



Katie Logan *(membership)*

I grew up in the church with a strong legacy of faith in my family. When I was about five or six, I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior with my mom after she spent a week hosting a neighborhood “Good News Camp.” A few years

later, I wanted to publicly affirm that decision through baptism, and my grandfather baptized me at our church.

As I grew older, my faith became more personal, especially through my youth group and later while serving on summer staff at Twin Pines Camp. Adulthood has brought its share of challenges, whether searching for jobs or housing, finding friends and community, or grieving the loss of a loved one. Through every season, God has remained faithful, and I strive to remain faithful to Him.



Matt Logan *(membership)*

Growing up a pastor’s son, I can’t remember the first time I accepted Christ. As I got older, my faith ebbed and flowed depending on my circumstances and interests. I worked at a Christian camp during college where I grew tremendously in my relationship with Christ and felt God’s call to serve more.

I was baptized in the creek this past summer and look forward to officially partnering in ministry with this church as a member.





Isabel McKinney *(baptism)*

Isabel is getting baptized because she believes that Jesus Christ is her savior. She knows that it is good to follow Jesus and enjoys talking to Jesus about the things going on in her life. Isabel enjoys the friends and supportive people at Grantham Church. Through learning communities, kids own worship, kids choir, and worship services, this community of faith is helping Isabel learn how to follow Jesus as His disciple.



Noah Pepitone *(baptism)*

I came to know Jesus through my family over the years by attending church, hearing the stories of the Bible, memorizing Scripture, and learning the gospel. I realized I needed to change, and I would need the help of Jesus to do that. I have been reading my Bible, praying, enjoying Christian music, and getting more involved in church. Through these actions, I have felt my relationship with Christ grow. I want to take the next step in my faith by being baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. I want to be able to help

people in need, for God to guide me in doing what is right, to foster a deeper relationship with Him, and to utilize my talents to help others with His guidance.

Samantha Haar *(membership)*

I have never known a life outside of the church. My parents were heavily involved in a Disciples of Christ church, where my grandmother served as the sole organ and piano player up until a few years ago. In 2004, my mom was formally installed as the Associate Pastor. At 13, I made the decision to be baptized and personally commit to following God, but it wasn't until I went to Messiah (College "back then") that I truly learned to stand on my faith with my own two feet.

Leaving my twin sister, my parents, and my home church was almost too much for my crumbling comfort zone. Yet

in that season, God met me at one of my lowest moments. He used a simple quote on a dorm door "When you are down to nothing God is up to something" to change the trajectory of my college experience. God continues to remind me time and time again that He is good and He is gracious.

I attended Grantham Church throughout college, but it wasn't until I officially moved to Central PA that it began to feel like I had two home churches. Now, eight years post-graduation, as I've become more involved and found my values aligning more closely with the BIC, I am eager to publicly commit to membership at Grantham Church.



Heather Keefer *(membership)*

I grew up in a Christian home learning about Jesus and going to church regularly. I was baptized as an infant in the Methodist church and always identified myself as a Christian, however, there were ups and downs throughout my life growing up as a world-class people-pleaser. I wanted to be a good person, but I also wanted to be popular and have everyone like me! Looking back, I knew "about Jesus" but not a personal, growing relationship "with Jesus."

The turning point came when I woke up one morning in college and was not able to see out of my right eye. I was diagnosed two years later with Multiple Sclerosis. The uncertainty was overwhelming. I earnestly prayed that Jesus would walk with me every day because I realized I couldn't do it alone. The journey of "knowing Jesus" began.

Fast forward to hearing God's call to ministry, I met my husband, Dan, at Asbury Theological Seminary. After graduating, I was hired at Refton Brethren in Christ Church as the Children's Ministry Director. It was there that I was baptized as an adult, fully able to proclaim in my own words who Jesus was in my life.

I'm so thankful for the adventures of marriage and family over the past 30 years! I have grown through the mountaintops, but more often through the valleys. I am blessed in the journey from knowing "about Jesus," to walking "with Jesus" all the while being seen and known by Jesus." What an adventure!



Dan Keefer *(membership)*

My parents are the source of my memory of when I invited Jesus into my life. As a four-year-old, on the way home from Sunday evening church service, I told them I wanted to "Ask Jesus into my heart." That evening they guided me in prayer. I do remember, vividly, my baptism as an older child. Standing in the baptistry with Pastor Ives I recall being asked if there was something I wanted to share. I quickly replied, "No." At that time the thought of speaking in front of people terrified me. Ironically, years later, speaking in front of people would become something I enjoyed. There are other memories of standing at the

crossroads of choosing Jesus and the things of this world. Even in those moments when I have chosen the things of this world, Jesus never abandoned me. He has never let me go. Growth in my relationship with God has often been initiated or accompanied by suffering. At times suffering was a result of the decisions of others, circumstances beyond my control, or my own will.

As a result of one particularly painful time of suffering, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 became the verses that sustained me and provided purpose for the pain. "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."



Molly Pavlovich *(baptism & membership)*

As an infant, I was baptized in the Catholic church and raised to be a Christian. Although a love for Jesus was always there, my faith was built more upon a duty of knowing right/wrong and being “good” instead of a heartfelt conviction. When I met my husband, Christian, we were looking for a church that we could call home together, and we found Grantham. It became clear right away that this is where God wanted us to be.

When I was pregnant with our daughter, Magnolia, and found out she would be born with a serious heart defect, I had no choice but to lean on the Lord with everything I had. The six months we spent in hospital rooms in Pittsburgh were the hardest and holiest moments I’ve ever been through. I cried out to God so many times, and he met me in my despair. I have so many moments I cling to from that time that are too profound to be coincidence. They were God. He changed my heart through my suffering. The anxiety I was crippled with previously is gone. I have a new joy for life that I am reminded of every time I look at my daughter. She is a living, breathing miracle, and she is my everyday reminder of God’s goodness. Today, I choose to be baptized as an everlasting reminder of my commitment to the God who loves us and never leaves us. After everything God has done in and through my life, I want to make a public declaration that my life belongs to Him.



Christian Pavlovich *(membership)*

I grew up in a family that prioritized having a relationship with Christ and participation within the church. We attended Carlisle BIC (now The Meeting House) and were very active. I could see Jesus was the center of our church and was inspired by the way the adults in my life lived because of what He did for us. I wanted to be equally inspiring in how I lived my life for Christ. I decided to get

baptized the summer before 7th grade. My relationship with Jesus was strong throughout my youth. I had challenges like any kid but was never truly spiritually tested.

I attended Messiah College and experienced a tremendous period of personal growth. My faith was tested as I began to deconstruct and reconstruct my personal theology. I struggled with finding my identity in results as a javelin thrower. The support of everyone on the track and field team got me through my toughest days as they consistently pointed me back to Christ.

When my now wife Molly and I started dating, we put a lot of effort into researching churches. Grantham was at the top of our list and we have been privileged to be part of this community. I am drawn to the authenticity of the church in how its values are lived out. We experienced this during our long hospital stay with Magnolia through the many calls, texts, prayers, meals and much more. I want to become a member to solidify my commitment to this community and desire to serve others as God calls me.



Tori Curry *(baptism & membership)*

I have been attending Grantham Church since 2021. I have grown up a Christian and was baptized as a child, but my faith has really become personal for me since attending Messiah University, where I met my husband. I can’t remember a time in my life when Christ wasn’t part of it, and I feel very blessed to be able to say this. I officially accepted Him as my savior in middle school.

Throughout my life I have struggled with anxiety and often felt I wasn’t close enough to Christ. Over time, through Bible studies, life groups, and meaningful friendships, I’ve learned that God wants me to lean on Him in every moment, especially when life feels overwhelming. That understanding has shaped my daily life—helping me approach challenges with a new perspective. Being part of Grantham Church, and more recently connecting with other believers in my season of life, has strengthened my faith and given me a true sense of community.

I want to publicly declare my commitment to Jesus through baptism—not just as a personal renewal, but as a step in my marriage and as part of the church family. I love Grantham for its close-knit relationships, intergenerational focus, and dedication to serving both its congregation and the wider community. I’m excited to take this next step in membership & give back to a church that has invested so much in me & my family.



Daniel Curry *(membership)*

I grew up in the church, attending most notably West Shore and Mechanicsburg BIC before coming to Grantham BIC a little over ten years ago. God has always been a part of my life, especially with my upbringing from my parents Douglas and Heidi, and living with my two older brothers Nathanael and Samuel. I made my public declaration with baptism in August 2017 here at Grantham, and that decision has guided how I try to live

out my life with Christ.

I studied at Messiah University, where God blessed me with meeting my wife, Victoria. Together, we’ve been attending Grantham Church and worshiping alongside my family each Sunday.

I’m deciding to be a member at Grantham because I want to be more involved in the service and work that Grantham does, both in the local community and for visitors of the church. I’m also wanting to grow deeper in my own faith, and I believe making this commitment helps put me in the right direction. I’m excited to join along with my wife in membership with Grantham, and I’m excited to see where it takes us.