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Justin Au

BAPTISM

Hi Everyone! My name is Justin and I have been attending Fraser Lands since I was a kid. I grew up in a Christian household, but never intentionally pursued my faith. I constantly pursued worldly desires as my source of happiness and placed God far down on my priority list. Through this I was able to live happily but lacked the element of joy in my life. I consistently longed for that innermost fulfillment that only God can fill.

It wasn't until I was met with the love of God in my third year of university where I finally came back to Christ. Meeting individuals who were so spirit-filled and loving, caused me to question my character and whether I was a "Christian". I had been distant from Fraser Lands Church in the past few years but was brought back through Souljourners Fellowship when I had encountered the strong love that bound the community.

I realize that God has placed me in different positions in the past few years that has slowly remolded my heart and character. I now have the longing desire to share the love of God that has been so kindly shared with me. God has changed me over these past few years, and I have learned to place all my trust in Him. I am forever grateful for Him as He is truly my Lord and Saviour.



Matthew Chiang

BAPTISM

Growing up, I regularly attended church and my faith was nurtured by my family and the Church community. However, as I entered my teenage years, I gradually drifted away from God. The declining health of my grandparents, who played pivotal roles in shaping my faith, and my parents' decision to discontinue regularly attending church were significant reasons for this spiritual detachment, lasting for about six years. During this time, my reliance on God weakened and I lost the deeper connection I once had with Him.

In October 2022, a friend invited me to the Souljourners Fellowship for young adults at Fraser Lands Church (FLC). This was a turning point in my life. The community welcomed me and reignited my dormant faith, drawing me closer to God with each gathering. Eventually, I began actively seeking a personal relationship with Him, rather than riding on the faith of others like before. When offered the opportunity to lead a small group, I recognized it as God's calling to serve and deepen my faith.

Being a small group leader for the past 7 months has helped me to grow my faith and solidify my commitment to God. His faithfulness in me and the support from FLC has transformed my heart, redirecting my life back towards a God-centered path. Today, I openly declare Jesus Christ as the Lord and Saviour of my life, committed to following and serving Him wholeheartedly.



Chelsea Bigsot

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

My name is Chelsea, and I grew up in a Christian home in Kelowna, where I was immersed in the values of faith and devotion to Jesus from an early age. Sunday school, baptism, youth group, Christian camps, and service work were integral parts of my upbringing. Despite this foundation, my understanding of living a Christlike life was limited.

It wasn't until my second year of university that I encountered a profound transformation. Through a Bible study on Philippians, God revealed the areas of my heart in need of His healing. I learned that true joy comes from surrendering to Jesus completely.

This newfound understanding led to significant changes in my life and despite moments of loneliness, I felt a closeness to Jesus that I had never experienced before. God orchestrated new connections and opportunities beyond my imagination, demonstrating His faithfulness. During my undergraduate and graduate studies at UBC Okanagan and the University of Toronto, respectively, I found supportive Christian communities. My previous home church, Willow Park Church, was also a space where I could grow with others and spur each other on. Though I cherish my memories in Kelowna, I'm grateful for the welcoming community at Fraser Lands, which I now call home.



Joshua Chui

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

I was born and raised in a Christian home in Edmonton where I attended and served in an Alliance church for 27 years. I grew a passion and desire to serve in the local church early on as a teenager, and helped wherever I could. This eventually led me to volunteer at a church soccer camp where I was able to combine my passion for both sport and ministry.

Feeling God's call to ministry, I worked part-time with a sports ministry called Athletes in Action for 5 years, and transitioned into a full-time position after my graduation from the University of Alberta. From 2015-2022, I worked full time with Athletes in Action in Alberta and then in BC, experiencing God's goodness, faithfulness, and his grace as I saw many lives being transformed by Jesus. During this time, I also attended Taylor Seminary in Edmonton and graduated with a Masters in Theological Studies.

A couple years after my move in 2020 to the Lower Mainland, I started attending Fraser Lands regularly. In 2022, I felt God leading me into a new direction in ministry. This has led me to where I am today where I work at the Canadian Pacific District office with The Alliance. I look forward to continue serving and worshiping at Fraser Lands!



David Tsai

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

I was born and grew up in the Philippines. At seven, I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and Lord. I was baptized at twelve. The next year, our family immigrated to Vancouver. During high school, I greatly enjoyed church life and served in different areas. I attended a Basic Youth Conflicts Seminar while in university; God used it to pinpoint areas in my life that grieved Him. With His help, I dealt with them in the following years. God continued to work on me during the time away from home for graduate studies. Reading through the Bible and studying it systematically helped to personalize and strengthen my faith in Jesus Christ. In 1985, I rededicated myself to serve the Lord. Evelyn and I were married summer of 1986; that September I started my studies at Regent College.

By God's grace and mercy, through married life, being parents (we have two adult children) and ministry, God continues to shape me. Being retired from active ministry, I am grateful for the Lord's guidance and provision for our family, and all that I have learned and am continuing to learn in this phase of my life.



Evelyn Tsai

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

When I was very young, my grandmother brought me to church. I accepted Jesus as my Savior at 13 and was baptized shortly after. The summer I graduated from university, I attended my church's summer camp. There, the Holy Spirit let me realize that I did not have a personal relationship with God and did not make Him my Lord. I prayed and asked Him to help me become a "real" Christian, to take control of my life and help me live for Him. God answered my prayer by allowing me to face many hurdles and difficulties. Through them, I began to see and experience how He walks with me.

I experienced many unexpected and even unwanted moves to different places and countries. God enabled me to see His presence and provision. He also gave me the desire to read His Word and learn to study it for myself. What joy and excitement to see that He speaks so personally and specifically! Embracing this season of my life, I look forward to joining the brothers and sisters at Fraser Lands Church in growing deeper in my relationship with God and His children.



Lawrence Yuen

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

One childhood memory reflecting God was peering through beautiful sun-drenched stained-glass windows at the Chinese United Church in Chinatown. Later, we attended a new church – Vancouver Chinese Alliance that rented space at Tenth Avenue Alliance.

During elementary school, the Vancouver School Board allowed the Gideons to distribute free KJV New Testaments to elementary students. I remember excitedly receiving the red NT. It included a simple explanation of the gospel with a place to sign your name and indicate the date when you had received Jesus Christ as your Lord. I recall reading a portion of the book of James and sensing a conviction to place my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, then signing that page. That was the beginning of my journey with Jesus.

My faith was fortified through fellowship, small groups, church and spiritual friendships with many individuals and groups. David Sam, a school companion now with the Lord, was my first spiritual buddy with whom I was able to chat and find common faith. My mentor, Pastor Dr. Greg Owyang in LA suggested seminary at Talbot before he was suddenly taken Home in 1985. I ended up graduating from Talbot and pastoring at VCAC/Fraser Lands. It was early in ministry I met my wife, Suling, who had relocated from Halifax, Nova Scotia. We have journeyed together since 1996 when we were married at Fraser Lands Church. God has gifted us with 3 children – Matthias (Grace), Harrison and Solana. We are expecting our first grandchild.



Suling Yuen

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

I was raised in a restaurant family where the culture of hard work and staying out of trouble was strongly instilled. As a young teenager I was introduced to a local Chinese church. Working hard and attending church regularly over the years, I thought I was already a Christian. On one Sunday, the pastor preached that we each need to pray to God and invite Jesus into our lives. Though I have likely heard him say this before, the message struck me this time. That evening, I asked Jesus to enter my life. From that time on, I began to hunger for the Word and sought the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Today, I can claim with certainty that God loves me unconditionally. He created me to be a human be-ing and not a human do-ing. I can do nothing to earn His grace. In Ephesians 2:8,9 it states: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works so that no one can boast." With this verse in mind, I can truly worship my Lord and Saviour in everything.

THE MEANING OF BAPTISM

Christians believe that there is good news for all people. About 2,000 years ago God sent Jesus Christ into the world to save us from our sins. Whoever believes in him with repentance and faith will be saved.

Baptism is a Christian ceremony where we, as the church, celebrate the salvation through faith of new believers. When someone professes faith in Christ, then the church baptizes them in water.

The ceremony of baptism is a complex of various meanings, but the most straightforward meaning is washing. We don't wash ourselves; God washes us. When we call on the name of Christ, we are cleansed from all our sins (Acts 22:16).

At Fraser Lands, our practice is to baptize people during Sunday morning worship, full immersion. We typically hold baptism ceremonies twice a year, once at Easter, and once during Christmas Advent.

If you are interested in baptism, please contact Pastor Ben at ben@fraserlands.ca.



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