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Melissa Leigh Cline

Confirmation Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:7

Love never gives up, ever loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

What I Believe About God

I believe that God is love. He is my best friend and reliable companion. He protects me against danger and defends me from all evil. He forgives my sins daily and loves me unconditionally, no matter what – "*For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life*" (John 3:16). I also believe God is light and in Him, there is no darkness. He sheds light on those who seek and follow him. We should all share God's love, through Jesus, with the world. Someone who truly loves God will act in a way that demonstrates his love for God. In the future, I would like to go on mission trips around the world and help people in need, volunteer for charities, and participate in service projects. I will use my talents and abilities to serve God and others to make a difference and follow His plan for my life – "*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*" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Parents and Family

Robert & Nora Cline
Maria

Grandparents

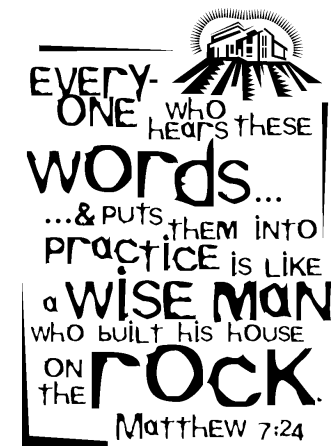
Carlos & Tina Pagliano
Charlotte Cline

Baptismal Date

September 1996

Godparents

Carlos Pagliano and Charlotte Cline



Katherine Joy Del Rose

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 55:16-17; 56:13

But I call to God and the Lord saves me. Evening, morning, and noon I cry out in distress and he hears my voice...For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

What I Believe About God

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe that He knit me together in my birth-mother's womb and knew my name before it was spoken. I believe in Jesus Christ His Son, who died for my sins to save me from sin, death and the power of Satan. By doing this, He has saved me from eternal hell and for a life with Him in heaven forever. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who works through me to show God's love. I know that the Holy Spirit is helping me to demonstrate Christ like love to others, even when it may be difficult. I believe that God is my true Father and loves me deeply. Although there will be troubles in my life, God will help me through them. My heavenly Father will not judge me, and He will never let me down. He will love me forever and keep me wrapped tightly in His embrace of His grace. With a father that awesome, what should I fear? Nothing. For mortal man can do nothing to me as long as I'm with my Father.

Parents and Family

Carl & Catherine Del Rose

Steve & Catherine Peterson

Baptismal Date

May 12, 1996

Godparents

Family of God at Heart of the Shepherd

**I AM NOT ASHAMED
OF THE GOSPEL FOR IT
IS THE POWER OF
GOD FOR
SALVATION!
ROMANS 1:16**

Colin Alan Gibson

Confirmation Verse: John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

What I Believe About God

God is a big impact on my life. Ever since my family and I joined this church about six or seven years ago, my life has been different. At first, I hated going to church. I thought it was a waste of my time, but I still came because my mom made me, and I am happy she did. God is a great impact on my life. Often, I think about what I'm doing, and think about what Jesus would do and what He's done for me. Thinking about my Savior and whether something is a sin or not, helps make me a better person in that way. I still have a long way to go though and have a lot to learn about God and what He has planned for me.

Parents and Family

Roger & Penny Gibson

Taylor and Jacob

Grandparents

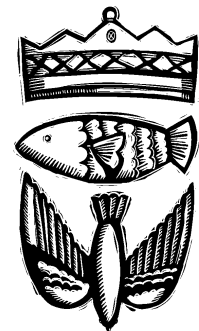
Steve & Barb Sartorius

Baptismal Date

April 30, 2006

Godparents

Steve & Barb Sartorius



**ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM**

Blake William Libke

Confirmation Verse: 1 Samuel 16:7 & Psalms 19:1

The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart...The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

What I Believe About God

What I believe about God is that He is the Savior of my life and without him I wouldn't have life. Thanks to Him I can live my life the way God wants me to. I believe that everything that happens is for a purpose from God to help me live a Christian life. God affects my life by His Spirit's power, because without Him, I wouldn't have life, and I am thankful for God's gift of life. My faith assures me of being able to live an eternity up in heaven because God sent His Son to die on the cross to forgive all our sins that we commit. He is everyone's Savior, and without Him, not even this earth that we live on, would exist. My faith grows everyday that I learn about God and all of His teachings. This will help me in the future because I will live a very faithful life for the rest of my life, talking to God and relying on Him to help me when I need it.

Parents and Family

Mark & Holly Libke
Cole

Grandparents

Don & Eva Libke
Jim Myers

Baptismal Date

September 29, 1996

Godparents

Laura Miller and Roger Myers



Luke Mark Mannisto

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 97:1-4

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side. His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

What I Believe About God

My faith helps me by showing me the right path in life. Before when I hardly cared about church and God's path for me, life was hard for me with many struggles. I had lots of anger and didn't know what to do. So when I turned to God, my life got easier and I felt better and didn't have as much anger in me. I'm glad that God came into my life because I would be lost without Him. As God entered my life, I felt safe, and I wanted to be a better person and more like Jesus. My life still has ups and downs, but I know when I'm down that God will always bring me back up to the top. From how my life has changed because of God, I think my future will be greatly blessed with joy and happiness.

Parents and Family

Mark & Debbie Mannisto
Luke

Grandparents

Ralph & Ruth Mannisto
Ray & Virginia Larson

Baptismal Date

March 24, 1996

Godparents

Pat Larson and Elisa Seigle



Kenneth Lewis Riggs

Confirmation Verse: Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

What I Believe About God

I believe that God is the Creator and made man in His Image, and that you can be saved because Jesus died on the cross for your sins and mine. I also believe that when you are saved, you will have an eternity with God in Heaven and that everyone has the chance to go to Heaven if they truly believe in Him. My faith affects my life by guarding my thoughts. When I am thinking of revenge and never forgiving a person, I realize that it is pointless to have a grudge against a person because that is not what God wants me to do, and going to church teaches me that. My faith will affect my future by making me keep on going to church even when I am an adult. Everyone today thinks it's pointless to wake up early on Sunday and go to church, but I think you should be able to go and worship your God for just a few hours a week - Like c'mon, look how much He gives to us!

Parents and Family

Del & Donna Butler
Michael Riggs

Grandparents

Mike & Jeanne Toomey

Baptismal Date

September 8, 1996

Godparents

Roberts Riggs and Patricia Penman



Michael Patrick Riggs

Confirmation Verse: James 5:12

Above all, my brother, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Let your “Yes” be yes and your “No”, no, or you will be condemned.

What I Believe About God

I believe that God is the Creator. I believe that you can only be saved through Jesus. I believe that you should keep the Sabbath holy, which means you should go to church and praise God. I know that God sent His only Son, Jesus to earth so He could die on the cross for my sins. I know that we are forgiven for our sins. I believe in Holy Communion that Jesus gives us His body and blood to grant us forgiveness, to strengthen our faith and to assure us of eternal life.

Parents and Family

Del & Donna Butler
Kenny Riggs

Grandparents

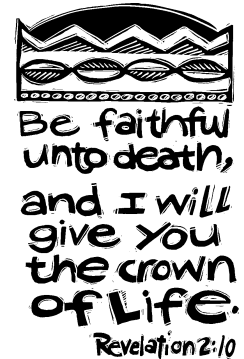
Mike & Jeanne Toomey

Baptismal Date

September 8, 1996

Godparents

William and Jeanne Morgan



Kevin William Schuknecht

Confirmation Verse: Psalms 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

What I Believe About God

I believe in God, and I know he is the only way to heaven. I believe he died on the cross to forgive our sins and save us all. My faith makes me honest and trustworthy. More prayer in my life would bring me closer to God. Also, if I study God's word and the Bible I would understand His ways. My confirmation verse is Psalms 46:1 – *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.* I chose this verse because it means a lot to me, and I actually know what it means, and I don't normally know what some verses mean. I'm told God helps us, but sometimes I don't realize or recognize His help, and I'm not always sure that He does help us. Everyone in church says He helps us, so He must be next to us through our journey of life, even when we don't know He's there, just like my Confirmation verse promises that He is there!

Parents and Family

Steve & Pat Schuknecht
Michael, Selina, Matthew, Katy

Grandparents

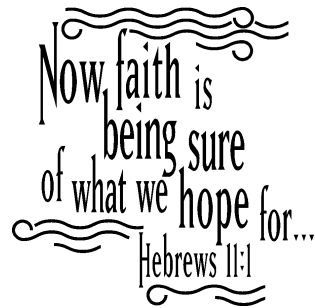
Art & Marian Schuknecht

Baptismal Date

July 9, 2000

Godparents

Matthew Schuknecht and Kevin & Katy Bilkey



Selina Marie Schuknecht

Confirmation Verses: Psalm 89:1-2 & 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever...If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am

nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

What I Believe About God

I believe that God was sent down to this earth to save you and me. God created this world for us to live on and be happy and worship him. God is our Savior, Creator, Helper, Light in the darkness, Guardian and gives us comfort. God was here to answer my prayers. Even though God may not answer our prayers with the response we want, He always answers our prayers. He will always be there for you and me, even though in the bad times, it may not seem like God is there. God's rules affect my life by helping me when I fall down and knowing what to do and what not to. God will always be there to help me and dust me off. I also believe that God is the only way to heaven. I can get closer to God by studying His Word and worshiping Him and praying more often. I know that God never lets go through the good and the bad. He'll always be there for you and for me. Even when we don't think God is there, He is there for you to come to and rely on in your good times and bad times. God will never turn you away. He will always forgive me and you for our sins. God wants me and you to be happy on this earth that He has created. God is the Light, the Truth and the Way. He lights up our world. He never lies no matter what happens. God is perfection, and He is the only way to Heaven.

Parents and Family

Steve & Pat Schuknecht
Michael, Kevin, Matthew, Katy

Grandparents

Art & Marian Schuknecht

Baptismal Date

July 9, 2000

Godparents

Matthew Schuknecht and Kevin & Katy Bilkey



Michele Elizabeth Smith

Confirmation Verse: Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

What I Believe About God

I believe that God is the most important part of my life. That affects my life by influencing me to bring my friends who don't know God to church so that they can know Him. I try to have as many of my friends accept God's gift of salvation as possible. I believe that God loves everybody, and that anybody who truly believes in Him will go to heaven. God is the one who made all life, and I believe that the principles of the "big bang theory" and evolution contradict themselves, and that God is the only possible answer to how the earth was created. Faith in Jesus, God's Son is the only way to heaven, and I believe that with my whole heart, and that is why I am a Christian, and will be for my whole life. This is what I believe and how it affects my life.

Parents and Family

David & Julie Smith
Katie

Grandparents

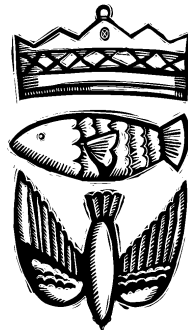
Roy & Eileen Smith
Ralph & Betsy Barber

Baptismal Date

April 7, 1996

Godparents

Liz Christensen and Mike Thomas



ONE LORD

ONE FAITH

ONE BAPTISM

Hayley Alexis Sowell

Confirmation Verse: Titus 3:3-5

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived, and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing and rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

What I Believe About God

When God first started to come into my life, I felt almost relieved. I felt as if this great pressure had just been lifted off my shoulders. I know what that weight was, it was sin. And now that I know that all my sins can be forgiven, by praying to God, I do that much more often. I pray before I eat, before bed, when I'm about to take a test, I always ask for his guidance, and he always gives it to me. He gives it to me in the way of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit greatly influences my life. Where ever I am at, even school, I can make good decisions that are good for me. Such as, choosing not to gossip, when others around me are, I can turn away or tell them that that isn't good for anybody. I see my faith affecting me in the future. I know that God will always answer my prayers and because I have faith I know that all things are possible through Jesus Christ.

Parents and Family




Kelly & Kelley Sowell
Katherine

Grandparents

Grandma & Grandpa Welch
Grandma Sowell
Grandpa Wheeler

Baptismal Date

December 16, 2007

JESUS
THE WAY, 
THE TRUTH, 
THE LIFE. 

Matthew David Trevor

Confirmation Verse: Matthew 19:26 & Matthew 5:16

With God all things are possible...Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

What I Believe About God

God is everything! God walks with me everywhere I go. I know when at school and I'm down, that God is here too and watching me and lifting me up. I'm a work in progress and learning to receive all that God has for me because Jesus my Savior paid the price for me. As a teenager, times get rough, and my spirits are lifted up because He's always with me and cheering me on. When I sin, it's a relief to know that the guilt is taken away from me by our Lord and Savior when I repent. I am excited and look forward to the path that God already has picked out for me. It is also always good to be a light for Christ to others who have fallen away from Him and are walking in darkness, but it's very challenging. This is why I picked as my Confirmation verses – *"With God all things are possible...Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven"* (Matthew 19:26; Matthew 5:16).

Parents and Family

David Trevor

Lynn Trevor

Sarah

Grandparents

Nancy Nold

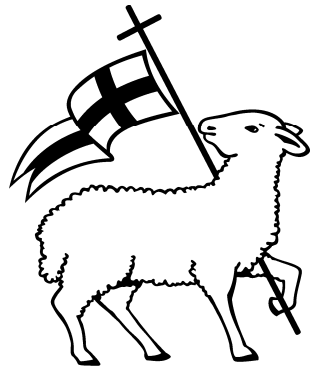
Patricia Kortes

Baptismal Date

January 1997

Godparents

Valerie Palchak and James Trevor



Leah Renee Wolfe

Confirmation Verse: Joshua 1:9

Be strong and courageous; do not be discouraged for the Lord God is with you wherever you go.

What I Believe About God

To me, God is an awesome friend. He is a friend that has died for you and me and waits for us to join him in a glorious paradise forever and ever. He forgives me no matter what I say or do. No matter how many times you and I fall down, He will reach a hand out and help me up and will do the same for you. He's there to comfort us during sad moments, like when a loved one dies or has gone to war or has even lost his or her job. He cheers us on when we do something great, even as small as giving clothes to charity for someone who can't afford clothes or smiling and meeting new people. He would never ever think of harming me, but instead He protects me and guides me through my life each step of the way. He also makes miracles happen! For all this love He only asks you to believe and have faith in Him. That is a small request for all the love He gives you. It is indescribable. He died on the cross to forgive every single one of us. He even knows us each by name. To me, it is pretty cool to have a friend like that. Having a friend like God affects my life in many ways. He guides me and helps me do my best every day. I know I'm protected, and that he is bigger than any "boogey man" that I will meet in life. He even opens my eyes at places like in Spring Hill when I went through the prayer labyrinth. I always try to be as friendly as possible to people I meet. To me God is a friend that is always there for me and loves me. I will do my best to follow His Word and be strong and courageous and not terrified or discouraged for the Lord God is with me wherever I go (Joshua 1:9).

Parents and Family

Robert & Denise Wolfe

Darian

Grandparents

Patrick & Ann Doherty

Baptismal Date

July 18, 1996

Godparents

Antoinette Wood-Johnson

Tony Christy

