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MINISTRY FOCUS

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*Luke, Laura, Daniel, Seth,
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by Luke Rhee

It is a privilege and joy to serve Foothill Bible Church as the Director of Student Ministries and Business Administration. I'd like to share how God brought me to FBC and my core ministry convictions.



Bio

I was born in downtown Los Angeles to loving Christian parents and grew up in Glendale and La Canada, California. God brought me under deep conviction of sin my senior year of high school. Finally, out of desperation, I called out to God to save me from the sins to which I was enslaved. God graciously saved me and gave me new life.

I came to Claremont in 2006 to attend Claremont McKenna College and graduated with a degree in Religious Studies in 2010. During my sophomore year, I began attending Foothill Bible Church and grew tremendously through the college ministry and Pastor David's preaching.

God used FBC to strengthen my young faith while attending college.

After I graduated from Claremont McKenna, I had one primary objective: to be trained to study and preach the Word of God. In college, I saw that only God's Word has the power to change people's lives. I wanted to be equipped to effectively handle God's life changing Word. I began attending the Master's Seminary in 2010 and graduated in 2015.

I met Laura while I was in the college ministry. We became friends and served together. I quickly grew to admire her

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Men's Breakfast...see what's going on behind the scenes. More pictures on page 8.

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love for Christ, intelligence, and quick wit! Plus, she was pretty cute. I would have been crazy not to ask her out. So I worked up my courage and did just that. By God's grace, we got married in 2012 and recently celebrated our fifth wedding anniversary. Laura has been God's greatest gift to me. In these last five years, God has blessed us with three children: Daniel, Seth, and Juliette. Our life is quite full!

“To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ”

The Apostle Paul, Ephesians 3:8

Core Convictions

Scripture is authoritative

Scripture must be authoritative over our lives and the church because it is God's very word. Human opinions are unimportant in comparison to Scripture. Jesus prayed, “Sanctify them in the truth.

Your Word is truth.” (John 17:17) As we bring our lives in submission to the Word of God, God sanctifies us. Once we abandon the word of God, our very souls are in danger because we cut ourselves off from God's primary tool of sanctification. Scripture must reign in the pulpit, in our homes, and in our hearts.

The gospel is central

The church has been entrusted with the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. It's so easy to forget the importance of the gospel after we become Christians, but we must remind ourselves that God saves and sanctifies us through the power of the gospel. We must never assume its truths, but proclaim it to ourselves and others every day. As the Apostle Paul said, “*I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified*” (1 Corinthians 2:2).

Ministry is a gift of grace

Martyn Lloyd Jones was a pastor in London in the 1900's and is one of my historical heroes. Prior to becoming a pastor, he was a young physician quickly rising in prominence. God called him out of the medical field to become a minister of the gospel. People used to tell him, “you gave up so much to become a pastor!” Here's how he responded:

“I gave up nothing; I received everything. I count it the highest honor that God can confer on any man to call him to be a herald of the gospel.”

I truly believe that it is the highest honor to be called to preach the gospel. Ministry is a gift of grace that God gives to us that no one deserves. I am humbled that God would use a sinner like me to proclaim His life giving message. I identify with Paul, who said “*To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ*” (Eph 3:8).

Favorite Books

I love to read and want to share some of my favorite books.

George Whitefield by Arnold Dallimore (2 volumes)

Autobiography by C.H. Spurgeon (2 volumes)

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones by Iain Murray (2 volumes)

Revival and Revivalism by Iain Murray

Everlasting Dominion by Eugene H. Merrill

The Greatness of the Kingdom by Alva J. McClain

A Treatise Concerning Religious Affections

by Jonathan Edwards

A Higher Call by Adam Makos

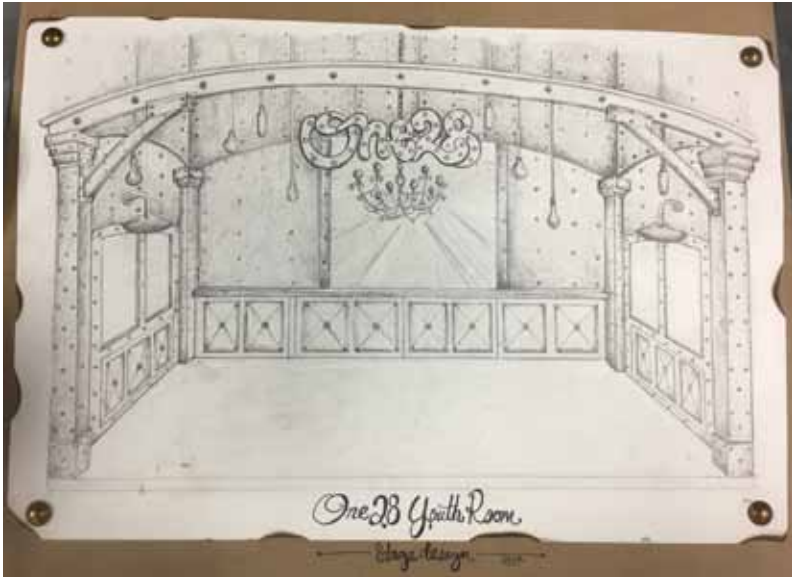
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

ONE28

The ONE28 room, where the junior and senior high students meet, was revamped over the summer with a fun industrial look. The room is located upstairs in the southwest corner of the gym. Stop by for a peek!



*"After" photos
by Lucas Roybal
"Before" photos
by Julia Buehl*



New Members

Lynette Fulton

by Jessy Molina

Meet Lynette Fulton, a spunky nurse who loves to share her story and enjoys crafting and quilting. When she is not at Kaiser working as a nurse to care for families on a trip to the doctor, she is spending time with her husband, Richard, in San Diego. Richard is a retired fire fighter; they met through a mutual work friend and they have been married for 28 years.

Lynette grew up in a strong Christian home, where her parents served several times throughout the week at their church. She learned well from her loving parents how to love the Lord, but did not come to truly know His love until she returned to church here at FBC in 2011. Dr. Chris Yan referred her, though he attended Summit at the time. The Holy Spirit was always present, kneading her heart; when she finally obeyed His call, she came to join a community devoted to the strong teaching of God's Word.

Lynette and Richard were already leading a life of service as primary caregivers for her best friend, Mary Ellen; who was a stroke survivor. They devoted their lives to care for her until her death in 2015. Around this time, Lynette herself would be diag-



Lynette Fulton
Photo by Carson Hampton

nosed with breast cancer. As an involved member of the Hymn Sing group, she met Dr. Thomas Fong, who would become her Oncologist as she fought her own battle.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."
-Jeremiah 29:11-13

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided -Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Lynette was deeply encouraged through these words from the weeping prophet as she faced each stage of her fight - diagnosis, surgery, chemotherapy, and, praise God, through healing - and it is by His faith-

fulness that she finds the strength to press on and minister to the needs of others.

As a former quilting teacher with a degree in Fashion Design, Lynette loves to share her craft in order to give. She once made a bed-sized quilt for a children's charity which raised \$5k! Her talents were also made into the most beautiful card to be wrapped around any patient! (A close friend received one of Lynette's beautiful quilts covered in uplifting Bible verses and loving hand-written notes from close friends.)

Besides her involvement in the Hymn Sing, Lynette serves our little ones in the nursery, attends the Anderson's small group and most recently joined BSF on Monday nights, in case you wanted to find an excuse to get to know her - you should! I, myself, am blessed to have the opportunity to write this article and have had the chance to get to know this amazing woman!

Jeff and Rebecca Bohler

by Julia Buehl

Rebecca, who worked in law enforcement at the time, took great comfort in God's promise given in Romans 8:28 after watching the tragedies on September 11, 2001 unfold - *"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."* And His purpose for her coming to faith was a long journey that started in her childhood as she truly wanted to believe in God but just could not even though she attended church sporadically as a child, and saw her mom become a believer out of Mormonism when the Avon lady shared the gospel with her.

When Rebecca's first husband walked out on her, he left her to raise alone her five-month-old daughter

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Hank Shang, Emily, Rebecca, Jeff, Luke, and Stephen Bohler
Photo by Vanessa Bugbee

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Ashley and I knew in the middle of this devastating reality that there was purpose for her to not leave this world. A co-worker then invited her to church where she attended regularly. As she listened each week to the sermon, she knew something was missing in her life. She would hear the Word and believe but when she left, it was like the seed that fell on the ground where the birds of the air would eat it up. But God had another friend in her life, Lisa Harris, who invited her to attend her church in Upland where the Scriptures were explained during the sermon, something she had not experienced at the previous church in Orange County. Here is where her eyes were opened one Wednesday evening when an invitation to accept Christ was given, and she walked forward to pray for God to save her from her sins. Instantly, there was both inward and outward changes in Rebecca. She was convicted deeply of her sinful lifestyle and God worked in her a desire to live a life pleasing to Him.

Two years later, Rebecca was introduced to Jeff Bohler whom she said she would never date and all because she was taller than him! He was a believer (an absolutely strict rule she now had for dating anyone), having been raised in a Christian home, when he was 13 years old he surren-

dered his life to Jesus while attending church camp. It took the intervention of Lisa Harris to get Jeff and Rebecca together on a date after their first meeting several months earlier; they were engaged after only three weeks of dating and married after five months.

You can find Jeff serving on Sunday mornings in the greeter ministry. To glorify God in all he does, 1 Peter 4:11 plainly states his life-verse:

“Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Jeff is a diesel truck driver for a Southern California company and is also handy in carpentry having helped out in his brother’s business when between jobs.

God has blessed their marriage with three more children, Stephen (13), Emily (12), and Luke (9). For fun the family loves to camp at the beach, ride dirt bikes in the desert, boat at Lake Havasu, go fishing and ride

bicycles together. When Rebecca would train for running marathons, Jeff would always follow beside her on his bicycle. They have opened their home every year to a Chinese exchange student, and this year Hank is a freshman attending Western Christian High School and has a pet Chinchilla he named Vanilla. The family also has two dogs, Claire and Toby, and two cats, Tiger and Tabby. Rebecca now has her own business of

cleaning houses and has a full client list these days. She loves babies and serves on the nursery team on Sunday mornings.

Jeff and Rebecca began attending FBC just over a year ago as they were seeking deeper teaching on Sunday mornings as well as a vibrant youth ministry for their children. Jeff really liked Pastor David’s teaching style so they knew they found the place where God wanted them. They are part of the Bohler small group.

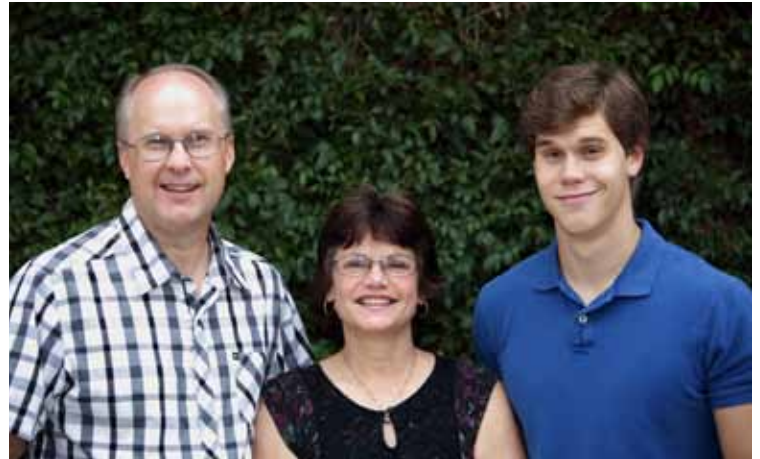


Photo by Carson Hampton

Dan, Cindy, and Dean Hoisington

by Linda Mawby

It is my pleasure to introduce the Hoisington family, who recently became members here at FBC. Dan, Cindy, and their youngest of three sons, Dean, moved to Upland during the summer of 2016 after living most of their married lives in the city of Tehachapi, in the mountain region east of Bakersfield. Shortly thereafter they found their new church home here.

Dan was born and raised in Indonesia, the eldest of three children. His father was a pilot for Mission Aviation Fellowship for 12 years, providing needed supplies and transport for missionary families. When Dan was 12 his family returned to the U.S. and, for a time, lived in Fullerton. Cindy grew up in Cypress as one of two children. It was at a church in Anaheim that their families met and be-

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came friends, though the two weren't romantically interested until many years later. After both completed college - Cindy studying accounting and Dan electrical engineering - one day Cindy, working as an auditor, came to Dan's engineering company to audit their books, and, as God would have it, there he was! Dan's family had moved to Santa Clarita 7 years prior and they had lost contact for more than 10 years!

The Hoisingtons settled in Tehachapi in 1990 after Dan graduated from Columbia Bible Seminary in South Carolina. Dan worked for many years as an engineer for Orbital Sciences and Northrup Grumman, commuting to Palmdale and Edwards Air Force Base. In 2006, they answered a call to the mission field, and after spending several years learning Japanese in Japan, spent the next several years helping to plant a church in Fukuoka. They were there during the 2011 Fukushima earthquake and subsequent tsunami, and their mission-focused church helped to meet many needs in the name of Christ during the massive relief efforts that followed.

Upon returning from Japan in 2012, Dan was hired as a jet pilot for a charter company in Van Nuys. Cindy manages a UPS store, in La Habra, not far from her parent's home -

the same one she grew up in! Dean is studying at Mt. SAC to become an airplane mechanic. The older boys, Nathan (29) and Keith (27), are married and living in Bakersfield and Sacramento. Nathan and his wife just had their first baby, little Levi, in March.

Both Dan and Cindy have been Christians for as long as they can recall, Cindy remembering a special time of trusting in God more completely at the age of 11. A favorite Bible passage is Psalm 46:1-3 -

*“God is
our refuge and
strength, an
ever-present help
in trouble.
Therefore we will not
fear, though the earth
give way and the
mountains fall into
the heart of the
sea, though its waters
roar and foam and the
mountains quake
with their surging.”*

With all that they have been through -and there are many more interesting things I could share -- it is easy to see how God has proven this truth to their family in many, many ways. When you see them, I encourage you to take the time to say hello and get to know them. I know you will be blessed, as I have been.



Left to right: Jaime J., Jaime A., Angie, Leticia Ramirez

Jaime and Leticia Ramirez

by Cindy Behnke

Watching this couple introduce themselves and share their hearts through stinging tears from their recent tragedy of saying goodbye to their 31 year-old daughter to a rare cancer just 5 months ago, was one of the most peacefully, sorrow-filled yet ever-joyous times I have ever encountered. Their hope in Christ and complete trust in His sovereignty weren't mere words from their lips, but shown in their degrees of vulnerability, service and continual fix on the cross. While their hurt is deep, their trust in Christ is deeper.

Angie's diagnosis of autism at a young age did not define her, rather her love for the Lord and others is what placed a beautiful unwavering smile on her face always. The autism also gave the gift of Angie be-

ing Leticia's shadow for all the days she had been given, leaning and relying on her mama to navigate the path she was given in life. And as the cancer took her, every doctor, nurse and friend or family that came in her presence was better, because they saw the love of Christ in Angie. Never complaining, never distrusting, Angie walked with the Lord closely. Her simple, child-like faith strengthened everyone, especially her parents.

Angie's cancer and their 10-month-long battle is a significant part in their walk with the Lord, yet there are many other parts forming Jaime and Leticia's unity in Christ.

Having started attending FBC in 2012 and taking the New Members class with KR Dennis, Leticia felt uncomfortable from KR's gracious questions. While Leticia knew the answers to the things of the Bible, she felt like she didn't know the "why". Both of their faith felt little. They left FBC and

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went back to a previous fellowship where they were attending before. The first church they came to know the Lord at was a church in Diamond Bar. Leticia had first started going because their family friend and real estate agent had invited her to a luncheon. Leticia had grown up Catholic and doesn't know if she would have gone if she knew it was a "Christian" luncheon but she went and something amazing happened. She saw women truly cared about each other. There was no fighting to get to the top or be the best, just genuine love and friendship. Her friend encouraged her to read the book of John and her eyes were opened to Christ's love for her! She professed faith in him and started going to church with her friend, who then invited Jaime to a local outreach. At this event, Jaime saw their broken sinful self and his desperate need of Christ.

Changes were made in their home as Angie was 7 and their son, Jaime A., was 8. Leticia vividly remembers telling her family they would be having family dinners now. This idea had been shared from an older believer from the church and was a complete wake up call to how the Ramirez family was living. Young Jaime looked up from the TV and asked, "Why mom?" But the new tradition of sharing a meal and conversation became a

new gift of reality in their lives. To this day, their son knows he can show up any day between 4:30 and 5 and family dinner will be taking place.

KR's gentle questions from the New Members class kept coming back to Leticia. KR encouraged them to come back to FBC. Their thirst for studying God and growing in His likeness pushed them back. They returned June 2016 and one month later, Angie was diagnosed with her incurable cancer. They recognize God's sovereign hand in this and are thankful He has continued His good work in both of their lives.

Leticia laughs as she shared she's never been to so many meals at people's homes until coming to FBC! Jaime brought home the church's recommendation of "Hospitality Commands" and they feel this command growing into their lives. They both see the beautiful gift of fellowship with believers as they have allowed others from the church family into their crushed season they are walking in. As they have processed grieving Angie's numbered days, Leticia shared, "The heart is desperately wicked... We need others to draw us to Christ, and live in relationship with each other."

An example of this happened one Sunday morning after Angie had gone to be with the Lord. Leticia was having an extra difficult time as she stepped into church. Between the worship and words preached she couldn't get out soon enough to let the floodgates open. Art stopped them after church to see how they were doing, and Leticia just walked away saying she was not doing good and just needed to get

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to the car. Then again, she was stopped as Mike Perez came up inviting them to lunch. Jaime knew he should not answer as his wife was on the verge of breaking down. Yet, Mike kept asking, "What about Farmer Boys?" Leticia lost it. The tears kept falling. Mike immediately said, "Ok ok, no Farmer Boys. You can pick whatever you'd like!" Leticia couldn't believe it. Of course, it wasn't the restaurant selection, it was the fact these new friends wanted to spend time with her, in this broken state? She saw the work of the body and felt so loved. They did indeed go to lunch with the Perez family and can laugh about it today... "Don't ever pick Farmer Boys!"

After the disbandment of the Harris small group

from last year, Jaime and Leticia decided to pick a midweek small group close to their home not knowing anything else about it or who was in it. To their surprise, they found to be the oldest couple in their group and with no small children! Connecting that God's sovereignty was also in this placement, Jaime and Leticia grasped that they can not only be encouraged but can also urge others to Christ's power and truth from the seasons and years they have walked. They are excited about this new adventure.

They also were encouraged to stay together as a couple to serve together. They joined the greeter team and have enjoyed being together during these heart-breaking months while getting to see the splendor of Christ displayed in His church body.

Jaime has worked at the same company working on airplane parts for over 30 years. Leticia worked in law offices for years before deciding to stay home and homeschool her children. This leap of faith was a great investment in her children and she is thankful for the way the Lord has worked through this. Angela "Angie" died almost 6 months ago at age 30. Their son, Jaime, 32, lives in Ontario.

Please take the time to get to know the Ramirez family. Your time will be sweet and filled with the gospel!

Men's Breakfast

MEN'S BREAKFAST Serving with Joy

by Julia Buehl

Rhonda Risser has a way of transferring her love of serving to all those around her. This was not the first time she has whipped up something good to eat since she regularly serves with Cheerful Cooks, and to see how the team was able to have their children serving alongside them shows that when presented with training the next generation, they do it extremely well.

In Rhonda's own words, "Can I just say.....the Friday Crew was something else (!) and we finished in RECORD time. And that included two babies and two busy toddlers who did a lot of helping!!.....can't say it wasn't fun!! And the Saturday Crew was equally wonderful and worked like a bunch of pros!! It was such a joy serving our men and watching them gather together for fellowship and teaching. THANKS SO MUCH for all your hard work and gift of service in this way! I can't thank you enough!!!"

Elyse and Vanessa Bugbee Photo by Cindy Behnke



Elyse Bugbee (2) and Patricia Risser
Photo by Vanessa Bugbee



Rachel Donaldson
Photo by Vanessa Bugbee



Zara and Apollos (3) Plakakis
Photo by Vanessa Bugbee

Not pictured Elyn Milosch,
Erica Beatty, Katelyn Allison,
Kathleen Hetzel, and Ali Howell



Rhonda Risser holding Audrey Bugbee (2 months)
Photo by Vanessa Bugbee



Cindy and Piper (7 months) Behnke
Photo by Vanessa Bugbee



Alyssa Miller
Photo by Vanessa Bugbee



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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