



麦城华人基督教会

Markham Christian Community Church



March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday English-Mandarin Joint Service and
New Member Ceremony

Baptism Candidates' Testimonies



Baptismal Candidate: Adeline Lee (ENG)

Growing up, I went to church and was brought up with Christian values at home so I grew up knowing who God was as the creator of all things, and how God loved us so much that He sent His son Jesus down on earth to die for our sins and rose from the dead so that all those who believe in Him could have eternal life.

As a kid this was always head knowledge to me, but in my everyday life, I was surrounded by and focused on living in the ways of this world. Throughout my teenage years, I was so focused on things like looking for approval from other people, pleasing others so I could be liked, figuring out ways I could be successful by finding a good job, and figuring out how to earn lots of money to buy all the things I wanted. And that's the norm in the world that we live in.

But through my obsession of the ways of the world, there was no room to follow God and live a life that pleased Him, instead living a life of pleasing other people and to myself. During my university and early career days, I talked to the people around me and came to the realization that chasing the ways of this world left people feeling empty even when they did achieve everything they wanted to have, they were left thinking, is this all there is to life, what is the point?

At the same time, I met many Christians that were not chasing these worldly things, they were living a life so full of joy and overflowing love for others. They were truly like a light in darkness. I have learned that this came from living a life truly

following Christ and understanding the purpose He made us for. Not obsessing over materialistic and temporary things of this world but things that last forever like transforming myself to be more like Christ, loving God and other people around me, to worship Him, to serve others, and live out the mission He has set out for me to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

From understanding that this is my real purpose and that there is eternal life through Jesus Christ through His saving grace and love for me, I have a sense of peace, joy and hope that could not be fulfilled by temporary things of this world. This is an ongoing journey to live my life that is pleasing to God and so I am overjoyed to take this step today to get baptized and show that I have turned away from my sin, declare that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Saviour and want to live my life in a way that is pleasing to Him.



Baptismal Candidate: Zhi Yong Tan (MAN)

I grew up next to a church, but I didn't believe in God. I thought it was just some imaginary thing. Until my wife accepted Christ, I saw a great change in her from before, and I began to be interested in faith. Gradually, I started attending Sunday Worship with my wife, and I also felt comforted by the Lord after each worship service. My restless heart became more and more peaceful.

Now, I have studied the "New Life" Bible Study at Church, and the Words of the Bible have truly made me believe in God. It is God who created the heavens and the earth. God does not want to see us perish in sin, so He has prepared a way of salvation for us. He sent His one and only Son, Jesus, into the world to bear the punishment for our sins. This not only satisfies God's requirement of holiness, but also reveals God's loving nature, who punishes sin and saves sinners.

Jesus died on the cross for my sins, and then He rose again. This is the work of God. What I need to do is repent and confess my sins thoroughly. Jesus died for me, and I believe in Jesus, so I receive God's redemption. I believe in God, the Almighty Father, the Creator of Heaven and Earth. I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe in the Holy and Universal Church. I believe in the Communion of Saints. I believe in the Forgiveness of Sins. I believe in the Resurrection of the Body. I believe in Eternal Life. Amen!