

Saturday 6 PM (7)

John Kingston

My name is John. I joined Christian Assembly in early 2022, and after an amazing time at Fall Retreat I decided to follow Jesus, and everything changed. The sermons I heard in church were empowering, and I felt like God was talking directly to me. Before I surrendered my life to Jesus, I didn't act like a Christian with my friends. I was selfish and unkind. I was all about sports, and that's how I was known. Now, with Jesus, my relationship with my family has gotten a lot better. I started inviting my friends to church, and making my faith known. I'm getting baptized as the next step in my life with Jesus.

Cooper Lewis

My name is Cooper! About two years ago, I decided to start worshiping and loving Jesus. Without my parents, I do not think I would have connected so well with God, but they led me to Him, and helped me learn to worship Him. Before I decided to trust Jesus, I felt kinda lonely, but He has opened up my world, shown me what love truly is, and how to forgive and love people. Now, I'm getting baptized to keep growing closer to God, and to keep following Jesus believing He has so much more to teach me.

Jude Cassity

My name is Jude. Before I met God, I wondered what was true about Him. Then, at Hume Socal, I felt a connection with God for the first time. What I experienced there and then here at Christian Assembly really opened my eyes, and I decided to follow Jesus fully and truly. Since then, I feel made new! When I heard about the chance to get baptized, I thought, "Why not now rather than later?"

Luke Lowe

My name is Luke. I first made a decision to trust and follow Jesus about 3 or 4 years ago. Now, being almost 13, I am choosing to express my faith by being baptized. Before then, when I had a lot of questions, my dad talked to me about Jesus and the resurrection; and how Jesus gives us purpose in life. Those conversations with my dad helped me feel more sure about what I believe, and I'm getting baptized today, because I believe in Jesus now more than ever!

Masako Inoue

My name is Masako. I've lived a long, pretty-average, and happy life – never feeling like I needed God. Then, I began attending women's Bible study with my daughter, and I started seeing how the Bible was relevant to our lives and relationships. Then, last year, when my son-in-law was hospitalized in critical condition, I witnessed the church around us pray, serve, and support our family in a way that was unimaginable. I realized that the source of this type of sacrificial love is Jesus. At the last Bible Study session in 2023, I felt God touch me, and when I told my table leader, she led me to accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I know the power of God now, and I have the confidence that Jesus is the truth and the only way to God.

Jeanie Thomas

My name is Jeanie. I come from a lineage deeply rooted in Mormon tradition, spanning six generations. Soon after I was baptized in that faith at just 8 years old, my grandmother introduced me to the Bible and made me promise to read it at least once in my life. Four years ago, after a divorce, I fulfilled that promise and devoted a year of my life to studying the Bible. The following year was a transformative journey when I began to feel a profound connection with God and heard His voice speaking to me. I knew I would never be the same again. Soon after, I was introduced to Christian Assembly and my faith has continued to grow through experiences with my life group, huddle, and the godly man who has become my future husband. So it is my desire to be baptized to shed my Mormon upbringing, and publicly declare my love for Jesus and my faith in Him.

Amanda Fukumoto

My name is Amanda. My life has been colorful, but what I've lacked most is peace. There have been moments in my past where I found myself stuck, and on more than one occasion, a complete stranger came to my rescue. They asked for nothing in return, invited me to their church, and told me God had a plan for me. I feel like the Lord has always been there, knowing that I *hoped* but was too afraid to *believe*. Now, I do believe, and I'm ready to get baptized as a step of faith in Jesus.

Sunday 9 AM (5)

Cristina Godinez

My name is Cristina. At a young age, I had a love for what Jesus did for us on the cross, but as I grew up I distanced myself from God's goodness, straying into sin through bad relationships and workaholism, I lost touch with family members. Realizing the hurt I caused, I became deeply sorry and severely depressed until God rescued me. I began to trust Jesus entirely and in everything, and my life changed for good. Because of His unconditional love and peace, I've learned the need to nurture my spiritual life, and my perspective on this world has changed. I now have hope, faith, and love for others.

Aria Raub

My name is Aria. I'm getting baptized because I want to be fully committed with my faith in Jesus. Growing up in a Christian family, I knew *about* God, but I didn't *know* God. In the last few years, when there was a lot of uncertainty due to COVID, I began wanting a deep, loving connection with God, and a passion for Him was ignited in me. With a new trust in Jesus, I feel more genuine when I worship, I enjoy reading the Bible, and praying is more personal. I'm getting baptized because of my faith and passion for God.

Colette Kendrick

My name is Colette. Last year I had to admit I was leading a lukewarm Christian life continually focused on worldly worries rather than a devotion to God, but after I prayed for a new passion for Jesus I made a new commitment of faith. Since then, I see a difference in my life – how I love others, and how I'm able to love myself has given me unexplainable joy. My love for God's word has given me a new perspective at what life on earth means, and I'm getting baptized as another step in my growing faith in Jesus.

Bella Gerbino

My name is Bella. Before I found Christ, I turned wherever I could to find answers and stop feeling lost. There was darkness in every part of my life as I experimented with other religions and dark practices. However, I met a Christian man named Sam who invited me to church, and because I valued my relationship with Sam I started to read the Bible and attend church regularly. Then, about a year ago, my walk with God turned into a run, then a sprint. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, and I am still on fire for Him today. This decision has given me a sense of belonging and security. I see now how hard life is without God, and how beautiful it can be with him.

Molly Burrets

My name is Molly. In a chaotic life, I was convinced that Jesus was just a story people told themselves to feel better, and I didn't want to count on something that wasn't real. I worked hard to get myself into a more stable life as an adult, but I never felt safe or free from a fear of abandonment. Just over a year ago, during a Christmas service, I heard the message that "I am the one that Jesus loves," All through the following year I prayed for clarity, wondering, "Was Jesus really with me all along, even while I dismissed Him?" That same Christmas Eve, after years of multiple pregnancy losses and infertility treatments, we learned that I was pregnant, and we welcomed our daughter a few months ago. Looking at her, it became clear to me that Jesus *is* real and *never* abandoned me. I now feel a greater sense of peace and security knowing there is a steady foundation and a loving Father who will walk with me through anything. I can give the gift of knowing Jesus to my children so they never have to feel alone, and will always know they are the ones "that Jesus loves."

Sunday 11:15 AM South (7)

Drew Smyth

My name is Drew. I first turned to Jesus 30 years ago, but my life has been a rollercoaster of success and collapse perpetuated by stress and anxiety, alcohol and addiction. In one of my lowest moments, I realized that I could not keep living this way and needed a drastic change. It was then that I trusted Jesus Christ to be the Lord and Savior of my life, and with His help I finally gave up alcohol. I have been sober now for over 75 days so far! I now know what it means to live for Jesus Christ and I am ready to commit my life to him.

Kennedy Betters

My name is Kennedy. I first trusted Jesus eight years ago. Then, three years ago, at Hume Camp, I realized that I was trying to fill an emptiness and loneliness with friends, and it was not working. Only Jesus could fill what was missing in me. Today I feel stronger in my life and I want to tell everyone how amazing God is! I am ready to take this next step in my faith by getting baptized.

Scarlette Mae Summerour

My name is Scarlette Mae. Three years ago I gave my life to Christ, and I want to be baptized before starting my teen years. Before I surrendered my life to Jesus, I was lost, confused and unsure if I could trust Him. However, when I did *make the choice* to trust Jesus for my salvation it felt like a heavy weight was lifted off me. At Fall Retreat, I felt the Holy Spirit in me, near me , with me, and it was like having another person to talk to about my feelings. I carry my small New Testament Bible with me all the time to remind me that God is always with me.

Juanita Chabolla

My name is Juanita. I fully gave my life to Christ 7 months ago after a lifetime of only going to church or to God when I was in need. After 20 years of being divorced, the birth of a grandchild brought me and my husband close together again. I invited him here to CA on Easter Sunday last year after living near the church and being curious about it for some time. Since Easter, we have been attending as a family with our granddaughter, and I have continued growing in faith. I am getting baptized now as a personal decision with God, and am excited to be an example to my children and grandchildren.

Emma Law

My name is Emma. I've grown up in church and remember first trusting Jesus when I was three or four – watching Veggie Tales – but I was in fourth grade when I fully accepted Jesus and knew what it meant. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" I want to symbolize that truth by being baptized! I have peace knowing that I can come to Him with anything and everything and know it is in my Father's hands.

Carlos Viana

My name is Carlos. Thirty-three years ago, in my early twenties, I accepted Jesus in my heart during a Bible study at House on the Hill in Echo Park. For many years, however, I struggled to live in His grace. Doubts, fears, disappointments, and regrets all weighed me down. Recently, while reading a prayer book a dear friend gave me, I cried out to God asking Him to show me a way out of this darkness and fear, and I came across a Bible verse: "Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven." I realized, though I had accepted Jesus many years ago, I had never publicly confessed Him as my Lord and Savior. Today, my baptism is a testament of my faith and recommitment to the God who has never abandoned me – He is my provider, my protector, and my fortress.

April Salazar

My name is April. Before I started following Jesus, I was lost and searching for answers from everywhere and anyone. Though I knew God was present in my life, I turned away from Him, ashamed of who I was and feeling like I didn't deserve His love. Everything that could go wrong was going wrong until six months ago when I decided in my heart to follow Jesus. I committed my life to Him and He saved me. He's creating a future so beautiful it heals the pain of my past. Only He can work everything out for good and His glory, and I thank Him every day for bringing me back to life. I can never repay Him, but I can give Him my life.

Sunday 11:15 AM North (1)

Sergio Jimenez

My name is Sergio. I decided to follow Jesus about a month ago. Before that, I was lost and a mess, struggling with addiction. Walking through recovery and getting sober. Thankfully, God opened my eyes to realize that He is real and he works in mysterious ways. Since making this decision, I have become closer with God and I am staying connected with him everyday as I walk in faith and hope. I am getting baptized today as a sign of faith and a sign of my fresh start in Jesus.

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Clint Manquisquis

My name is Clint. I gave my life to Christ on December 17 last year. Before that, I was in a pretty dark place with no sense of direction or belonging. After finally getting myself out of a toxic relationship, my sister and mother convinced me to come to church more often. After one of our Fusion services, I met Samuel. He came up to me and asked what I thought of the message that had been preached, and then he offered to pray for me. I felt light and at peace after meeting him, and I told my brother in law Jaryl what happened. Without question, I wanted to give my life to Jesus that night. Since making that decision, I have finally found peace and belonging. God has put me on the right track and the darkness in my life is finally filled with light and joy. Now, I believe the Lord is calling me to take this next step of faith and be baptized.