

# *Baptisms*

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*Wake Forest Campus*

9:15 a.m.

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1. Laura Finch



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### *Laura Finch*

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#### Life Verse:

##### Colossians 2:6-7

*“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”*

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#### Testimony:

**Before I truly knew Jesus**, I relied heavily on myself and the world around me for fulfillment and direction. I searched for meaning in relationships, achievements, and external validation—yet I often felt depressed, anxious, and exhausted. From the outside, it appeared that I was fine, but internally I always felt like something was missing.

I began praying constantly, and an answer came one day when I felt a strong urge to go to church. Over time, as I attended, I sensed God gently drawing me closer to Him, revealing His love, grace, and patience toward me. I came to understand who Jesus truly is and what it means to have a relationship with Him.

Since meeting Jesus, my life has completely changed. I feel like a totally different person in the best way possible. I now feel the presence of the Holy Spirit living within me—guiding me, bringing me peace, and transforming my heart and life each day.

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11 a.m.

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1. Kelli Sobie
2. Jennifer King
3. Liam King
4. Nellie Lowe
5. Jessie Entwisle
6. Elliott Lembree
7. Hannah Anand
8. Skylar Pittman
9. Tami Ashraf
10. Trevor Johnston

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*Kelli Sobie*

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### Life Verse:

Psalm 119:28

*"My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word."*

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### Testimony:

I've always felt God's presence in my life, but I never fully understood what to do with it. And while I lacked that theological foundation of church, I did see how much my dad's faith mattered to him.

After he passed unexpectedly, I was faced with a decision: to run from God or run to Him. I chose to seek Him and embrace prayer.

I've always wondered how people with God in their life are always so sure in every situation, like they have a calmness or peacefulness to them, especially in sorrow. Now I can confidently say I get it. Even though I lost one of the most important people to me, and as hard as it was, it also brought me closer to God.

Today, I am fully surrendering myself and declaring my unwavering faith. I've never had more joy in my life since embracing my faith, and it is so powerful. I am in awe of God's plan.



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# *Jennifer King*

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### Life Verse:

James 1:2-3

*"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."*

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### Testimony:

I was born into Catholicism and baptized as an infant. I completed my sacraments of initiation, but soon after, my family and I stopped attending church. Because I occasionally prayed and went to church on holidays, I thought I had a relationship with God.

But after my son was born, I couldn't shake the desire to attend consistently again. When I finally acted on this feeling, it took only one service to know it was where I was supposed to be. Each sermon spoke directly to me in some way. I realized that I did not know what it meant to truly have a relationship with God and Jesus, as I began to learn about His love in a way I never had before.

I see now just how much God has worked in my life. With Him by my side, I can find peace, hope, encouragement, and gratitude in my daily life and in my struggles. I am being baptized to publicly declare my faith in Jesus and strengthen my commitment to following Him.



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*Liam King*

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### Life Verse:

**Colossians 3:23**

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters..."*

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### Testimony:

**Before I met Jesus,** I knew I had my family to confide in, but sharing my thoughts with them didn't always feel like enough. And the older I got, the more I struggled, which made my sense of loneliness grow.

One day, my mom told me she thought we should start going to church. I didn't know much about it besides it being a place where we would talk about God. But when we did start going, I really enjoyed it. I quickly got involved in Crews, and over time, I began to understand who Jesus is, what He had done for me, and that I can fully depend on Him.

Now, when I need Him, I know I can pray and trust that He is listening. I feel safer and more comfortable knowing He is always with me and has a plan for me.

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### *Nellie Lowe*

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#### **Life Verse:**

**John 14:6-7**

*"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'"*

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#### **Testimony:**

I was **six years old** when my uncle got hurt and almost died. I trusted in Jesus to save him and help my family face our sadness. I believe Jesus is the Son of God who died on the cross for our sins, and I want to be baptized to show that I love Him.

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# *Jessie Entwisle*

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### Life Verse:

Romans 15:13

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

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### Testimony:

**Growing up in a Christian** household and among a wonderful church community, I have always been blessed to hear about how much God loves me. I loved going to VBS in the summers and remember learning about His plan for salvation there. One night in second grade, with the help of my mom, I prayed the Lord's prayer and accepted Jesus into my heart.

Since then, I've learned that accepting Christ doesn't mean life will always be easy. Over the years, my family faced some hardships, and I started to struggle with anxiety. But thanks to the Lord, I have been able to lean on Him and grow through it all. He has given me hope and stability when I've felt frightened and overwhelmed—and the courage to do things I couldn't do on my own.

While I still struggle with the many obstacles life brings, I am certain in who I am in Christ and confident in the plans He has for me.



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*Elliott Lembree*

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### Life Verse:

Psalm 22:30-31

*"Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!"*

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### Testimony:

**Before I met Jesus, my** life was largely aimless and unfulfilling. I was existing without a known purpose, except that I wanted to make the people around me proud.

Over time, though, Jesus introduced Himself into my life through what I now think of as "seeds." These seeds were planted in many ways—from the encouragement of people around me to pursue my curiosity about Jesus to small acts of kindness from strangers who knew the Lord. As these experiences multiplied, I realized how deeply compelled I felt to follow God.

Since pursuing my relationship with the Lord, my life has become more fulfilling and full of understanding, and I feel lifted up daily in my existence on earth.

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### *Hannah Anand*

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#### Life Verse:

1 Corinthians 16:14

*"Do everything in love."*

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#### Testimony:

**Like many others, I was** born into a Christian family and have never been without God. When I was younger, I had a deep desire to tell everyone I knew about Christ, and my heart would ache at the thought of people choosing not to follow Him.

As I got older, though, that desperate need to share the Gospel faded. I watched as people twisted the word of God for their own benefit and used it to justify hatred and discrimination. But rather than seeking the truth for myself, I let bitterness grow in me. Over time, I stopped viewing humanity separately from Jesus, and I refused to associate with a religion I viewed as hateful.

It wasn't until recently that I realized the bitterness I carried had changed my heart—that I'd lost myself along the way. I searched for myself in the world, but I soon realized it could never satisfy my soul. Finally, I revisited the Word of God and began to relearn who Jesus truly was. I saw Him show up in the parts of my life that I'd pushed Him out of, and I have experienced unexplainable peace knowing He holds my future.

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As I continue to grow closer to Him, I have learned that He is nothing like the world, for He is love. I want to follow Him for the rest of my days, showing others the truth and living in a way that reflects who He truly is to everyone around me.

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### *Skylar Pittman*

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#### Life Verse:

Proverbs 16:9

*"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."*

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#### Testimony:

I grew up knowing who Christ was, but I never truly grasped His role in my life until a few years ago. At the time, I felt isolated. I didn't have a community I belonged to—so I learned to rely on Him.

Thankfully, He has brought me closer to many people who have helped me grow as a person and in my understanding and acceptance of His love. Because of this, I have learned to draw near to Him and to focus my life on Him, trusting that He will guide me—which He has!

Since devoting myself to Christ, my life has become so much more peaceful. I am less focused on the attention of others and more on what God is leading me to do. This has filled my life with so much more love and patience than before. I know He will see me through all that's to come, as I grow closer to Him over the course of my life.

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*Tami Ashraf*

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### Life Verse:

1 John 2:13

*"I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one."*

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### Testimony:

I spent the past few years seeking peace and happiness in everything the world had to offer. But every time I met a goal, it wasn't enough, and so I constantly sought new goals. Nothing ever made me happy, and I found myself wondering if anything would ever be enough.

But last year, when Charlie Kirk was killed, the veil was removed from my eyes. I suddenly understood that there is spiritual warfare going on all around us. I now know the evil one is constantly at work and that Jesus is the only answer to the suffering we see in the world.

I turned to Jesus, in tears, asking Him to forgive me for turning my back on Him, and I accepted Him as my Lord and Savior. Since that day, I have no longer chased what the world sees as successful. I haven't wanted anything new or different, except to grow closer to Jesus. I am confident in my desire to put God first, knowing that everything else will fall into place.

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# *Trevor Johnston*

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### Life Verse:

Proverbs 16:9

*"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."*

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### Testimony:

I was raised Catholic, but I never felt a true connection to Jesus. I went to services and participated in the sacraments, but His influence on my life ended there. For years, I lived my life in a cynical and worldly way.

However, when I became a father, my wife and I decided we wanted to join a moral community for the sake of our kids. One day during COVID, my wife invited me to a new church. As I walked through the door, I could feel God's presence in the music, the people, and the message. God began speaking directly to me until the things I was experiencing couldn't be explained away.

After that, I joined a small group and dived into the Word. My relationship with my wife and kids became so much stronger. It felt like being reborn.

God has refined me in many ways. He delivered me through the anger of having our car stolen and taught me to forgive, to live for Him, and to speak to His glory. Now, I teach my kids about Jesus, and they both know He is their Lord. I find joy in meeting others who know Him, and I am always seeks ways to serve. Jesus has saved my life!

