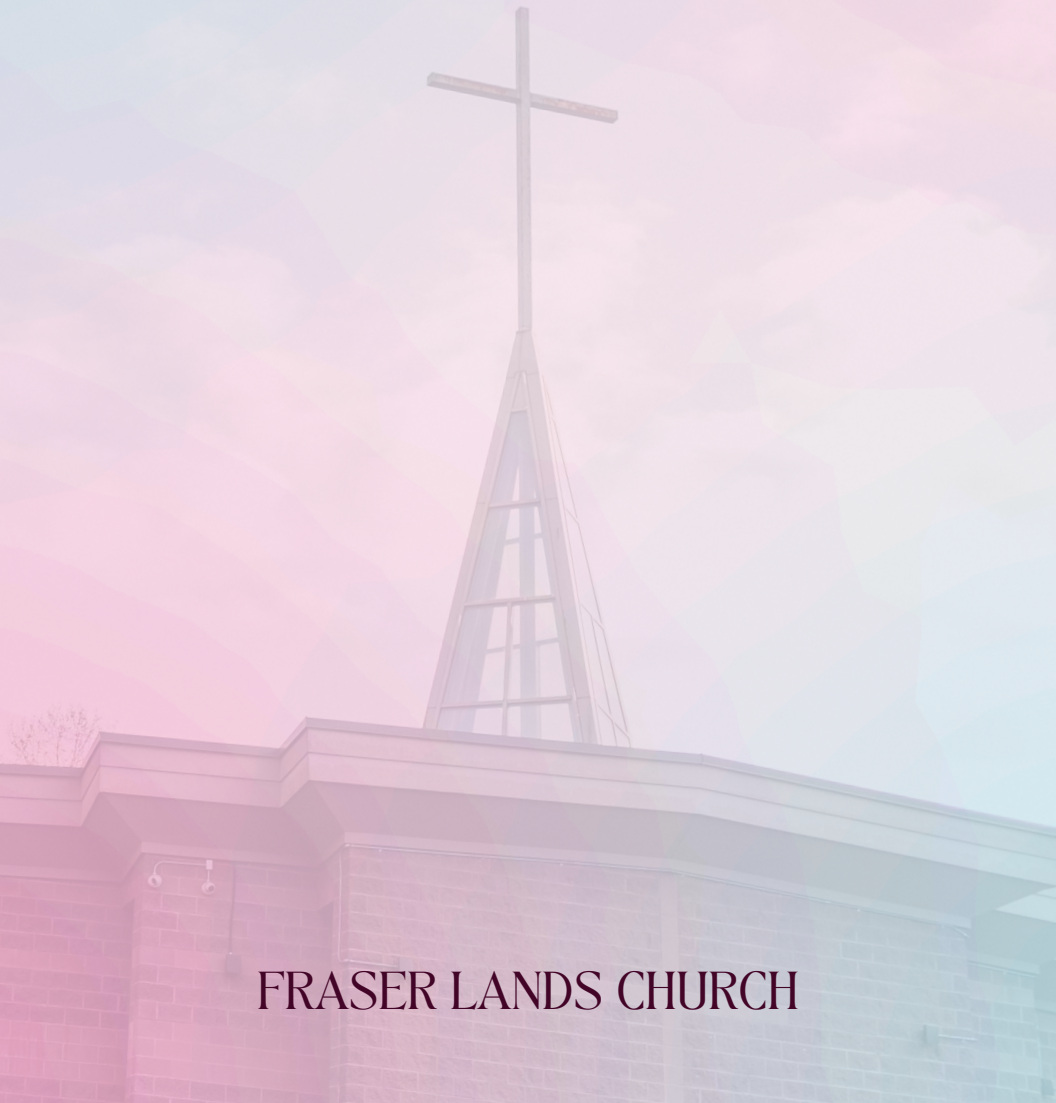


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# BAPTISMS & MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS



FRASER LANDS CHURCH



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# Sean Lau

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BAPTISM

Throughout my life, God has continually shown His presence. Through every high and low, even when I struggle to feel Him, He sends gentle reminders of His constancy through prayer, worship music, and the people around me. One specific time changed my entire outlook on my faith. It came during a season of depression when happiness felt distant. I prayed daily for God's peace and joy to sustain me, and months later, He delivered. In an instant, He lifted me from my lowest valley to my highest peak, washing over me with His immense joy and peace.

Over the past two years, God has been faithful in reminding me that He is always near—even when I forget to look. Whether through the community at Souljourners, in prayer, or through worship, He continues to move in my life. I still have much to learn, and I don't know what the future holds, but I trust in Him. I want to love and follow Him for all of my days, and declaring that now is why I am here today.





# Emily Leung

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BAPTISM

Hi, everyone! I'm Emily, and I've been attending Fraser Lands for about 10 years now, first introduced through Awana.

When I was younger, church was all about games and friends. I was excited to go, but I didn't fully understand the significance until I had a profound experience with God.

One summer, I was at the movies wearing shorts when my legs suddenly became unbearably itchy. I stepped out to the washroom and saw hives spreading. I was just a child, alone and scared, without my parents there to comfort me. At that moment, I did the only thing I could think of: I prayed. I asked God to take away my discomfort and fear. As soon as I started praying, the itchiness faded, and a wave of coolness and peace washed over me.

That moment, along with many others in my life, showed me that God is always there. He is someone I can trust fully and depend on completely. I'm excited to continue growing in love and understanding of Him.



# Daniel Soo

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BAPTISM

My journey here has been a gradual one, with God showing me that he has always been there no matter what. Having been raised in the Church, I grew up accustomed to Bible stories, common verses and worship songs. During high school, I drifted as experiences and unanswered questions led me to view Church merely as a social gathering place.

University marked a significant turning point. Facing major life decisions and searching for identity, I found myself drawn to Souljourners, our young adult fellowship. There, I witnessed peers with authentic, independent faith—something I had never experienced before. This community showed me that genuine faith could exist beyond childhood upbringing. Yet my own spiritual life felt incomplete until a pivotal moment during a retreat when I consciously decided to actively pursue a relationship with God. As I read the Bible more and sought answers, I gained a deeper understanding of who God is and the expanse of his love for me.

Looking back, I see God's constant presence even when I wasn't seeking Him. He guided my path and surrounded me with supportive community. Despite ongoing challenges, I now approach life with confidence in God's plan, placing Him at the center as I move forward in faith, ready to publicly declare my commitment through baptism.



# Taygete Diaz

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MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

Two hundred words are hardly enough to capture the depth of Jesus' mercies in my life since I made the decision to surrender to Him. I once struggled with pain and insecurities, stemming from a childhood marred by bullying, which left lasting scars. On top of that, my parents were going through a divorce, our family seemed to be falling apart. I felt depressed, worthless, and empty like there was no purpose or reason to live.

My grandmother would often share with me about Jesus' love and sacrifice on the cross whenever we visited her. One day, I decided to attend her church service, and that's when God moved my heart. I saw the peace and joy in the lives of the members, and I longed for that same peace. I prayed, asking Jesus to come into my heart, and from that moment, everything changed.

My transformation was so evident that my parents wanted to know more about Jesus. God restored their marriage, saving it from divorce and now they adore him. Isaiah 43:1 has been his promise: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." Since I met Jesus, I've never been alone again. He is my everything.



# Kathleen Joe

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

I am blessed to have been raised by parents and surrounded by family and a church community who have taught me the power of prayer and the word of God, who have shown me how vast God's love is, and who have always encouraged me to seek to glorify Him in all that I do. At a school chapel service, I accepted Christ as my Lord and Saviour as I first experienced the presence of God and confidence that my relationship with Him stemmed from my own developing faith. Years to follow, my baptism was an act of obedience and worship following my decision to dedicate my life to Jesus whole-heartedly.

In many instances, God has continually shown the importance of seeking Him first and trusting in Him to take full control. He has shown me that my plans change quickly, but His provision is abundant and is always guiding my steps.

I am grateful that God has led me to be a part of Fraser Lands Church for the past 10 years and I look forward to expressing my commitment and participation through formal membership of this church community that has welcomed and supported me in my spiritual walk.



# Brigitte Lucando

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## MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

I grew up in a Christian household. Church for me was just a place my parents took me every Sunday. It was a place where we sang songs and read the Bible, but I wasn't connected to God on any deeper level.

When I was 16 years old, my family decided to move to a different church. It was here that I began to take my faith more seriously. I went to the teens camp the youth ministry organized in the summer of 2011 and during one of the worship nights I gave my life to Christ. I was baptized the following year (January 2012). I started to grow more in my faith.

God has been my Shepherd and Strength throughout my final teen years, then my young adulthood life and up until now.



# Hank Shih

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

I grew up in a Buddhist home in Taiwan where Buddhism was deeply ingrained in our culture and daily life. My journey to faith in Christ began with my father. He passed away when I was 23, but in his final days, something incredible happened—he met God. Just three days before his passing, he was baptized.

As we stood by his deathbed in the hospital, he shared something that changed my life forever. He told us that his entire life had been like a play in a theater — an illusion. At the end, he finally saw the truth: Buddhism was false, its trinity was fake, and only God was real. Those words shook me to my core. I had so many questions, but my father was gone. Yet, I knew he wouldn't have spoken those words lightly. He had found the truth.

That night, I wrote in my journal, "God, who are You? I want to know You." God answered. He led me to a pastor I met at a fundraiser, who invited me to her church. There, I encountered God's love, found community, served with joy, went on a mission trip, and in 2009, I was baptized.

Looking back, I see how God was always pursuing me, using even my father's final moments to bring me into His truth. Now, I live to know Him and make Him known.

# 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](mailto:ben@fraserlands.ca).



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