

# *Baptisms*

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## *Baptisms*

### *Millbrook Campus*

9:15 a.m.

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- Group 1
  1. Preslie Becraft-Kaz
  2. Katie Grace Worrell
  3. Raegan Singer
  4. Simon Singer
- Group 2
  1. Jacob Chace
  2. Billy O'Connor
  3. Nicole Evans
  4. Stephanie Owens
  5. Chris Lamon

## *Baptisms*

### *Preslie Becraft-Kaz*

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#### Life Verse:

##### **Zephaniah 3:17**

*"The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in His love He will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."*

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#### Testimony:

**When I was nine**, I was watching a Christian video, and I found myself wanting to learn more. I started going to church with my mom and decided to accept Jesus into my heart.

Now that I know Jesus, I've noticed a lot of changes in my life. I stopped being on my phone all the time and started talking to Jesus, reading my Bible, and playing with friends more. I am a competitive dancer and sometimes I can't be in church on Sundays—but on those days, I still take the time to be with Him in prayer. I love that God even works in our lives to put us in the right place at the right time, like when I went into my mom's room and found her curling iron left on by mistake, and I was able to turn it off (so the house wasn't at risk of burning down!). I'm so excited to get baptized here at Crossroads and declare my new life with Jesus.

## *Baptisms*

*Katie Grace Worrell*

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### Life Verse:

**Matthew 5:15-16**

*"Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

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### Testimony:

**I accepted Jesus into my** life during VBS on June 15, 2022, at Cross Assembly Church. Jesus died on the cross for us and took our sins away. He did this because He deeply loves us. I now want to be baptized like Jesus, to show everyone that He is my Savior.

## *Baptisms*

*Raegan Singer*

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### Life Verse:

**Psalm 121:2**

*"My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth."*

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### Testimony:

**When I was seven,** I was in bed, and I asked Jesus to help me to not be sad or scared anymore. Then I thought about how my friend was coming over the next day, and I felt happy again. I knew Jesus had helped me by giving me that thought. I have always believed He is real and died for my sins. Now, I want to share my faith by being baptized.

## *Baptisms*

*Simon Singer*

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### Life Verse:

**2 Timothy 2:12**

*"If we endure, we will also reign with Him. If we disown Him, He will also disown us..."*

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### Testimony:

**When I was little,** I went to church, but I didn't really follow Jesus until I started to believe in Him again. I truly believe He is my Lord and Savior, and that's why I am being baptized.

*Baptisms**Jacob Chace*

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**Life Verse:****2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

*"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."*

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**Testimony:**

**My life has been characterized** by faith from the beginning; my mom, who became a believer later in her life, raised my sister and me as Christians. I personally was saved at a young age and don't remember a life before I met Jesus.

However, I did not always strive after Him. In high school, Jesus did not play a large part in my life or in my decision-making. I did not have a strong home church or community of believers. There were many times I could have made poor decisions that would have led me down a disastrous path.

But since college, I have grown in my faith thanks to God's provision, the friends I have made here in Raleigh, and my family—which includes my wife Grace, my parents, and my in-laws. I feel as though Christ is becoming not just a part of my life, but the focus, and that becoming more like Him is my daily goal. I pray that Grace and I will be able to raise our daughter, Eleanor, up in the way she should go.



## *Baptisms*

*Billy O'Connor*

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### Life Verse:

**Ephesians 4:32**

*"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."*

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### Testimony:

**I grew up not having** a relationship with God. I had bad anxiety that affected my life, my everyday decisions, and my relationships with others. I lived as though I didn't know what I actually wanted.

Then I met my wife, who talked often about how important God was in her own life and her desire for me to know the Lord. When she started hosting a small group, my introverted self struggled. But as I built relationships within our group, studied the Word, and prayed, God grew within me a desire to know more and to seek Jesus.

I have accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior after my wife's countless prayers and the support of all our friends at Crossroads. I now have a clear picture of how I want to live: by showing God's love to others, just as He showed His love to me. I know that only He can make things new. I pray now that my two sons see an example of a Godly man in me and that they too choose to follow God's path.



## *Baptisms*

*Nicole Evans*

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### Life Verse:

**James 1:22**

*"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."*

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### Testimony:

**Even though I grew up** knowing Christ, I often felt like my faith was fragile, especially when things got tough. And since my upbringing lacked consistent religious practices, my spiritual life was more a concept than a reality.

I was searching for a real connection, a spiritual home, and I found that at Crossroads. Pastor Andy's message about needing to "walk the way" was the first thing that really got through to me. It was a moment of deep clarity that made me realize my faith was meant to be applied in my relationships, my work, and my daily decisions.

Since I began attending Crossroads, I've found a church community where I truly feel I belong. This church's commitment to living out its faith in a way that honors God aligns with my own beliefs, and I feel ready to publicly accept Christ.



## *Baptisms*

*Stephanie Owens*

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### Life Verse:

**Jeremiah 29:11**

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

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### Testimony:

**I have spent much of** my life overwhelmed, dysfunctional, and in spiritual warfare. I have dealt constantly with trauma and adversity. I have courage and enough willpower to know that sometimes I need to push through. But my understanding is limited, and it's gotten to the point where I struggle to keep my mind afloat in hard times.

It was when I gathered the courage to ask Jesus for help that I realized I'd found what I truly needed to keep going. I know even when I don't feel the most powerful, I can overcome, and I don't have to do it alone. God is all I have and all I need. I am being baptized to recommit to my walk with Jesus.

## *Baptisms*

*Chris Lamon*

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### Life Verse:

#### **Philippians 4:7**

*"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

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### Testimony:

**I grew up in church**, but as I got older, I turned away from it. I never knew Jesus personally, which gave way to a lifestyle where I did whatever I wanted, without a care in the world.

But when I moved to North Carolina in 2013, I visited the Wake Forest Campus and decided to keep coming back. As I began to attend—and enjoy—church regularly and understand Christ more, I realized my life needed to change.

Knowing Jesus has helped me grow in handling my problems and being more sensitive to the feelings of others. These changes have enriched my life, my marriage, and my understanding of the world. I know that if I have peace in God, I will have peace in all other aspects of life. I am being baptized to outwardly show my commitment to Jesus.



## *Baptisms*

### *Millbrook Campus*

11 a.m.

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- Group 1
  1. Aryanna DeLoatch
  2. Ellie Hausfeld
  3. Malachi Threath
  4. Autumn Watkins
  5. Janae McKoy
  6. Jeremiah McKoy
  7. Mason Joyner
  8. Mariah Joyner
  9. Zane Shelton
- Group 2
  1. Yelissa Jerezbrea
  2. Kara McLamb
  3. Romel Oviol
  4. Gina Nardozi
  5. Nathan Thorne
  6. Erin Taylor
  7. Jack Weldy
  8. Garrett Zuehlke

*Baptisms**Aryanna DeLoatch*

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**Life Verse:****Isaiah 64:4**

*"Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for Him."*

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**Testimony:**

**Before I had a relationship** with Jesus, I was lost. When the pandemic hit, it felt like doors were being left open in my life, as I lost my sense of closeness with friends and with someone I'd had a connection to in middle school.

This constant feeling took a toll on me, and I eventually sank into long periods of sadness and numbness—not just because of the lack of closure but also because of my desire to be seen and accepted. I would scroll on social media and see posts about the end times. It scared me but, in some ways, made me think about God more. I felt convicted by the choices I made that weren't of Him. It was when I left my school and truly embraced Him that I was free.

Through the quiet times He built me, through difficult times He strengthened me, and through trials He brought me closer. Through it all, He has given me perseverance, transformation, and love that fills. There is truly no other God like Him.

## *Baptisms*

*Ellie Hausfeld*

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### Life Verse:

**John 3:16**

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

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### Testimony:

**When I was five, in** Awana, I learned about Jesus and how He died on the cross for my sins. I went home and asked my nana more questions about Him, and I decided to follow Him. To me, baptism is a way to show everyone that I believe in God and will continue to grow closer to Him and learn more about Him.

## *Baptisms*

### *Malachi Threatt*

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#### Life Verse:

**John 3:16**

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

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#### Testimony:

**I asked Jesus to be** my Savior last year, and after that, He helped me give up friendships that were not good for me. I want to be baptized because I want to be obedient to what Jesus asked us to do.

## *Baptisms*

*Autumn Watkins*

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### Life Verse:

**Jeremiah 29:11**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

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### Testimony:

**I was raised in church** but just recently prayed with my mom to accept Jesus into my heart. I first noticed a change in my life when some girls at my school were making fun of another kid. They were throwing food at him and wanted me to join in. I told them I wouldn't because it wasn't right, and I heard Jesus say, "Good, that was the right thing to do."

## *Baptisms*

*Janae McKoy*

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### Life Verse:

**Jeremiah 29:11**

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

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### Testimony:

**I grew up in the** church and have always believed in God, but I never took the time to get to know Him personally. I stopped attending church regularly when I got pregnant in college, and after graduating in 2016, I fell off on bad habits. My son’s father and I stayed in a toxic relationship for around six more years—until I gathered the strength to leave with our son and start anew.

It was a tough decision to make. Everything was stripped from me: finances, jobs, and even my confidence. I hit rock bottom, and all I could do was cry out to God. God heard me, and He showed up to cover me through it all.

Since deciding to trust God again in 2023, I have felt my connection with Him deepen, particularly this past year. He has given me peace I cannot explain and my heart and spirit back. I am confident my faith is taking me to the next level, and I want to dedicate my life through baptism.

## *Baptisms*

*Jeremiah McKoy*

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### Life Verse:

**Jeremiah 29:11**

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

†

### Testimony:

**I have never been baptized,** but I know that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and that God protects us. I want to grow a deeper friendship with Jesus—and while my mother is helping me with that, I want to be baptized to show God that I love Him.

## *Baptisms*

*Mason Joyner*

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### Life Verse:

#### **Romans 5:8**

*"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

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### Testimony:

**Before I met Jesus,** I wasn't living my life the way He would want me to. I still struggle with that sometimes. I still make mistakes after accepting Jesus, but the difference now is that I know God offers forgiveness. I want to be baptized to show that I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and that I am excited to grow closer to Him.

## *Baptisms*

*Mariah Joyner*

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### Life Verse:

**2 Chronicles 15:7**

*"But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded."*

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### Testimony:

**I have had the privilege** of knowing and trusting Jesus my entire life. The Good News is that you can achieve salvation and eternal life with God by having faith in Jesus as your Lord and Savior. To me, baptism is an outward expression of accepting Jesus as Lord and vowing to live by His word.

## *Baptisms*

*Zane Shelton*

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### Life Verse:

**Genesis 1:1**

*"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."*

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### Testimony:

**When I was nine,** I prayed that God would take all my sin and turn it into something more amazing and beautiful. I understand that Jesus was our sacrifice to cover our sin, and baptism is a way to show God that you trust Him with your life.

*Baptisms**Yelissa Jerezbrea*

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**Life Verse:****Micah 7:7**

*"But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me."*

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**Testimony:**

**During my sophomore year of** high school, I went through a very difficult time. I faced personal struggles, social pressures, and temptations that led me into depression. It reached a point where I even tried to take my own life. I felt completely alone, especially after battling physical health issues for most of my life. I struggled to believe there was a reason to keep going.

But looking back, I see how God was always there for me and waiting for me to come to Him. I grew up in church and have always known who God is, but it wasn't until these past two years that I grew closer to Him and built our personal relationship.

My family and I have been attending Crossroads since I was in sixth grade, and now, as a freshman in college, I've finally decided to take the next step in my faith and get baptized. It took me a while to make this decision, but I've realized that life is uncertain and tomorrow isn't promised. I'm thankful to God for keeping me here because I know He has a purpose for my life, and I want to continue serving Him and being His daughter.



## *Baptisms*

*Kara McLamb*

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### Life Verse:

**Nehemiah 8:10**

*"Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."*

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### Testimony:

**I was introduced to the** church by my grandparents, who raised me as their own. I was especially close to my grandfather—he made sure I had a good childhood and that I always knew I was deeply loved. When he died, I was 16. I lost my way for a long time after that.

I went to church a few times as I grew older and still believed in God in my heart. But I turned to other coping methods, namely alcohol and drugs, to numb my emotional pain. This led me into a cycle of addiction that lasted for years.

That same addiction eventually took the father of my youngest kids from me. It devastated me. I realized I could have died myself, and in some ways, I had been dead. I wouldn't be here without God, and so I decided to dedicate my life to Him.

Even though I strayed, I have come back to God and want to live for Him for the rest of my life. I want to be a faithful servant of God and let Him carry me through it all, especially when I feel I can't go on myself. He is my strength.



## *Baptisms*

*Romel Oviol*

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### Life Verse:

**Isaiah 41:10**

*"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

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### Testimony:

**My life before Jesus was** sad and directionless. I first met Him through my family, but as I got older and a lot of bad things started happening to me, I didn't run to God. Instead, I blamed Him for my trials and pushed Him away.

A couple of months ago, though, my partner reintroduced me to Jesus. I came to realize that He wasn't responsible for the bad things I experienced. Since then, I've been happier than ever. With God, I always have Someone to talk to, Someone who has my back, and Someone who leads me in the right direction.

## *Baptisms*

*Gina Nardozzi*

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### Life Verse:

**John 15:5**

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."*

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### Testimony:

**Before I truly knew Christ**, my life felt uncertain and even frightening at times. I tried to handle everything on my own, but no matter how hard I tried, something was always missing. I didn't have peace, and I didn't understand what it meant to truly trust God.

As I've grown in my faith, I've realized that I was never alone. God was there through every trial, every mistake, and every moment of fear. He's the one who gave me strength when I had none and peace when everything around me felt uncertain.

I am being baptized today to show that I fully surrender my life to Jesus. I want to stay connected to Him, to trust Him completely, and to keep growing in His love.



## *Baptisms*

*Nathan Thorne*

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### Life Verse:

**John 3:16**

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

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### Testimony:

**I always believed in Jesus**, even as a child. I come from a family that is church-driven and dedicated to their faith in Jesus. From a young age, attending church with them instilled in me a true belief in God—a belief I carried into adulthood.

At the same time, though, I struggled with earthly desires and patterns of sin. For many years, my lifestyle included heavy drinking, drug use, and living in adulterous situations. It wasn't until the past two years that I realized I had not been living according to God's will. Even in my worst moments, I never gave up on my belief.

I now want to dedicate the rest of my life to showering Jesus with all the love, faith, obedience, praise, and worship I have to offer. I want to proclaim my belief in Jesus for the rest of eternity—not for myself, but for His glory.



## *Baptisms*

*Erin Taylor*

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### Life Verse:

**1 Peter 5:7**

*"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."*

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### Testimony:

**I have always struggled with** severe anxiety. I would constantly worry about things outside of my control, to the point where my thoughts began to consume me and shaped how I lived my life. I stopped talking to friends and stayed in the house more often. I lived in fear, believing I could never escape my anxiety.

I grew up as a Christian, going to church every Sunday, but I never took it seriously. But as I've gotten older, I've realized how important it is to have a true relationship with Christ. At one point, I started reading my Bible daily and attending services regularly—and I felt my anxiety slowly lessen in response. I realized how much God loves and cares for me and how, in having a relationship with Him, He is able to calm my fears.

While I still have anxiety every now and then, I now know I can look to God to handle the things I can't control.

## Baptisms

### Jack Weldy

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#### Life Verse:

##### Romans 12:2

*"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."*

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#### Testimony:

**I don't remember a life** before I met Jesus. I was six when I accepted Christ into my heart. At that time, Crossroads Kids offered a 4-week Faith Foundations series where we learned about the Gospel using a salvation bracelet. Each colored bead represented a different part of salvation: sin, Jesus' blood, purification, growth, and heaven. At the end of the series, I was convicted of my sinful nature and wanted to believe in Jesus as my Lord and Savior, which I did with the help of my father.

It's been challenging living in the world as a Christian. I've made mistakes but am grateful to have grown up in this church, hearing Godly teaching. Today, I will add the blue bead of baptism to my salvation bracelet, burying my sinful nature and proclaiming I am a new creation transformed by God.

## *Baptisms*

*Garrett Zuehlke*

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### Life Verse:

#### Isaiah 6:8

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"*

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### Testimony:

**Before Christ, I lived** a life of selfishness, shame, and loneliness. I tried to fill the hole within me in many ways—from trying to fit in, to sacrificing a promising future to substance abuse.

I hit rock bottom about three times. It was during that final time that I walked into Crossroads. I listened to the sermon, and for the first time in my life, the Word really hit me, and I felt the Spirit move in me. I went out, bought a Bible, and started to tear through it every day before work. As I kept reading, praying, and listening to the Word, that hole that I could never fill disappeared.

Since accepting Jesus, my life has done a 180. I have a purpose, I am wanted, and I love to talk and share the Word with whoever I can. I want to show the Lord that I'm ready for what He has planned for me through baptism.

