

MADE NEW



BAPTISM STORIES

Mauricia Anderson (pronounced Marisha):



I began praying and attending church regularly and noticed a positive change in my life, behavior and attitude! God has opened my eyes to the beauty all around me as I started following Him. Crossroads Church is where my grandparents brought me to church as a child. I have never been baptized and have decided to change my life for Christ. Angie Furry has made an impact on me spiritually and I would like her to stand with me while I am baptized.



Chase Anderson:

I came to the decision to trust Jesus Christ as my savior by attending church regularly with my mom. God has made me a better person by following Him. My mom started bringing me with her to church. I decided to be baptized to change my life and walk with Christ as my savior. I would like my mom, Mauricia Anderson to stand with me while I am baptized.

Brianna Ridenour



I did not grow up in a Christian household and my first few experiences of service were quite scary as this was unfamiliar territory that I hadn't experienced until Nate Robertson invited me into this important part of his life. I began to make my own intentional decision to follow Christ during COVID when service was streamed online and I could worship and strengthen my faith in my own familiar space before publicly sharing my devotion.

After that pivotal time, I challenged myself to read the word in its entirety, sought out new Christ-centered friendships, and began to trust in God's plan over my own. Moving to Ohio State was another big step in my journey but this change only strengthened my desire to follow God more. I got involved with a church on campus called H2O and made some of my closest friends while worshiping and seeking out God. He slowly became my rock and I began to see so much growth in my life through periods of adversity and His encouraged decision to go to Honduras, a trip that the Bri I was 5 years ago never would have imagined. For a lack of words, the trip was the best thing I have ever done and I have never felt more inspired and in awe of God's goodness and the community he brought me through such a life changing experience. I knew after returning from that unforgettable trip that I was ready to publicly declare my decision to follow God which is a decision that has only been strengthened over the last year.

Words cannot describe the peace, joy, and love that I have experienced since making the decision to follow Christ. I still live the same life of ups and downs, but the trust in knowing God is with me, and will forever be, has been transformational in shaping my outlook on life. He has also brought me such a wonderful and loving community at Crossroads and my church back at school that I will be forever grateful for the lives that continue to inspire me. By also encouraging and making it possible for me to attend the mission trip to Honduras this year, He has opened so many doors, ignited new passions in me, and has only grew my desire to spread His love to unbelievers, like myself 5 years ago, who have no idea how transformative a Christ-centered life truly is.

I believe I internally made the decision to trust Christ with my life about a year ago and think that He has provided immensely for me this past year. Through the friendships I have built at Crossroads, my church at Ohio State, and through the life-altering trip that Honduras was, the flame to my fire that burns for Him is at its highest point right now

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and I have felt nothing but encouraged to show it off and publicly declare my love for Him.

Brian has definitely made a huge impact in my life spiritually and personally, but would also like to have Molly Stelzle, my mentor and friend from my church at Ohio State, H2O, stand with me while I get baptized.



Nilsson VanAtta

I grow up in a home learning about Jesus through my mom. I am not requesting anyone in particular to stand with me during the baptism.

Nicholas Baughman



I have grown through different adversities I've faced by turning to Christ in the midst of the hardships. Looking back those hard times have turn me into who I am today and formed a deeper relationship with the Lord.

In my walk with Christ I've learned to trust his will and his timing. I've trusted God that everything happens for a reason and that in every situation something good comes out of it. My relationship with the Lord has kept my priorities straight and allowed me to enjoy life to the best of my ability. My family attended Crossroads when I was a baby, so I've been coming to Crossroads since I was 2 years old.

I've considered getting baptized for some time, but I wanted to make the decision when I knew I wasn't at a high point in my faith. I wanted to wait until I was able to make the decision when I was level headed and could fully consider the meaning of Baptism and what it means for my faith going forward.



Ashley Glick

I grew up in a small church with my family but I chose to follow Christ at 21 years old. I came to the decision to trust Him when I was in a place of feeling alone and needed Him the most. My life has been impacted by Christ by Him showing me that I have a purpose in life to love and care for others and that I am worthy and loved.

I became a part of Crossroads church by working at the Learning Tree in July of 2021 where I met Samantha who invited me to a service. I felt welcomed and wanted to continue to come. I started attending regularly and then was invited to be involved in children's ministry. I am currently still working at the Learning Tree and interning with children's ministry along side with Pastor Jake.

I have loved being a part of this community and consider Crossroads my home. I have decided to be baptized by sharing my commitment to walk with Christ. I would like Jake Kline and Bob Gould to stand by me when I get baptized. They both have made a spiritual impact in my life.

Alexis Shade



I was born into a Christian family and when I was 3 years old I decided I wanted to follow God just like my family so I said the prayer with my mom and became saved. I've been coming my whole life - 14 years. I want to obey God's command and symbolize that I follow God. My parents have made a spiritual impact in my life and I would like them to stand with me while being baptized.



Colin Shade

I have been going to a Christian school since kindergarden and I was born in a Christian family and through that I started to realize everything God and Jesus has done for me. I have been coming here since I was born. At school last year I was thinking a lot about my relationship with God and how I grew closer to Him last year and then one of my teachers asked if anyone would like to get baptized and I said I would. My parents have made a spiritual impact on my life and I would like them to stand with me while I get baptized.



Matt Lamb

Without God in my life I have no peace. My morals have increased. My girlfriend brought me here for Easter and we have come every Sunday since. A decision I have made to try my best to be and stay a good person. My son is being baptized as well so hoping to be baptized together.

Matthew Lamb - Romero



He is always around me and he always loves me. I have been treating people better. Jodee invited my dad and I for Easter service. So I can go to heaven.



Jeremy Piper

Basically myself and a friend had questions, and spoke to each other about them. We both started reading and listening to Pastors and reading the Bible. I was one of those people that said, “I’m a good person and Mom has my back”, I have since learned that is not enough. The more I listen and read the more I find out. I have been ready for quite a while to be baptized. I don’t like crowds, which is why I did not speak up last year to be baptized. My Mom and Aunt Sharon both attended. Aunt Sharon past, covid was going on, so Mom was not going. I wanted to be attending Church in person instead of online. I thought Mom was ready to go back after Aunt Sharon passing. Now here we are. It is long past that I be baptized. The more that I learn, the more I want to be baptized. There are plenty of people who have helped and taught. I will have my step-father stand with me.

Evan Clark



Jesus is always there for me. I want Him to be my Savior. We came to Crossroads a couple of years ago in search of a new church and loved the service. To give my life to Christ.



Caitlyn Clark

I know that Jesus is always there for me and I want follow Him throughout my life. We came to Crossroads a couple of years ago in search of a new church and loved the service. To give my life to Christ.

Dakota Bailey



I fully surrendered to Jesus a little over 2 years ago, while battling drug addiction and living a rebellious life. I believed prior to this, but hadn't surrendered yet. When I fully submitted to God's authority and accepted Jesus as Lord, my life **RADICALLY** changed for the better. He broke the chains of addiction, gave me beautiful children, a home, a flourishing business, and I'm now impacting other people's lives for the better. My wife and I agreed that we needed to be a part of a community of believers. After attending a few churches in Lima, we settled on Crossroads. Crossroads services and sermons speak to us directly every time we attend! God has changed my life drastically. The least I can do for Him is to publicly declare my dedication and faith! I've wanted to be baptized for a long time now and I feel its definitely time. My wife, Sky Bailey is who I would like to stand by me as I get baptized.



Sky Bailey

I've had a relationship with God since I was young being brought up in church, but about 2 years ago I was going through one of the hardest battles of my life with my addiction . I was lost and surrendering to God was the only thing left. I knew I couldn't fight this battle alone anymore. After I gave my life to God, my life began to change. I got married to the love of my life, we had our second son together and we moved into a beautiful home. I have been blessed in so many ways. We visited a few churches in the area. When we came to Crossroads for the first time , the message on that Sunday spoke to us. It felt like something we needed to hear. We liked the atmosphere and the people were all very nice! I want to dedicate my life to God and my savior Jesus Christ.

Ted Nusbaum



I was baptized as an infant, raised in the church, and confirmed as a church member as a young teen. A Christian standard of behavior was established but not always followed. Several events happened to me that left me wondering. There were times when someone needed help and I had the words that they needed to hear. They were not my words! Whose were they? There were actions not taken that could have led to trouble. Why did I choose not to be involved? I was asked to present a few Sunday sermons. Where did the ideas and the words come from? They were not mine! As I was reading the Bible, I realized the Prophets were foretelling the coming of the Savior hundreds of years before the birth of Jesus. How could that happen? I was always questioning God. I wanted him to prove to me that he was GOD. This changed when I read Proverbs 3:5; “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding” All my previous doubts and questions were answered.

A general feeling of peace has entered my life. Certainly, there are times I am upset and angry, but I don’t dwell on them. I know I am loved and God has a plan and a place for me. I grew up in an old established church in Lima, was baptized as an infant, and grew up in that environment. I was a member of the church for 70 years - not always an active member. As time passed, I felt that I was missing something in my spiritual life. My wife had been visiting other churches and invited me to go with her. We attended several other churches including Crossroads. We never felt at home, expect for Crossroads. We started coming to Crossroads sporadically and always felt welcomed. I have found a fullness in this church and praise God for guiding me to Crossroads.

As an infant, I was baptized, as a young teenager I attended classes on Heidelberg Catechism, and was

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confirmed as a member of the church. I did not understand the importance of the confirmation. It was something that I was expected to do. It should have been my public acceptance of Jesus Christ as my Savior, but I was totally ignorant of the fact. I want to make that public statement and be baptized again. This time with the understanding of what I am doing. I would like Carol, my wife to be with me at the baptism.



Carol Nusbaum

I have trusted and loved Jesus since I was a little girl. It was 20 years ago that I truly accepted forgiveness, began to forgive, and my life...instead of just surviving...begin to thrive. God has given me such peace and joy that I never had. I see beyond myself and my circumstance, to love others and be a blessing. So happy to be a part of Crossroads, since my very first service. The Church that I had been a member for 43 years was ending and not ending well. I was baptized as an infant. After witnessing last years baptisms at Ottawa Metro, I knew in my spirit that I must be baptized. My outward promise of my inward beliefs, devotion, and love. I would like my husband, Ted and my friend and teacher Beth Miller with Brian to stand by me during my baptism.

Noelle Rumschlag



I came to the decision to trust Jesus Christ when I was 6, with my dad and it was right after we did our scripture on Jesus dying on the cross. My dad put me to bed and we prayed, that is when I told him I wanted to accept Jesus Christ as my Savior.

God has impacted my life by showing his faithfulness

through answered prayer like when I prayed for siblings and now have three wonderful brothers. Through the love he has shown me I have a desire to share it with others. My parents took me to Crossroads.

I have decided to be baptized because I have grown in my faith and am now ready to show people that I am a follower of Christ. My mom, dad, and my cousin are who I would like to stand with me while I am getting baptized.

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