

Testimony of Crystal Algee

My first time at Lighthouse was for my 11-year-old grandson's funeral. He had died in a house fire. At that time I was so angry with God. I couldn't understand how He could let something like this happen. I needed answers, so I set up a meeting with Pastor Josh.

Pastor didn't answer my questions the way I thought he would... one thing he told me is that we don't always know why God what He does, but we can trust that God has a reason for what He does. Looking back, I think one reason God may have allowed this to happen was to show me that life is short, and we need to be ready now for eternity.

I was glad to find out from Pastor Josh that my grandson had gotten saved at Lighthouse just a few weeks before he died. When it's my time to go I also want to be with God.

Thankfully Pastor shared the gospel with me that day in his office and I too got saved!

After getting saved I started faithfully attending services. Bit by bit I was starting to learn the Bible. Then when Tim Lee was here this summer, the Lord really opened my eyes to my need to put Him first. It was then that I really started surrendering my life to the Lord.

Before getting saved I didn't care about much, not even myself. I was always angry with other people and with God. After repenting of my sins and accepting Christ as my Savior my attitude towards God and others has changed. He's forgiven me, and I am so thankful. I'm learning to be much more gracious with others. I've also been able to quit drinking, and I'm trying to honor God in everything I do, especially in my relationships.

A few months ago I started going through Foundations with Lesa. She gave me a study Bible and started answering all my questions about God's word. Having a mentor has helped me so much. I've learned the importance of spending time reading and praying each day. I want to keep growing in my knowledge of God, so I've decided to join a life group and a small group in January.

At Lighthouse strangers have shown me love and made me feel like I've found a good church home. I thank the Lord for bringing me here and for pulling me out of the darkness.

Even though I'm nervous, I want to be obedient and get baptized. And what better way to end one year and start another than by making this public profession of my faith in Jesus Christ.

A verse that has become special to me is **Philippians 4:13**

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.