals, and even travelling to Mexico to build a house for the less fortunate, when I was in my early teens. But shortly after, I fell out of faith and began a life full of pain, drugs and hardships, that would last over a decade.

I only recently really committed and accepted that I am a sinner in need of a Saviour and believe Jesus died for our sins. I decided to live my life the way He would want. In February, just after going through one of the most difficult times in my life, I decided to join the Christianity 101 class. There I met some amazing people who have been helping me through my difficult time.

I am learning to live differently, by treating myself with more respect, and I have a burning desire to help others, and to make God a priority.

Now I want to declare this publicly, that I have accepted Jesus and am excited to start this new journey and chapter of my life.





Yashasvi Pandey

Baptized By: Lyndell Enns (Friend)

I was born and brought up in India in a very strict Hindu family; particularly, I was born into a class of Hindu preachers and spiritual teachers (Brahmins). I came to Canada to study about two years ago and have graduated from the University of the Fraser Valley.

Throughout my life, God has steadily revealed Himself through His Holy Spirit, little by little. It was through contradictions in my Hindu faith, that I began to detach from mainstream Hinduism and moved toward a Hindu sect that believes there is only one God. Later I came to study with JW's where I learned to be scared of God, but there was no practical experience of pure love and devotion for a LOVING God there.

One of my customers, Lyndell, warned me about the JW's and invited me to dinner. He spoke to me about Jesus, explained the cross and the Messiah, made me feel welcome, and introduced me to the heart of a loving and living God as we watched all five seasons of The Chosen together. Seeing the character of a loving and nurturing and forgiving God portrayed in the form of Jesus, I realized Jesus is God and I gave my life to Jesus midway through the first season, and have been attending Northview ever since.

The One who helps me the most to persevere in my faith is Jesus by the Holy Spirit. I am guided by the Holy Spirit as I pray, repent, and read God's word. I speak often with my Christian friends, who help me by sharing the character of the Lord, praying with me, and encouraging me to study God's word. I strive to walk with the Holy Spirit, and to listen, understand, love, and be kind to the people around me.

I want to be baptized to begin my new journey with the family of Jesus, celebrating my rebirth and new faith publicly. I want to indicate that I am committed to seeking and following Jesus for the rest of my life, and I want to encourage those watching to come closer to Jesus.





Ben Esau

Baptized By: Harold Esau (Grandpa)

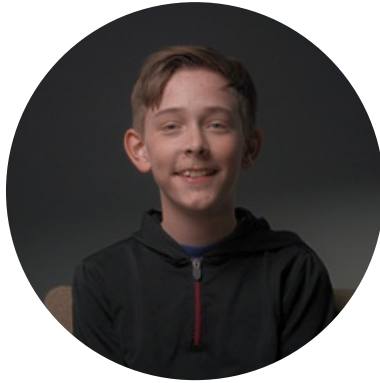
I grew up in a Christian home and was taught from a young age what it meant to be Christian. I realized I was a sinner and in need of saving when I was around 14. No matter what I did, I could not save or fix myself from the will of my flesh. I knew I was a sinner and needed a perfect Saviour to rescue me. Jesus Christ came down and died for me so that I could live in the light.

In high school, I was greatly encouraged when I took the apologetics class at ACS. It showed me that there is so much proof of Jesus Christ both in our history and day-to-day life. With God's help, I have recently been able to talk with classmates about Christ and share a Christian perspective in a typically secular trades work environment.

I am learning to be an intentional light for Christ. I am being spurred on and encouraged by my Christian friends, family and coworkers. I'm actively talking to my friends about our walk with the Lord and my growing faith. The Holy Spirit is pushing me to persevere and continue searching the scriptures and yearning for a deeper relationship with Jesus.

I believe that as a Christian, this is the next step in my relationship and journey with Jesus Christ. I want to publicly commit my life to Him.





Evan Stevenson

Baptized By: Gary Stevenson (Dad)

I grew up in a Christian home and have been going to Northview my whole life. Currently, I am in grade 9 at Mouat and I attend Northview High School Youth.

I first accepted Jesus into my heart when I was around six years old, while having a conversation with my Dad. I believe in God and that Jesus died on the cross for my sins.

I try to set a good example at school and live a Christian life, but I still make mistakes. I know I always will, but I will always strive to be more like Christ.

I want to be baptized to publicly declare my faith in Jesus and take the next step as a Christian.



DOWNES ROAD

Testimonies

SUNDAY

9 AM Noah Hermann
Eli Hermann
Markus Peters
Maia Vig
Chloe Grafstrom

11 AM Jenna Bergen
Claire Delorme
Shawna Lai
Jazmin Avila
Acee Currie

May 31, 2026

Sunday • 9AM

Downes Road



Noah Hermann

Baptized By: Pastor Fredy Orozco

I was raised in a Christian household with my parents and grandparents. My family was always talking about Jesus and how He loves me. However, it wasn't until I was 16 when the gospel really made sense - that Jesus died to save sinners like me - after having it thoroughly explained to me. I believed through high school, but I still didn't know what living a life for God fully looked like, and was very lukewarm and rebellious.

When I was around 20 years old, I was in a very lonely, depressed point in my life. I had finally realized that being a true follower of Jesus meant needing to deny myself, pick up my cross, and follow Him. From there, everything in my life slowly started to change in a way I had really only dreamed about until then.

My life following God since then, has consisted of intimate prayer throughout each day, reading the Bible, learning about my God and His promises to me, and surrounding myself with people who share my values and beliefs in the gospel.

I want to be baptized to publicly declare my faith in Jesus, and dedicate my life both to Him - and for Him.





Eli Hermann

Baptized By: Pastor Fredy Orozco

I learned about God from my family, both my Mom and Dad's side of the family are Christian, and I was raised in a Christian household. We went to church sometimes, not on a very regular basis, but I was taught growing up that He loves us and how He created us.

When I was around 10 or 11 years old, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour, but didn't truly try to obey him as Lord. During this past September / October I was seeing lots of Christian content and started to feel a lot of conviction for my sin, with the people I was with, the stuff I was doing, and my life was moving in a sinful direction. I started learning more about Jesus and the Gospel, and that's when me and my family started going back to church. I think that's good!

To help my journey with Jesus and to grow in my faith, I try to read my Bible every day and study what I do and do not understand, as well as talk to my family and Grandma about it. I learn more through church, and even Christian content creators, and that really helps me see stuff from different perspectives.

I want to be baptized to publicly profess my faith in Jesus Christ and to truly accept Him as my Lord and Saviour; to give up my worldly self, and submit and give my life to Jesus.





Markus Peters

Baptized By: Pastor Fredy Orozco

Something Different

I was raised in a Christian household, and accepted Jesus into my heart at a young age...that was not the end of the story, and still isn't.

My brain did not develop the way most do. It was wired differently and needed a lot of work. I couldn't read basic cues; I didn't know how to ask questions; I learned to read before I spoke; I didn't talk till I was five, and whenever there was a sudden change of plans during the day, I would not take it with much grace at all. I would cry, and scream, because I wanted to be in control of everything, and for things to stay the same.

That's when my Dad told me a phrase to remember by: something different. I wrote those words down when I was nine, and they cannot be more true today, especially in a world where we're called by God to bring others closer to Him. As Matthew 28:19-20 says: *"Therefore 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,"*

I gave my life to Christ when I was 11, and with His guidance to even now, I realized no matter how bad or how good my life was moving, I needed the Lord to take the wheel and to guide me on His path and plan for me, even if it was 'something different' from what I had in mind. And that required me to listen to Him and not just believe in Him. That, ultimately, is what makes us different from the world.

And that is why I am getting baptized today, because that is what Jesus calls us to do. Through trials, errors, lessons, and blessings, I've never been more grateful to have the Lord's hand on my shoulder through it all, and I cannot wait to continue this lifelong journey He has ready for me!





Maia Vig

Baptized By: Gabe Vig (Brother)

I have learned about God from a young age, as I went to a Christian school for most of my life. So many people around me poured into my faith, through Bible classes and youth, but it was easy to see this as just another thing I had to do. Last year when I realized I was leaving high school and my home church, as well as Bible class, I started to read my Bible and make my faith my own. Through the next few months, I had truly realized that I am a sinner and I need a Saviour.

The transforming power of God is so great, and He has brought me out of my old life into a new one. I have seen what true eternal joy is, and that joy can only come from God who is so fulfilling. The more I look at the world around me, the more I see God in everything and His beautiful creation.

As I grow in my faith, I want to glorify God in everything I do. It is a blessing to do what I do, and I want to have gratitude for that. As I go into the summer and the next chapter of my life, I am learning what it means to serve. Because I know how good God is, I want to bring others around me to know who He is and how loving He is.

In the Gospels, it says believe and be baptized, so I want to publicly declare that I need Jesus, and I cannot do anything without Him. I want to follow Him for the rest of my life, and getting baptized is the next step in my faith!





Chloe Grafstrom

Baptized By: Aaron Grafstrom (Dad)

I grew up in a Christian home, and I gave my life to Jesus at around the age of four. When I accepted God into my heart, my Mom and Dad explained what it meant and that Jesus is the only way to eternal life.

Since then, I have come to a deeper understanding of what that means. Becoming a Christian so young, I have always had the awareness of when I have done something wrong and had I just been living for the world, I do not think I would have cared.

God has been with me every day of my life and guided me through the tough times, as well as given me peace and courage when I am worried, or when I feel afraid. I am so grateful that my parents sent me to a Christian school. It has had a big impact on my Christian life, especially since I have been blessed with Christian friends, and I've been learning much about the way to live as a Christian, as well as getting an academic education.

Having such a good base for my life, I am looking forward to seeing how God will use me in the future to tell more people about Him. I do know that I am a sinner saved by grace, and when I do stumble into sin, I can run to Jesus and confess my sins and ask for forgiveness. Jesus will restore my peace and help me to grow stronger, and resist temptation that I may have given into before.

I want to be baptized to publicly declare that I believe Jesus saved me and I do not want to live life without Jesus Christ. As a Christian I am overjoyed that I get to spend eternity with my Saviour. I hope my life can impact others so one day I can find them in Heaven with me too.



May 31, 2026

Sunday • 11AM

Downes Road



Jenna Bergen

Baptized By: Annika Brown (Youth Leader)

At a very early age, I grew up with an understanding of the gospel and always had the curiosity in learning more, as I attended church and summer day-camps. However, it was not until the age of 11 years old that I confessed that I was a sinner, acknowledged my need for a Saviour, and accepted Jesus into my heart. I had developed the desire to begin my personal faith journey in living for the Lord, and trusting that He would guide me along the way.

In the past year, the Lord has put in me a strong desire to serve Him daily. Through giving up idols I held on to and walking in His steps for me, I have grown closer to Him.

Now, in my grade 12 year, I am still on the journey to discovering how my life may glorify God and what it means to live out His love and share what He has done, despite any circumstances I may face.

God has been so gracious and evident in my life in so many ways. He is my joy and I could not be more grateful for the courage in taking this step in my faith.





Claire Delorme

Baptized By: Cassidy Delorme (Sister)

I grew up in a Christian household, and my family taught me about God. When I was eight years old, I realized that I was a sinner in need of a Saviour, so I accepted Jesus into my heart and believed that His sacrifice on the cross paid the debt of my sins. However, fully trusting God has been a struggle in my life. Since a young age, I've worried about everything, and my anxiety has made it difficult to feel at peace.

A turning point in my faith came in 2021 when my family began to fall apart. As an anxious person who relies deeply on my family for stability, the situation unfolding was one of my greatest fears coming true. During that time, I felt betrayed by the Lord and didn't see a reason to pursue a strong relationship with Him. However, I watched my mom walk through the same pain with unwavering faith. Despite how deeply she was affected, she continued to rely on Jesus. Her obedience and trust in Christ inspired me. Seeing her faith made me want to take my own relationship with God more seriously instead of pulling away from Him.

Then in 2023, I witnessed God perform a miracle of restoration in my family. After two years, God did what seemed impossible and brought my family back together. That moment solidified my faith. I knew Jesus was real, and there was no denying it. Because of this, I truly desired to know Him more, not just believe in Him.

Over the past few years, God has shown me that He works everything out for our good and His glory. He has not taken away my anxiety, but He has used it to teach me to trust Him more deeply. A Bible verse that comforts me is 1 Peter 5:7: *"Cast all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you."* I have learned to lean on Jesus with my worries instead of carrying them alone. I am ready to let Jesus fully lead my life, and today I want to publicly declare my love and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.





Shawna Lai

Baptized By: Sienna Samuel (Community Group Leader)

I first learned about God through my family, so faith was always present in my life. I attended a Christian school growing up, and the Bible was familiar to me from a young age. Even so, my faith was not always personal. With sports and a busy family life, church was not always consistent, and my relationship with God stayed in the background.

As I got older, I began to wrestle with deeper questions about life, pain, and who God truly was to me. At the same time, I realized I wasn't liking the person I was becoming, and it made me step back and reflect on the direction of my life. Faith slowly became something I wanted to understand for myself, not just something I had grown up around.

From a young age, I carried the weight of brokenness from difficult experiences and trauma. There were moments when I felt overwhelmed and realized I could not fix everything on my own. In those moments, I began to recognize my need for forgiveness, healing, and grace. Through prayer, reading Scripture, and reflecting on my life, I came to understand that Christ died for my sins and offers restoration and new life.

My journey has not been a single moment but a gradual turning of my heart toward God. Choosing to give my life to Jesus became a turning point, where I decided to surrender who I was becoming and trust Him to shape who I am. I have learned that following Him is not about rules or religion, but about trusting Him with every part of my life, including my pain, my identity, and my future.

Because of what God has done in my life, I want to be baptized as a public declaration that I belong to Him and am committed to following Him.





Jazmin Avila

Baptized By: Pastor Luke Friesen

I have always known about God as I grew up in a Christian household and attended Church regularly. My relationship with God started at a very young age. Over the years, my faith has continued to grow and develop. I believe in God, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus Christ. I believe that Jesus died and was raised from the dead, paying the debt for all of our sins.

As I've grown older, I have to continually remind myself that God forgives me and that no amount of good things I do can make up for the sins I have committed but instead I repent, do better, and move forward. At times, I have found myself planning and focusing on my own decisions, rather than trusting that God already has a plan for me.

Instead, I want to continue to lean into the peace of knowing that God's timing is perfect and that He is in control. While what I can control is small, I want to do everything to the best of my ability and make decisions for God's greater purpose. I will continue to root myself in Scripture, be present with God and seek guidance from trusted mentors and friends.

Looking back, I can see how God has always carved out a path in my life. He has opened many doors and closed the right ones, guided me through big decisions and placed incredible role models and people in my life. I see His beauty everywhere, and I have seen Him protect the people I care about and bring healing into their lives.

I want to be baptized to publicly declare my faith, my trust, and my love for the Lord. I know I am not more saved than before, but this step is an outward commitment - to myself, to others, and most importantly to God.





Acee Currie

Baptized By: Carly Currie (Mom)

I grew up in a Christian family, going to church every Sunday, where my first understanding of God began in Sunday school. At five years old, I asked God into my life.

As I got older, my life took a difficult turn when I developed an illness that is still undiagnosed. What started as something confusing and frustrating slowly became something that affected every part of my life. I found myself asking, "Why me, God?" It felt unfair and overwhelming. Over time, my physical struggles began to affect me mentally and emotionally, leading me into a place of anxiety and depression that I never expected to experience.

There were moments I felt like everything I loved was slipping away - my happiness, my energy, and even my sense of hope. I remember one night lying in bed beside my mom, both of us crying, feeling helpless. In that moment, she said something that stayed with me: "All we can do now is pray and let God do the rest." Those words didn't instantly fix everything, but they planted something in me - a reminder that I wasn't alone, even in my lowest point.

Since then, my journey hasn't been easy. Still hard days, questions, and moments of doubt. But I know that God hasn't left me. Even when I couldn't feel Him, even when I was struggling the most, He was still there - guiding me and giving me strength in ways I didn't always recognize.

Today, I want to be baptized as a personal and meaningful step in my faith. It's my way of choosing to trust God fully. I believe He is walking with me through this, that He understands my pain, and that He will continue to carry me. Placing my life, my struggles, and my future in God's hands. I am choosing faith over fear and hope over hurt. This battle I'm facing is still part of my life, but I'm no longer fighting it alone.



MISSION

Testimonies

SUNDAY

9 AM Christy Bedry
Tyson Collins
Calvin Prasad
Gavin Vallieres

11 AM Ben Gagnon
Jordyn Gagnon
Luna Pelletier
Adam Dreier
Brooke Kliewer

May 31, 2026

Sunday • 9AM

Mission



Christy Bedry

Baptized By: Pastor Jesse Schellenberg

For much of my life faith was present but quiet. I believed in God, but my relationship with Him felt distant rather than something I leaned on daily. That began to change when my Mom became seriously ill. Watching her suffer was heartbreaking and frightening and I felt helpless.

In that place of uncertainty, I turned to prayer. I began asking God for guidance, for answers and strength, not just for my Mom but for myself as well. In those moments of prayer, I didn't get any clear answers or sudden explanations but I did experience something just as powerful: peace and comfort, and a reassurance that I was not alone. God gently reminded me that He was present, listening and holding us through it all.

Through that time in my life I came to know God, not just as someone I believed in, but as someone I walked with. Someone who brings peace in the middle of fear, comfort in moments of pain and strength when I am weak.

I have given my life to Jesus; I want to get baptized because Jesus has forgiven me of my sin and offered me a new life. I want Him to lead me all the days of my life.





Tyson Collins

Baptized By: Pastor Jesse Schellenberg & Tom Andres (Sr Youth Coordinator)

Before I gave my life to Christ, I would follow my own way and do whatever I thought was right and just listen to my temptations. One of the things that would always happen to me is, I would get very angry and I would go from one to ten very fast. If I didn't get my own way, I would break things and call my family names. This was wrong and I am not proud of this. I want to stop living like this.

God has been working in my life to help me be more calm, not break things and swear and is helping me not follow my own path but to follow Jesus instead. God is helping me take responsibility for my mistakes and apologize. My youth leader Tom, has helped me understand how to do this and is discipling me.

I want to get baptized because I am a Christian. Jesus forgives me and I want to live differently with Him.





Calvin Prasad

Baptized By: Pastor Jesse Schellenberg

Before I gave my life to Christ, I was living mostly focused on myself and the things of the world. I didn't have a real relationship with God and often felt like something was missing in my life. I was searching for purpose and direction but didn't fully understand where it came from. Looking back, I realize I was trying to find fulfillment in the wrong places instead of trusting God.

Over time, God started working in my life through different experiences and people around me. I began learning more about Jesus and realized how much God loves me and wants a relationship with me. I started to see that real peace and purpose come from following Him. This led me to make the decision to give my life to Christ and trust Him to guide my life.

Since I began following God, I have seen Him working in my life in many ways. He has been helping me grow in faith and is teaching me to trust Him more every day, even through difficult moments. I have learned that I don't have to face things alone because God is always with me, I have started to see my life differently, with more purpose and direction, and I'm continuing to grow closer to Him.





Gavin Vallieres

Baptized By: Pastor Jesse Schellenberg

I first learned about God from my family, as I've grown up in a semi-Christian family. I lived for a while with a belief in God, but over the past year, I have seen that belief turn into a saving faith. I am learning what it means to be a Christian, and can now see that I am a sinner and need Jesus to save me.

I am not sure why, but I have always been kinda numb to the world around me. Since becoming a Christian, this has really started to change. I now know joy and love in a way I never did. I am still pretty chill, but God is softening me to the love He has for me in Christ Jesus.

I'm learning to practice my faith from the Bible, and God is helping me to persevere. I would like to get baptized because Jesus clearly tells us to, and I don't believe you could claim to follow Jesus and not want to obey His commands.

Today I am getting baptized because, in love, God sent His son Jesus to save me.



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Mission



Ben Gagnon

Baptized By: Clay Gagnon (Dad)

I learned about God from my family and through my schooling. My biggest mentor in my faith was my Dad, who always challenged me and talked about God and made sure we had a Christian household. I also attended youth as a teenager and connected with God and like-minded peers in a welcoming, and fun, environment.

I always believed in God and knew the Gospel, but when I was younger, it seemed my faith came second to the rest of my life. I started to take my faith more seriously around 18, and tried to learn more about and dive deeper into the Bible. This is when I realized that we are all sinners in need of saving, and that the only way to Heaven and eternal life is through Jesus. Something in my life always felt missing until I started to grow my relationship with God. I realized I can't go through life on my own, and need Him by my side.

I talk to God every day, and read my Bible more often. I focus on the areas in my life that need improving and trust in God to guide me and help me grow. I have a lot of amazing people in my life - like my wife, parents and friends, that want to see me be the best version of myself and help me persevere. My wife is always by my side and we hold each other accountable and are learning to grow together in Christ. I'm so grateful that God put her in my life, and that He brought her to know and love Him as I do. My dad has also been a huge part in my faith journey, always leading by example and challenging me in my faith.

I want to take the next step in my Christian faith and publicly proclaim my faith and love for Jesus. Baptism is a response to God's calling, not something that's earned. I want to repent and answer that call and continue to live my life through him. It's something to be proud of and I want people to know, and share, the Gospel.





Jordyn Gagnon

Baptized By: Ben Gagnon (Husband) & Pastor Jesse Schellenberg

I started to really struggle with fear, anxiety and depression when I was 19. I was working at Starbucks at the time, and I remember often crying at work, and even having to go home, because I felt so overwhelmed. During that time my Dad was hospitalized and at that moment, all of my fears felt like they were coming true. I blamed myself and my thoughts, and I was overwhelmed with panic.

I remember praying and pouring everything out to God, all of my fear and anxiety. And then something changed. It was not all at once, but I felt a shift in my heart and in my mind. I realized that I could not live in fear, and that I needed to trust in God. That is when I truly understood that Jesus saves. I gave my life to Him in that moment, and I believe He met me there, and began to change me from the inside out.

Now that I profess faith in Jesus, I am learning to live more like Him each day. I am a sinner in need of Saviour, and that's who Jesus is. I am not perfect and I still fall short at times, but I want my actions, choices, and the way I treat others, to reflect Him. My husband Ben has been a huge encouragement to me, and I also feel supported by my church, and those who share the same faith.

I want to be baptized because I have accepted Jesus to be my Lord, and I believe that He is my Saviour. Baptism is an important step in my faith and a way for me to publicly declare my commitment to Him. It represents a new beginning, and a life devoted to following Jesus. I am ready to take this next step in my faith and continue growing in my walk with God.





Luna Pelletier

Baptized By: Elijah Cook (Jr Youth Coordinator & Immerse Intern)

I learned about God when my Mom and Dad took me to church when I was 11 years old. I really didn't like going to church, but God slowly changed my heart. Last summer, through my time at church and youth, I finally realized that I was a sinner in need of a Saviour. Seeing so many people happy to follow Jesus has helped me understand that he is the Saviour that I need.

Since becoming a Christian, I'm learning to live differently and I try to think about what Jesus would do and say and try to be like Him. It's hard sometimes, being obedient to my parents, struggling with jealousy, and spending time with God is not always easy. But I believe God has a plan for me, and will keep growing and helping me with these things.

I want to be baptized to tell the world that Jesus is my Lord and Saviour and that He lived, died and rose again for me and I want to keep growing in my faith and living for Him. *"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."* Gal 2:20





Adam Dreier

Baptized By: Shane Dreier (Dad) & Tom Andres (Sr Youth Coordinator)

I have always lived in a Christian home, so God, Jesus, salvation, and faith were never new concepts to me. I grew up saying grace before I ate, praying to God when I needed to, memorizing Scripture, and reading the Bible every day. I assumed I would be a good Christian, until one day I realized that I wasn't. I knew a lot about God but didn't love Him and trust Him.

In 2023, this became very obvious in my life. I was stuck in sin and felt like I was so down low, rotten, and sinful that I despaired of life itself. It was in my lowest point that I started to understand and realize what Jesus did for me on the cross. Three years later, on Nov 20, 2025, I became a Christian. I confessed my sin to God, and told my Mom, and right after that I felt Jesus enter my life - for the first time in my life.

Since then I have started to actually smile, change my language, and become kind and enjoyable to be around. I am a different person because of what Jesus has done in my life. God has put people in my life to help me persevere in the faith; my youth leaders, my parents and siblings, and my church community in Mission.

I want to get baptized because I have given my life to Jesus and I want to follow Him for the rest of my life.





Brooke Kliwer

Baptized By: Pastor Jesse Schellenberg

I first learned about God as a child. My Grandma and Aunt used to bring me to Northview when I was eight or nine, and spent some time at youth group with my long-time friend. It was here I began to learn about God.

In my late 20's, I realized I needed God more than ever. I was trying to sober up for several years and couldn't do it on my own. When I decided to 100% lean to God, my life changed. I've overcome things I could never do before. Since giving my life to God I've had so many positive changes, not just for myself, but for others in my life as well. I realized I can't do life by myself. I need God. God leads my life and I just follow. My relationships with my partner and children and family have moved mountains and I am the happiest I've ever been, living a life of fulfillment, and I feel true peace for the first time.

I attend church every Sunday, and volunteer in the community, and hopefully in the church real soon. I'm learning to forgive others right away and not hold onto the past. I lead my son in a Christian life and am leading by example. My family is my true support in all of this.

I want to be baptized so I can have a fresh start. I can have God forgive me for all my sins, and lead me in a pure and humble life. I pray I will have the strength to stay sober, and live a dedicated life to the Lord and will feel the weight lifted off of me, allowing me to live life freely and enjoy life, with the God who loves me.



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Tanner Warkentin

Baptized By: Jordan Balzer (Cousin/Friend)

I grew up in a Christian family where both of my parents loved the Lord, and loved me. We attended church regularly, and I attended youth group, which, to be honest, I don't remember really hearing the Gospel. Despite youth and church, my faith eventually was put on the back burner.

The stress and complexities of life as I entered my teen years, made me not want to pursue God in any meaningful way; in fact, I did the opposite. I surrounded myself with people who I thought were doing well for themselves. They had all the toys, house, etc., and I knew that lifestyle was spiritually bankrupt, but I pursued it anyway. Money and partying had become my idols, and God went on the wayside.

Eventually, God opened my eyes just enough to see how bad I had it, how mentally, physically, and spiritually exhausted I was. I had previously given my life to Christ at a young age, but never really meant it. I was in my mid-twenties and had realized that I needed to be saved from myself. Recognizing that I am not enough, and that God is the one who saves, gave me hope and a reason to live.

Romans 12:2 says, *"Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."* My life has been radically transformed, not overnight, but over the last several years. I'm free from my alcohol addiction, I now have Christian friends whom I care deeply about, Sunday sermons aren't an obstacle to get through but something I yearn for, and the Bible isn't just the thickest book on the shelf but His living word, meant to guide.

I'm choosing baptism because I want my faith to be more than a footnote in the history of my life. I want to show the world that I am a new creation in Him. That through the saving power of grace, my sins have been forgiven.



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