



END OF FISCAL YEAR 2019

Everyone has a baptism story. Katie's began when new challenges in life came her way and God began working on her heart. It had been decades since she had stepped foot inside a local church building. At some point in her life that she can't even pinpoint, it made more sense to her to cease to believe that God even existed, so atheism became her belief.

Because of her troubles, when a friend invited Katie to a Life Group my wife and I lead, she agreed to come. It was among this group of people who met weekly to share a meal, study scripture, discuss life, and pray for one another that Katie began to find her faith again. It wasn't long before she committed her life to Christ.

Katie's journey came to a powerful focal point at her baptism on June 30, 2019. At that Sunday service, she shared how God changed her life and how the people at Disciples Church in Folsom, California, faithfully walked with her to help her find her way back to God.

The imagery associated with baptism is beautiful and poignant—being submerged underwater as an act of putting to death the old life and being raised out of the water as a symbol of taking on a new life in Christ. It is a distinctive ordinance that is part of what defines our beliefs and practices as Baptists, and redemptive stories like Katie's are heard at baptisms all across the NAB family on a regular basis.

These stories and changed lives are a direct result of the work of NAB pastors, leaders, and congregations. Missional and formational training provided by regions and International Office staff make a significant difference in preparing churches to faithfully walk with people on their road to new life found in Christ Jesus.

Your support of the Ministry Resource Fund through a gift of \$100, \$200, \$500, or more will greatly assist us in continuing efforts to equip regions, churches, pastors, and congregations for the work of the ministry of advancing the Gospel all across North America. This means your gift will help guide more people like Katie toward Christ, in turn generating more baptism stories.

In addition to International Office support, church planting, Blue Ocean, and Ethos are just some of the initiatives we would love to see fully supported and funded. Will you give today to help us finish this fiscal year on budget? Also, I'd love to hear any baptism stories from your church that you would like to share. You can send them to me at ssreeter@nabconf.org.



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