



Fraser Lands Church

# Baptisms & Membership Transfers

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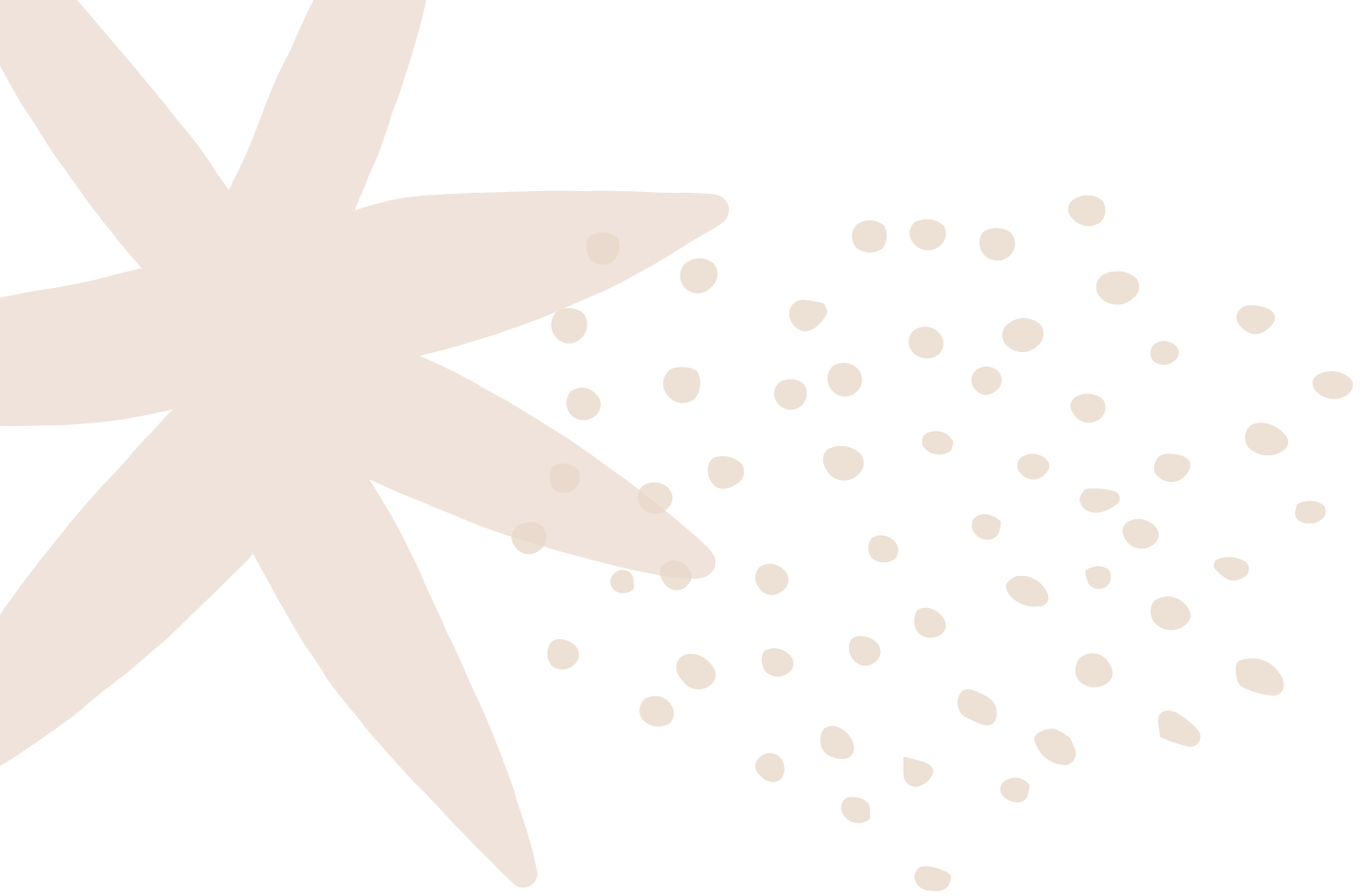
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# Baptisms





# Andrew Boon



I am Andrew Boon and I'm from New Delhi, India. I was born in a Christian family. I've been attending Fraser Lands Church for 5 months. In my life, I needed God at times and God was there with me always.

In my early age, I didn't pay much attention to God's works. I had friends who didn't believe in Christianity. There were negative things happening and I didn't have anyone to help me. I was more interested in ungodly things. I was falling away from the right path. I didn't give much time to God, and wasn't trying to put much effort into growing God's way. All these made me overthink and led me into depression. I could not give my best in things anymore. This made me wonder about God.

At this point, God was the only way to save myself. I started to pray and made myself open to learning more about God. God miraculously showed His love for me and made me a better person. This changed my whole perception of God. I finally found peace among my family and friends.

I thank Fraser Lands Church for giving me the opportunity to get baptized. I feel at home here. People are really nice and welcoming. Thank you Pastor Ben. Thank you Janson Ho especially for the amazing baptism classes where I learned a lot.





# Lindsay Lam



I grew up in a Christian home and school, and have attended Fraser Lands my whole life. While I have always considered myself a follower of Christ and accepted Him as my Saviour from an early age, I experienced the presence of God for the first time during my first year at Teens Camp. Since then, there have been many seasons in life where I felt disconnected from God and compared my faith to those around me who seemed like better Christians. Anxiety and worry over my future also led me to try and control every aspect of my life. Consequently, I struggled to trust others, maintain relationships, and let go of anger and disappointment accumulated over time. However, as I continued to grow in my relationship with God, I began to let go of some of these things knowing that God was there to guide me. It also became clear that my faith had never been stagnant –instead, I needed to learn how to listen to and recognize His voice. While my faith journey is far from perfect, I decided to take this next step in my life as a dedication of my faith and obedience to God, who gives me direction.





# Roger Mak



I am a Chinese born Canadian and am the only child in my family. I grew up in a non-Christian family in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Through elementary school, all my friends were non-Christians. After a discussion with friends, I decided to attend a Catholic high school because I wanted to know who Jesus was.

In Catholic high school, I learned much about God. God gave me the resilience and strength to do well in school especially since my teachers were very strict. It was through this discipline and learning that caused me to accept Christ as my Saviour.

After high school, life was filled with ups and downs and much uncertainty. Especially difficult was deciding what to do after graduation and looking for work. I began to socialize with non-Christians, so I began to lose sight of God.

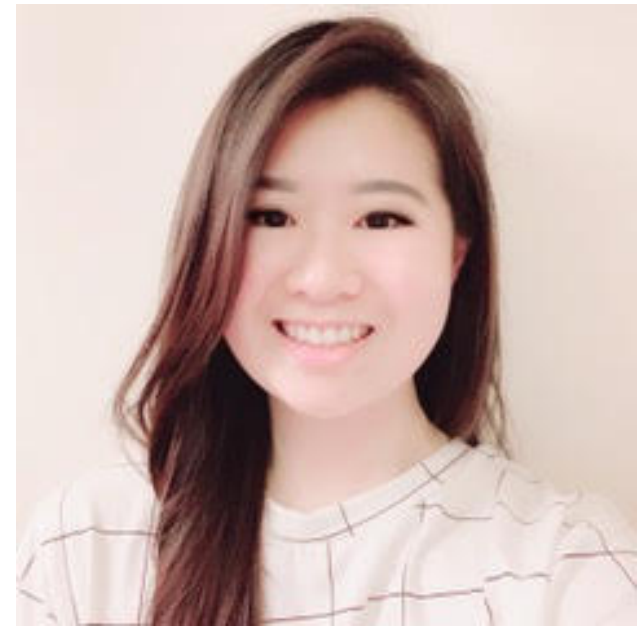
After losing some relatives a few years ago, I prayed and asked God to lead me to a better future. I am thankful God granted me a wonderful career at the Vancouver School Board, working with wonderful loving people. I am also grateful to God for leading me to Fraser Lands Church where I can worship, learn more about God, and grow in faith with other believers.

I am so blessed, so I want to be baptized as a sign of my faith and love to God and Jesus.





# Michelle Yang

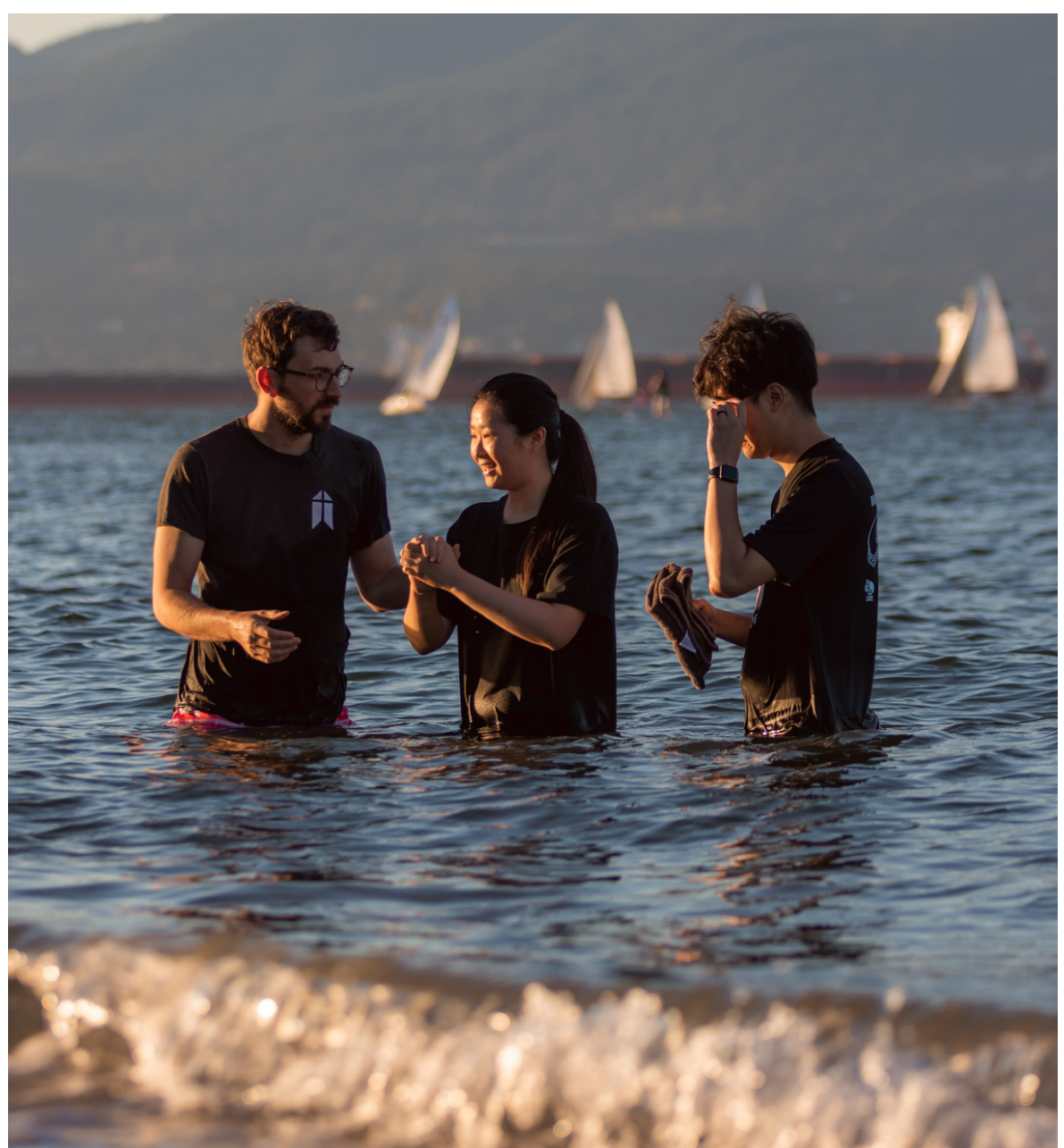


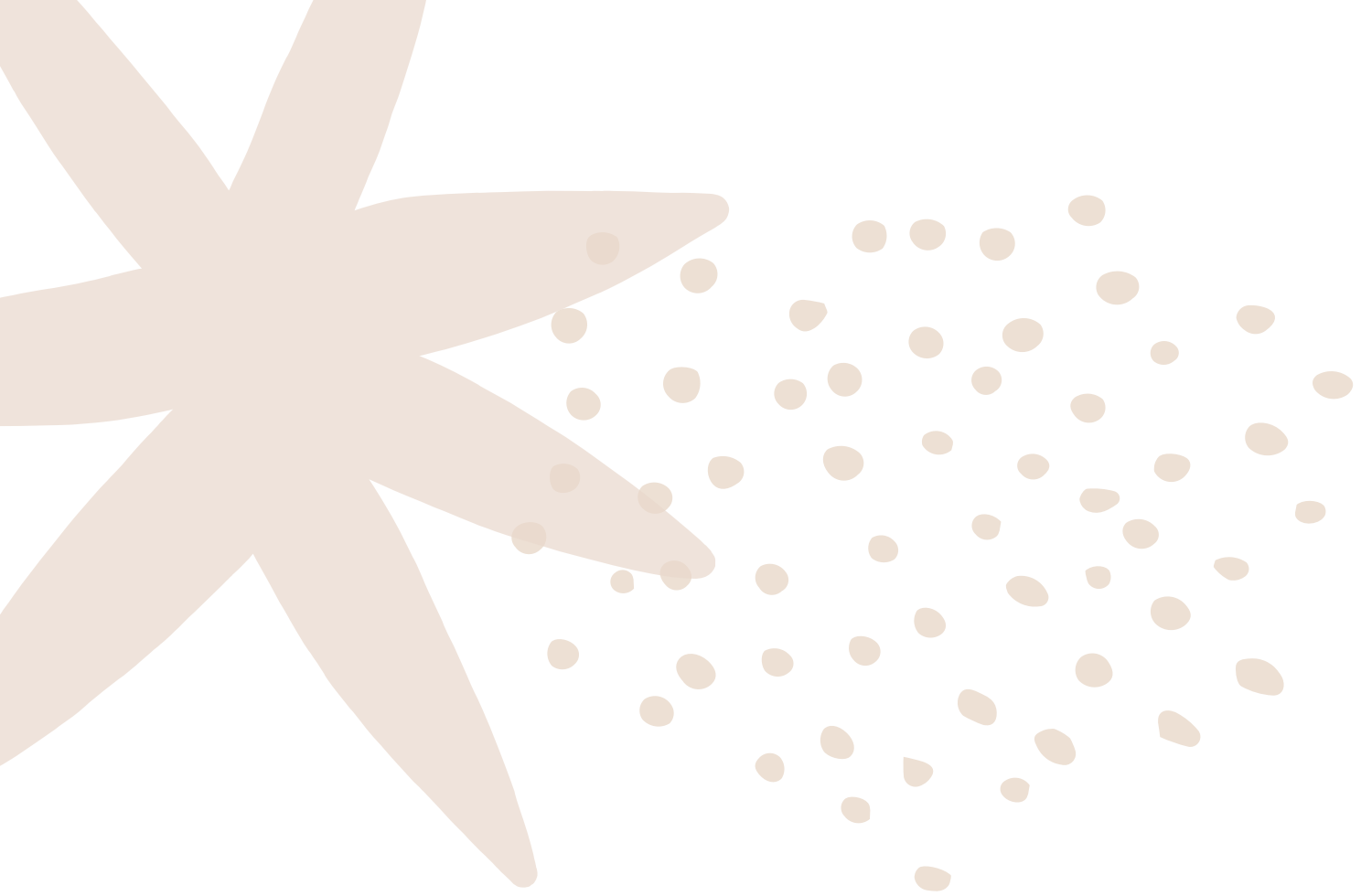
I knew about Jesus through attending church with my parents when I was a kid, but He never really felt real to me. Growing up, I struggled in school and didn't have any passion for anything. I didn't think I had anything to offer, so I kept to myself, and felt lost and alone.

In my helplessness, I turned to God. I didn't think God could have any use for someone like me, but I desperately wanted to serve Him, and for my life to do something good. That was the first time I made myself available to Him.

Since then, I have felt encouraged and supported in everything I do. I have been blessed in many ways and can serve and help others. But even though I can see God working in my life, I have always felt distant from Him.

I came to Fraser Lands wanting to build a relationship with Jesus. I had no idea how loving and encouraging the community here would be. Through this community, I have come to understand the depth of God's love. This is why I have decided to make a commitment to God, to grow and live my life for Him.





# Membership Transfers





# Morris Sam



Throughout my childhood, I was taught to have good relationships and treat everyone with love and respect. However, as I entered the workforce, I started to face challenges in the workplace, conflicted issues and stress, where effort and dedication were often not recognized. I would tend to think there was favoritism and unfairness. I would become very anxious and worried, which led me to feel impatience and anger. I felt hopeless when things didn't go my way. I prayed to God every day for help and guidance.

My personal relationship with God began to grow when my prayers were heard. I believe God had a plan for me. My attitude towards interpersonal relationships changed. I realized I am not able to control things that other people do or say, however; I am able to deal and manage work pressure with patience and understanding. Philippians 4:6-7, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." With God's grace and love, I am very grateful to have a strong relationship with Him.

# Wendy Shea



When I was nine years old, my mother bought me a children's Bible. I did not realize what a profound influence it would have on me. As a child, I was captivated by the beautiful illustrations and I pored over the stories before bedtime. That was the first time I was introduced to the word of God. Coming from a non-religious family in Hong Kong and not having any Christian friends, I did not grow up knowing God. However, I knew from the time I was gifted that children's Bible that I wanted to get to know Him. I remember that whenever I felt lonely or troubled, I would say a short prayer to ask Him to be with me and to give me strength.

When I moved from Hong Kong to Toronto for university, having to adapt to life in a new country without knowing anyone, trying to integrate into a new culture, and attending university had become overwhelming. I was the loneliest I had ever been. God knew and He knew that it was the right time for me to get to know Him. In my first-year biology class, God had led a fellow classmate to approach me and to strike up a conversation in a massive lecture hall filled with over a hundred other students. One topic led to another, and somehow in a miraculous turn of events that only He could have planned, I was invited to fellowship.

I began attending church, and finally in 2001 I was baptized. It seemed like a long journey from the time I first knew of God as a nine-year-old child, but it had taught me that everything was in His hands and in His perfect timing. Our faith grows and we learn to trust in Him when we are made to wait. Amazing things happen when He tells us "It's time".



# Angela Torres



I joined Fraser Lands three years ago through Souljourners. Finding a church community to grow with was an arduous task, but I'm glad I stayed! My entire life I've been surrounded by a Christian community, so it was lonely for the years when I was without one. When I was a child, my father started a church in our home. As the church grew, I served as a worship leader and a youth ministry coordinator. Despite my upbringing in the church, my upbringing at home was quite broken. My mother had volatile behaviours and my siblings followed suit. After many hospital visits and close calls, my mother moved to another province. Home was a hostile environment where I was told that I was not enough to love. So I found affection from all the wrong people and made poor decisions. I left my church so I could hide my shame. That isolation made me desperate for true love from the One who would love me unconditionally. Jesus dealt with everything in me and around me. For these reasons, I decided to become a child and family counsellor and art therapist. What the enemy intended for evil, God has used for good.

# Bryant Vergara



I was born and raised in a Christian household but never really understood the meaning behind my faith. I spent much of my childhood doing “Church” as a social outlet and way of making friends. As an only child, my parents used Christianity purely as a moral framework, we never spoke in depth about theology, why we believe, or who Jesus is. Throughout my adolescence, I did what every good church kid would do: go to youth group, volunteer at Awana, Sunday School, etc., but I never thought deeply about what I believed, I really just did things because there was social value to being at church.

It was not until I went to university in Michigan that I was placed in an environment with peers who shared vastly different belief systems than myself. I found a Christian fraternity on campus, Beta Upsilon Chi (BYX), where, for the first time, I engaged with other young men who struggled with the same questions that I did about the nature of God and Christianity as a whole. This period of my life is when I came to actually accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior, and while I still have a plethora of questions, I believe the Lord has me on this path for a reason.



# Amanda Wong



My parents started taking me to church at a young age. I was shy so I did not enjoy Sunday School. Every Sunday morning, my parents had to holler at me to get out of bed. It wasn't until a few years ago that I decided to take control of my own faith. I wanted to be able to set an alarm, wake up and get myself to church. I joined a small group and became a counsellor with the youth. After becoming more engaged in my faith, I began thinking about getting baptized but I still didn't feel ready.

A few years later, I attended a worship service at another church and they sang the song "Sinking Deep". This was my first time hearing this song and the lyrics brought me to tears. I was overwhelmed with emotion and it was clear that I couldn't do this life alone and I needed Jesus. I wanted to know Him all my life. This was the moment I decided to get baptized. Since this day, I've been trying my best to be more intentional about going to church and building relationships with the church community.

# Corin Wong



Truly accepting Christ as my savior, father, and friend is the best decision that I've made for my life. Of course, I cannot cite just one singular reason as to why I've made this choice; there are a multitude of events, relationships, and encounters that have led me to this choice.

The peace, power, confidence, and joy that I walk in when I abide with Christ is supernatural and can only be attributed to the existence of God. When I walk with Christ, sit in His presence, and wait on His word, I experience no greater joy. This is why I have chosen Jesus as my Lord and will hold to this for as long as I live.





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