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Written Testimony (Joining by baptism)

I was very young when I came to Christ, so to compare myself now to a little rowdy toddler isn't too fair, but I was at least a rowdy toddler. I only thought of myself, and since I shared a room with my older sister who is 7 years older than me, there weren't too many moments in that bedroom that didn't end in a fight, but we always ended up laughing our heads off no matter what happened. I remember doing devotionals with my family in my parent's room every night, and I got curious after a while and asked my sister more about this guy named Jesus and ended up praying to be saved at the end of that conversation. From then on, I did as every little kid did-I went crazy when I didn't get my way, but day by day I did my best to get closer to Jesus and I kept getting reminded that my way isn't always the best way. I was lucky enough to go to Legacy Christian Academy from kindergarten all the way through my senior year of high school, and the Lord has definitely blessed me with teachers and friends that have had an amazing impact on me and my faith. I am thankful for even the hard times I endured while I was growing up because the tough moments really did strengthen my faith more than I ever realized. Now, I am going to Cedarville University, and the Lord has blessed me in such a great way that I will be able to complete college in only 3 years. Through tough times in life, I have been reminded that He is always there day-in and day-out and He is always teaching me the lessons I most likely didn't want to learn, but also definitely needed to hear and learn. But from growing day by day in Him, I am firm in my faith. I built my foundation on the rock. A verse that I always go back to is Matthew 19: 26 that says, "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible'" and that verse is a constant reminder to me that when things look impossible and crazy to us, they look like a tiny ant hill to Him. To be completely honest, I was really nervous to be baptized cause I am a very shy and introverted person, but while going through the foundations class, I was reminded that being baptized isn't about me, it is about what the Lord has done in me and through me-and that is exactly what I know the Lord has called me to do.