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## Christ the Lord Has Risen Today!

Men's Choir, Easter morning. Photo by Chris Harris

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## Women's Spring Brunch

*Beauty Through God's Eyes*

by Arcelia Miller

On May 9th, 111 women of all ages and backgrounds gathered to learn and be reminded that beauty through God's eyes begins with inner beauty flowing outward. It was a morning gifted with fellowship, prayer, worship, and the Word of God.

The atmosphere was welcoming and inviting, with worship music intermingled with joyful laughter, and friendly introductions. This was a multi-generational message each soul needed to hear, as we are continually bombarded with the worldly messages luring us to discontentment with our lives.

Kathy Proctor began to settle our hearts and minds

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Jennifer Perez, Val Anderson, Audrey Lugg, Megan Hetzel, Elynn Milosch

Photo by Arcelia Miller

# Women's Ministry



Women's Ministry Director, Gina Farrar  
Photo by Arcelia Miller



Brooke Proctor, Kathy Proctor, Cori Roybal  
Photo by Arcelia Miller

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about God's definition of beauty by reading Proverbs 31:10-31, reminding us the mother of King Lemuel knew what characteristics to prayerfully consider in a helpmate for her son. It was verse 30 that began to unravel the world's lies: "Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be greatly praised."

Considering 1 Samuel 16:7 "...for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart," each table was given an opportunity to share with one another beauty tips to enhance our inner beauty.

Humility was the common theme of responses revealing our hearts knew the right Biblical answer, but most women admitted our definition of beauty is an on-going battle.

Our guest speaker, Beth Fernandes, spoke words of exhortation to take hold of the Truth that beauty lies in the internal, with our minds set on the eternal.

Armed with the Word of God, Mrs. Fernandes reminded us of God's sanctifying truth of beauty washing our hearts, and stirring us to gratitude in how He uniquely knitted us. Her message left us with excitement at the opportunity to join God in His work. Some

of the liberating truths Mrs. Fernandes shared include:

- True beauty is a submitted and surrendered heart to God.
- True beauty is a work of art knitted intimately by God.
- True beauty paints beauty for and by God.

Mrs. Fernandes closed by suggesting we spend time considering how God used others to paint beauty in us, and to prayerfully consider how God can paint true beauty through us, bringing hope and encouragement to the hopeless.



Left to right standing: Cinda Nauertz, Michele McManus, Ann Melkesian, Caroline Melkesian, Kim Nakamura Seated: Ericka Flores, Carol Forsyth, Rae Michelle Hammonds  
Photo by Arcelia Miller

## Women's Spring Brunch



The Burrow family: Susanna Burrow, Nancy Boal (mother), Jennifer Boal (sister-in-law) Middle: Elsie Burrow, Lillian Burrow, Rachel Boal (niece), Abigail Boal (niece) Front: Hannah Boal (niece)  
Photo by Arcelia Miller



Brittanie Bravo, Sheila Sutton, Gina Farrar, Beth Fernandes, Kathy Proctor  
Photo by Arcelia Miller

Sheryl Shwetz, Megan Hetzel, Hannah Nance, Val Anderson.  
Seated: Kathleen Hetzel, Donna Becker, Sandy Anderson, Jennifer Nance  
Photo by Arcelia Miller



Standing, left to right: Jessy Molina, Emily Bugbee, Debby Mayclin, Nancy Frain, Sharon Betsch, Marty Willbee, Barbara Langeloh.  
Seated: Peggy Bryan, Kathy Bates, Socorro Arrieta  
Photo by Arcelia Miller



# New Members

## Lorena Tapia

by Julia Buehl

“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

There were times in her past when Lorena felt hopeless, but it was the economic downturn at the end of 2007 that ultimately led her to our Lord. Her work in real estate slowed down almost to a halt bringing in very little, and some months, no income at all. She survived on her savings, then credit cards for almost one year, all the while trying to gain other employment. But the economy was going down and businesses were laying off instead of hiring. Creditors were now calling her and her biggest fear was losing her home. She thought to herself... “I’m a real estate sales agent...I can’t lose my home.” She felt so ashamed and worthless. She remembered the hope and peace she found in God during past tribulations. This is when she began attending church near her home in Rancho Cucamonga, made a profession of faith in March of 2009 and was baptized that June.

Lorena shared insights regarding her life before coming to know the Lord. She had learned about God as a teen and had a legalistic view of Him. Church was a responsibility and she did not understand the relational aspect of knowing God. She thought that being a believer was about pleasing God in order to keep her salvation, but slowly realized that it was by faith alone. This is when her relationship with God changed to one of abiding and following Christ. “God has a good plan for me and all His children...where I am now, I can see it.”

Lorena believes strongly that the course of your life as a Christian should be serving the Lord and in helping those who are in need, even moving to Pomona to help her sister after an injury. She also lives this truth through serving once a month with Cheerful Cooks.

During her search to find a



Lorena Tapia

church near her new home, she discovered FBC to be a strong and organized church with solid Bible teaching. It was after attending here that she learned to study and research the Bible, not just read it.

As the mother of two adult children, Diana and Ricardo, Jr. who are not believers, Lorena asks for your continued prayers for their salvation. Prior to becoming a real estate agent, she was a legal secretary for a private Alternative Dispute Resolution firm. She enjoys candle making as her hobby and loves sharing her creativity with others through giving these as gifts; she only wishes she had more free time for it. By attending the Tuesday evening Women’s Bible Study and being a part of Matt Bugbee’s small group, Lorena stays connected through fellowship.

## James and Erica Beatty

by Cindy Behnke

Convicted by the Holy Spirit to lead his family somewhere where the Word was being taught and demonstrated, James Beatty lead his family of five to Foothill Bible Church in December of 2013 and has faithfully attended since. The “doctrine and discipleship”

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James, Julius Beatty, Emma Jimenez (front), Erica Beatty, Aaliyah Reynosa

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at FBC is what lead this family to commit. James and his wife, Erica, serve together in the Greeter ministry, are active in their Young Marrieds small group and Sunday school class; Erica and eldest daughter, Aaliyah, help out in Children's Ministry.

It has not always been this way in the Beatty family. While Erica grew up with her uncle taking her to Calvary Chapel Golden Springs, James first attended a Bible study at work in late 2011. James grew up as a self-described "rebel" and, "it wasn't until the birth of our son, Julius, that we were truly brought to Christ." Young in their faith and seeking truth, the megachurch they were attending in Rancho Cucamonga started to make them thirst for the Word. After a series on Ruth, James learned what expository preaching was and felt compelled to do a google search on expository preachers. Reaching John MacArthur second on the search, he started to feel convictions in his life. Listening through the library of MacArthur sermons online resulted in heart changes and the new idea of gracefully leading his wife and family.

The Beatty bunch is an active family! When not working Human Resources for the California State Department of Child & Family Services, James enjoys spending time with his family watching the Dodgers, exercising, and playing sports. Erica, a stay at home mom, is considering switching to homeschooling next year, adds that their family also loves to take river trips, watch the horse races at Santa Anita and have picnics. Aaliyah (11) is in gymnastics and plays the clarinet, Emma (6) also loves gymnastics and Julius (3) is in soccer.

You will be blessed by this family, their amazing testimony, and their commitment to the Lord! Invite them over, but maybe not around June 26.... They are expecting their 4th child, a little girl!

## James and Amber Williamson

*by Ruthie Braun*

Meet another one of FBC's finest young families! James and Amber Williamson, along with their two young sons, have been attending Foothill Bible Church since August of 2014. Since that time they've been able to plug into the Young Marrieds Sunday school class as



*James Jr., James, Matthew and Amber Williamson.*

well as the Welday's small group. This past year, Amber served with the Sparkies in AWANA and James plans to join her this fall. They have experienced the hospitality of FBC first hand and are so thankful to be part of a church that has extended them such a warm welcome.

James and Amber will be celebrating their sixth wedding anniversary this July. They met on a blind date, when a family friend of James' set him up with a girl he worked with. In the span of just ten months they met, were engaged and got married! They now have two sweet young boys, James Jr. (4) and Matthew (3). They describe James Jr. as calm and patient and Matthew as passionate and driven.

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# New Members

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Amber grew up in Norwalk, California while James is originally from Arlington, Texas. Currently James is an Army Officer attending grad school at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Amber stays at home with their two boys and is hoping to homeschool when the time comes. As parents of young boys it's hard to find time to pursue many hobbies but when they have the chance, Amber's interests lie in photography, blogging, writing, singing, playing softball and spending quiet time in the Word, while James enjoys History, listening to audio books, working out, being outdoors, camping and studying the Word of God. The Williamsons love to spend time together at Disneyland!

Amber became a believer in 1995 while attending a Harvest Crusade and James as a boy in Sunday school. Amber enjoys time in the Psalms because they meet you wherever you are in life; her favorite verses are Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths." James loves both Genesis and John because they are the foundational books of our faith. His favorite verse is Isaiah 53:6, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." We are thrilled to welcome James and Amber, James Jr. and Matthew to the FBC Family!

## Mike and Lisa Harris

*by Jessy Molina*

The Harris family, as a unit, began attending Foothill Bible Church in September of 2014. It did not take long for them to settle in, however, since Bailee (15), Sydnee (13), and Andrew (11) have been attending ONE28 and AWANA for two years! It was hard for Michael and Lisa to leave their previous church, but after their kids and several family friends drew them to FBC, the Bible-based teaching had them hooked.

In the midst of trial and error in their first years of marriage, Lisa came to Christ for the first time in her life 16 years ago, after being raised in a non-Christian home in Colorado. Mike's desire to hold onto their union brought them to a Bible study where Lisa saw what it was to have a Christ-centered marriage, and this is what she wanted. Just 3 years ago, Mike came to realize that he was playing church after growing up in a Christian home in Claremont. He feared surrender, even though he had the head knowledge that God was already in control. Mike clings to the words of Colossians 3:2, "Set your minds on things above, not on things that are on earth."

Mike and Lisa plan on joining Sunday school after the summer break. In the meantime, they took the Church History class with Pastor David on Monday nights through Foothill Bible School. In the fall, Andrew will also join his sisters in ONE28.

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Bailee, Michael, Andrew, Lisa and Sydnee Harris

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Ministry is very important to the Harris family. Before attending FBC, Lisa was leading their homeschool group and working as the church secretary, among other things. Their lives had become very busy, though, and they are happy to take advantage of this transitional time to reconnect as a family. Mike hopes to serve with his daughter, Bailee, in AWANA next year and Lisa is currently on the list to volunteer with the bereavement team.

While Lisa teaches the kids about the value of work

and responsibility through serving others and cleaning homes, Mike works as a customer service representative for a small plastics company. Bailee is also gearing up for the workforce on her own volunteering at San Antonio Regional Hospital; she hopes to be a nurse. The family also enjoys baseball, soccer, and Marvel films together.

The couple resides in Upland and they will celebrate 19 years of marriage in August. Congratulations, Mike and Lisa! May the Lord continue to bless your marriage as you set a godly example for your three amazing children.

## Military Update

### Caylynn Kennedy

US Navy

Pass-In-Review, June 2015

Caylynn was sworn in at the Military Entry Processing Station in San Diego in early April then transferred to the Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois. Upon completing boot camp, she expects to attend 'A School' in Pensacola, Florida for six weeks to study Aircraft Structural Mechanics.



*Caylynn Kennedy joined the Navy  
Photo by Carol Kennedy*

### Kyle Kennedy

US Navy

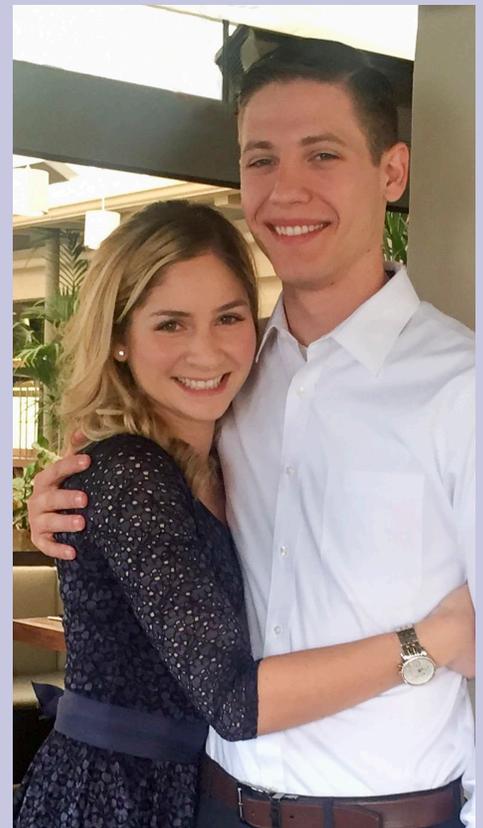
Kyle will be granted leave in June to attend his sister's Pass-In-Review in Great Lakes, Illinois. He hopes to study at the prototype school in either Ballston Spa, New York or Goose Creek, South Carolina where he is currently stationed. His desire after prototype school is to put in for duty on a submarine and be stationed in San Diego.



### Sam Shwetz

US Navy

Sam is currently stationed in San Diego on the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan and is a Nuclear Reactor Operator. The Reagan will be going to Japan in August to replace the USS George Washington until December of 2016. Sam is engaged to Sydney Bessler and they plan to take their wedding vows on December 9, 2016 right after he finishes his tour in Japan.



*Sydney Bessler and Sam Shwetz  
Photo credit unavailable*



## Rudy and Adriana Betancourt

by Linda Mawby

Rudy and Adriana (aka Anita) were married on April 18, 2015 at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center in Torrance, California. Pastor David Forsyth officiated the ceremony amongst a large group of family and friends. They both became FBC members in March of this year, although Rudy has been attending

FBC for almost five years, involved for many of those years in CnC – the former College and Career group. Anita has been attending FBC together with Rudy for about six months.

The two met at the 2013 Undivided Conference, an annual Christian conference designed for the unmarried who want to use their lives for God's glory, held at Foothill Bible Church. Rudy proudly admits he knew she was special from the moment he met her in the hallway to the gymnasium. Anita's previous church home is a fellow like-minded church, First Fundamental Bible Church of Whittier.

Both Rudy and Anita are Southern California natives, Anita growing up in Lynwood and Rudy in Baldwin Park. They recently established their home together in Upland, California and look forward to continuing their Christian growth together at FBC.

Not only are they in love with each other, they both love the Lord and desire to honor and serve Him in every way they can. When you see them, please welcome them into the fold!

## Steven & Sarina Cervantes

by Julia Buehl

Sarina Pratt and Steven Cervantes were married at Foothill Bible Church in the Chapel on March 14, 2015. Pastor David Forsyth officiated the ceremony with their children, Kendry Cervantes (4 ½ ) as ring bearer and Kaylee Cervantes (1 ½ ) as flower girl; they were surrounded by family and close friends to celebrate their special day. A reception for the newlyweds was held in the fountain café.

Steven and Sarina both were baptized this past February by Pastor David after they came to faith recently. Please extend a warm welcome to this sweet young family as they grow daily in the grace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Sarina and Steven Cervantes, daughter Kaylee, son Kendry.

Photo by Nathaniel Norton

# Congratulations Class of 2015



## GRADUATE SCHOOL



Photo by Gavin Liu

UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE

### Gavin Liu

University of La Verne, January 2015

Master of Business Administration

He has just relocated to Irvine to pursue a job in his field of study.



Photo by Jessica Fong

THE MASTER'S SEMINARY

### Luke Rhee

The Master's Seminary, May 2015

Master of Divinity

Luke has been teaching the college students in Crossroads Sunday school class and will continue to serve among the college students.



Photo by Annie Dortignac

## Katelyn Allison

California Baptist University, May 2015

Bachelor of Science, Nursing

She plans to start working full time as a registered nurse before beginning a Master of Science in nursing to become a Family Nurse Practitioner.



Photo by Julia Buehl

## Hannah Buehl

Chaffey College, May 2015

Associate of Arts, Geography

She has been accepted and is transferring to California State Polytechnic University, Pomona for the fall term, studying Geography and Geology.



Photo by Priscilla Ho

## Priscilla Ho

University of La Verne, May 2015

Bachelor of Science, Psychology

She plans to enroll in a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist program at a graduate school.

## Seth Roybal

The Master's College,  
May 2015

Bachelor of Arts, Music

He plans on pursuing a career as a music producer or a worship leader.



Photo by FBC Directory  
Photographer



Photo by Jeremy Chou

## Kimberly Allison

Chaffey College, May 2015

Associate of Arts, Universal Studies with  
a social and behavioral emphasis

She plans on transferring to California Baptist University this fall to pursue a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business.



Photo by Steve Hydanus

## Karen Hydanus

Chaffey College, May 2015

Associate of Arts,  
Communications

She plans on applying to California State University, Fullerton for the fall 2016 term while continuing to serve as an AWANA missionary to North Orange and Los Angeles counties.

# High School Graduates



Photo by Crystal Maldonado

## Allison Bohler

Faith Christian Academy,  
June 2015  
She plans to enroll at  
Citrus College in Glendora  
for the fall term.



Photo by Preferred Photography

## Eliza Jane Cobb

Shepherd's Flock Academy, June 2015  
She has been accepted for the fall term to the Kellogg Honors  
College at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and  
will be pursuing a bachelor's degree in Accounting and Business.

## Emily Jean Cobb

Shepherd's Flock Academy,  
June 2015  
She has been accepted for  
the fall term to California  
State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona and will be study-  
ing Construction Engineer-  
ing. Emily will also work  
part-time at her father's  
company, Preferred Ceilings  
in Brea, and also teach piano  
as time permits.



Photo by Preferred Photography

## Cade Castillo

Olive Christian Academy,  
June 2015  
He plans to get involved  
in music production and  
pursue his own music after  
graduation.



Photo by Chloe Wheatley



Photo by Rachael Valenzuela

## Noah Collins

Upland High School, June 2015  
He will be enrolling for the fall term at  
a community college then transferring  
after a year to a university.



Photo by Vonnie Perez

## Jacob Garcia

Los Osos High School,  
May 2015  
He has been accepted to  
Harvey Mudd College  
in Claremont for the fall  
term.

## Megan Hetzel

Western Christian High School, June 2015

She will be attending California Baptist University in Riverside in the fall as a pre-nursing major with the hopes of becoming an emergency room nurse or trauma nurse.



Photo by Valentina Anderson



Photo by Juliann Johnson

## Jazz Johnson

Upland High School, June 2015

She will be attending California State University, Channel Islands for the fall term and plans to become a teacher.



Photo by Jill Milosch

## Ellyn Milosch

Morning Star School,  
June 2015

She plans to work and begin general education classes as she explores some of her various interests in math and science, and see where God leads.



Photo by Pixelated Hearts Photography and Design

## Sawyer Shwetz

Bonita High School, June 2015

He has been accepted into the Kellogg Honors College at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona for the fall term and will be studying mechanical engineering.



## James Raymond Wilson

Alta Loma High School,  
May 2015

He plans to pursue a college degree at Carson-Newman University in Tennessee while on the track and basketball teams.

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# Anniversaries & Birthdays



## Wedding Anniversaries

### June

3 Gerald & Carol Kennedy  
 3 Nick & Brittanie Bravo  
 8 Cody & Donna Becker  
 8 Jim & Sharon Sundheimer  
 8 Andy & Rachael Valenzuela  
 10 John & Beulah Ozias  
 13 Bryan & Stacy Shaw  
 13 Howard & Edna Sudduth  
 15 Aaron & Alyssa Miller  
 16 Peter & Vanessa Bugbee  
 16 Scott & Janice Collins  
 16 Aaron & Lacey Mawby  
 18 Brent & Teresa Miller  
 19 Don & Diane Robbins  
 22 Jeff & Patti Nonemaker  
 23 Daniel & Stephanie Wilson  
 24 Alan & Jessica Archambault  
 30 Luke & Laura Rhee  
 30 Peter & May Wang

### July

4 Kyle & Beth Astadurian  
 5 Fred & Mary Tingle  
 6 Lee & Linda Mawby  
 7 Garey & Carolyn Chambliss  
 8 Vince & Debbie Gottuso  
 8 Art & Kim Nakamura  
 10 Matt & Carol Bugbee  
 10 Warren & Dianne Stewart  
 12 Chris & Ariel Donaldson  
 15 Ron & Judy Holdridge  
 16 Mike & Julie Difatta  
 16 Micah & Audrey Lugg  
 17 Bryan & Kathy Proctor  
 19 Raymond & Natalie Lopez  
 21 Mark & Elsa DeShazo  
 23 Jim & Kathy Johnson

### July Continued

25 James & Amber Williamson  
 28 Chris & Juliann Johnson  
 30 Yohan & Jeanee Shin  
 31 Oliver & Mary Burrows  
 31 Billy & Arcelia Miller

### August

2 Mark & Fran Cobb  
 4 Jaymin & Emily Allen  
 9 Cliff & Becky Bates  
 10 Bruce & Charlotte Robbins  
 12 Bud & Jean Smith  
 15 Steve & Trish Feaster  
 16 Ronald & Elizabeth Wachtler  
 19 Mike & Lisa Harris  
 21 Michael & Cinda Nauertz  
 22 Jim & Kristie Kercheval  
 23 Scott & Julia Buehl  
 25 David & Carol Forsyth  
 26 James & Fonda Wilson

### September

5 Al & Susan Guerrero  
 6 Kristian & Kristina Hultgren  
 8 David & Esther Vining  
 12 Andy & Jill Milosch  
 15 Jeff & Gina Farrar  
 15 Paul & Cori Roybal  
 18 Roger & Teri Nelson  
 22 Matt & Nicole Wrye  
 24 Mark & Sandy Anderson  
 24 Carlos & Ericka Flores  
 26 John & Liza Fisher  
 27 Billy & Carolyn Smith  
 27 Kenny & Rebecca Allison

## Birthdays: 80+ years

Rowland Maddox June 10, 1925 90 years	Peggy Bryan August 7, 1921 94 years
Diane Leone June 19, 1933 82 years	Catherine Neuenschwander August 19, 1925 90 years
Bruce Robbins June 29, 1932 83 years	Betty Billings August 27, 1933 82 years
Jackie Langeloh July 3, 1934 81 years	Ruth Raypole Sept. 24, 1922 93 years
Elaine Hawk July 5, 1922 93 years	
Betty Granger August 5, 1932 83 years	
Nina Shwetz August 5, 1933 82 years	



### FBC Connection

The purpose of the FBC Connection newsletter is to inform and inspire the FBC body of what God is doing in the life of its members. Please note that the testimonies and articles are written by volunteers and do not necessarily reflect the sentiments or endorsements of the elder board. The apostle Paul explains in I Corinthians 12 that the local church is one body made up of many members and gifts. FBC Connection recognizes this diversity in the FBC body and seeks to promote community through this form of communication. On behalf of the elder board of FBC, we invite you to proclaim the excellencies of Christ who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

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