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## Mikats on the Move



Zach & Stacey, Sophia, Chloe, Titus, Elle, Marcus and Justus Mikat at their new home in Sandpoint. Photo by Jeremy Bryan

June 19, 2017

Dear FBC Family,

It has been two months since we were sent off, and we are excited to share with you what God has been doing in the time since we left! One of the big prayer requests we shared with you all was the need for housing - and that remained a daily request during our first six weeks

here. We were daily combing Craigslist and many other internet resources in our quest to find someone willing to rent to a family of our size. Who knew that would be such a challenge?! We pursued every lead and received many “no’s”, but God was faithful to encourage us along the way through the body here at FBC. Your prayers, texts, notes, phone calls and even visits encouraged us to keep trusting God’s kindness and purpose in

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Memorial Day Picnic..more pictures on pages 8 and 9.

Photo by Vanessa Bugbee

# Ministry Focus

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Zach and Stacey Mikat at Dover Bay Resorts

the waiting. A couple of weeks ago He graciously provided us with our very first “yes” and we gladly took it. We moved into our new home in town this past weekend and are busy about the task of getting unpacked and settled. We look forward to getting to know the neighborhood and building relationships with those that live around us - they have already all been so friendly. We are delighted to have Julio and Olga Curiel and their two boys living around the corner from us in the upcoming month. God’s Providence continually makes us smile as we will be living the same distance from them in Sandpoint that we lived from them when we were both in Ontario! In the meantime while we were searching for a permanent place to rent we had what we were affectionately calling our “Sandpoint Vacation Tour” beginning with a month in a furnished rental in the Dover Bay Resorts, right on Lake Pend Oreille and south west of Sandpoint and then a month up in the Schweitzer Mountain Ski Resort, north of Sandpoint. It’s been an unexpected blessing to be able to experience different aspects of the area and we are very grateful to be moving into the heart of town in easy walking/bike riding distance to the kids’ schools and Zach’s work.

For work Zach has been staying busy working for Three Amigos Plumbing, the main plumbing company in this area. He met the owner when he was out house hunting in March and has liked him from the start. They were our first dinner guests when we arrived in April, and we enjoyed getting to know him and his wife. Todd and Sue have lived here for quite some time and so were a wealth of information about the dynamics of the town and the

people. We consider Todd to be the Art Nakamura of Sandpoint, as he seems to know everyone! Three Amigos is a mid size company and has provided many opportunities for Zach to begin building relationships with the other guys he works with, and they’ve all been very friendly and welcoming. One in particular has expressed interest in joining us for church and we are looking forward to having him and his family for dinner once we are settled and unpacked. Zach’s hours are more regular than we were used to when he had his own business, and it’s been a refreshing change for our family to have more time together in the evenings to read, play games and spend time outside. We’re working our way together through some of the books that we’ve deferred reading due to time constraints and finding that to be very spiritually and relationally profitable for us as a couple.

Sunday mornings we have continued many of the traditions we grew to love at Foothill. After breakfast we all assemble in the living room for “Training Hour” which we are using to work our way through a systematic theology. The kids are at a great age to be able to digest the deep truths of God and it has been rewarding to see them engage with the things we are learning and talking about. We have learned that a snack break between the first hour and worship is essential (Mrs. A has the kids spoiled 😊) thus “coffee hour” was born our second week. Simon and Jessica Pranaitis joined us here



Left to right: Justus, Marcus, Elle, Titus, Chloe, and Sophia Mikat

in Sandpoint a couple of weeks ago so once they arrive, around 10:00, coffee and pastries are consumed as we fellowship and catch up. Our service begins just as Foothill’s does and we follow much the same order of service, including singing, scripture and corporate prayer and the

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sermon. In this beginning phase of our “seed plant” while we get settled into the community and acclimate to our new life, we are streaming the sermons and following along in the Ephesians series. Zach’s hope is to begin teaching on Sunday morning sometime within this first year and continue teaching Ephesians in tandem with FBC. The book is rich and deep with theology and practical Christian application and we are excited to see how God will use it in our lives and also the lives of the unbelievers we are praying He brings to us. We have ordered a case of hymnals that are updated to include many of the wonderful new hymns that have been written in recent years from people like Keith and Kristyn Getty, and we look forward to our worship being enhanced by their use. William and Kaitie Forsyth are also planning to join us in July and we will be glad to join their voices to our worship and add them to the fellowship. It has been a particular blessing to see the kids participate in the service, turning in their Bibles to the passages as they are referenced, praying alongside the adults and listening attentively to the sermon as it’s preached. At one particularly stirring point in a message early on, one of the little ones responded to a rhetorical question with a hearty “Heck yeah!” Although we redirected him that should he feel the need to respond to the truth an “Amen” would serve him well, his exclamation has become the unofficial Amen of our little fellowship! Our new home has a large basement that seems perfect for Sunday gatherings and we are very grateful that God has provided us with a place where we can meet and fellowship and also have room to invite others to join us.

We are beginning to feel like Sandpoint is truly home and have been taking every opportunity we can to get to know people and become integrated. We took Sophie and Chloe to get them registered for middle school in the fall and were so encouraged by the kindness and friendliness of the staff. They met with the counselors and came home with a booklet of electives to choose from. They have poured over the descriptions, made their lists, crossed out their lists and started over many times! The girls are both so excited to begin in the fall and we are looking forward to this new chapter for our family. We know attending a school in the community will bring both many opportunities and many challenges and we are praying God will use this time in their lives to confirm His calling in



*The Mikat family enjoying a sweet treat in Sandpoint, Idaho*

their hearts and also to allow our family an inroad into the lives of other students, families and teachers. The younger kids will be at a local elementary school that is about half a mile from our house. All of the kids will be attending school with their cousins, which is an added blessing and kindness of God that we are rejoicing in.

We love you all and miss seeing your faces every week. Thank you for remembering us in prayer and in that way partnering with us for the Gospel here in Sandpoint. God is so good and we are trusting Him in faith as we look for opportunities to give His unconditional love to those whom we find to be in our new sphere of influence. The love we have experienced from all of you at FBC has greatly encouraged our hearts and we pray for you daily as we flip through the memory book you so lovingly filled with notes of affection and friendship.

With love,  
Zach & Stacey  
Sophia, Chloe, Titus, Elle, Marcus and Justus Mikat

## Roland Furman: *Experiencing the God Who Neither Slumbers, Nor Sleeps*



*The Crusaders Youth/Adult Brass Band, Pomona Corp, June 2011*

by Linda Mawby

*“He will not let your foot slip— He who  
watches over you will not slumber...”  
Psalm 121:3*

Few people will you meet that have had a more adventurous life than Roland Furman. He has attended FBC on Sunday mornings for approximately three years, and has been a member of one of our FBC Small Groups for two. We find it is sometimes a very small world, and as it turns out, Roland grew up in Methuen, Massachusetts, less than 10 miles from Haverhill, Massachusetts where our very own Pastor David was raised.

Roland was born in Franklin, New Hampshire in March of 1931, the second-born of four children. His father was a second-generation Minister for the Salvation Army, which is noted for their brass bands. Roland played in marching bands for both high school and church, gaining proficiency at a young age. He has played many of the brass instruments, as well as clarinet. His favorite has always been the trombone –

which he continues to enjoy playing to this day!

Growing up during the difficult years of WWII, Roland graduated from high school in 1949. Shortly thereafter, in 1950 the Korean War began. Roland's brother, Francis, who had fought in WWII, strongly encouraged him to enlist in the service as a musician, knowing his talents would give him an edge over the typical draftee and greater opportunities as to how he could be utilized. He chose the Navy and was accepted into the US Naval School of Music. After nine months, he graduated with a degree in music. He was assigned to the USS Bon Homme Richard CV-31 aircraft carrier and part of Task Force 77. Being part of a 17-piece swing/concert band, their assignment was to provide morale for the ship's 3,000-member crew. He made two voyages to Korea and participated in four battles while operating in the Wonsan Harbor area, 38<sup>th</sup> parallel, which divided North and South Korea. He was an assistant to a medical corpsman, assigned to support operations of a 5-inch, 38-caliber gun mount.

Discharged from the Navy in 1954, Roland began civilian life anew in Long Beach, California. Working temporary jobs, first as a theater usher then moving up to assistant

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manager, he attended Long Beach City College. Interest in being a local radio announcer and its requirement to understand electronics led him to a degree in engineering. He worked for North American Aviation (becoming Rockwell) as an Electronics Engineer for 22 years. Moving to Hughes Aircraft, he continued for 13 additional years.

While in the Navy, Roland married and went on to have three children: 2 boys and a girl. He continued his family's tradition of bringing music into the home, training and encouraging each of his children to play. They even established a performing band, with wife as vocalist; son, Ken, playing the drums; son, Wayne, playing the guitar; daughter, Vicky, as choreographer and vocalist; and Roland, of course, playing the trombone. Known as the "Velvet Rock", they performed at many significant events over the years, and was even asked to perform at Disneyland.

After the children were grown, Roland went on to perform in many groups, the longest standing, and with the most notoriety, being *The Roland Furman Orchestra*. He and the Orchestra played and arranged music for over 35 years. He proudly recalls a career highlight performing at the Norconian Club in Norco, a celebrated local resort built in the 1920s and frequented by famous movie stars and other celebrities in its early years. He has also written and published music teaching books for brass and reed instruments,

and has a recorded CD with his namesake swing and brass bands. (Website: [RolandFurman.com](http://RolandFurman.com))

Although Roland brought the heritage of music and performing into his marriage, what didn't advance with California life was his spiritual heritage – he had become what he now refers to as a cultural Christian. His marriage faltered and, after 35 years, he found himself divorced. After a time he met a new love, Nancy, and they married in 1991. She, too, has been associated with the Salvation Army during their marriage.

Roland became a private pilot in 1982. In 1993, he purchased a Grumman Yankee single engine small plane and spent the following years developing skills as a private pilot with Nancy as his co-pilot. They enjoyed many retirement years together traveling in their small plane and enjoying a life of big band music and swing dancing.

While traveling across the country to visit family on the East Coast in the summer of 1999, Roland went through the greatest soul shaking experience of his life. He and Nancy were flying to Cheyenne, Wyoming, crossing over the Rocky Mountains, when an unexpected down-draft caused them to quickly and drastically lose altitude. The plane was at full throttle - but to no effect! He knew they would have to make an emergency landing. In the nick of time, with the plane at an altitude of 9,500 feet, he spotted a barren field and headed toward

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*The Roland Furman Orchestra performing at the Norconian Club.*

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it. On final approach and approximately 10 feet above the ground, unexpectedly the right wingtip clipped a tree. Wham!!! They suddenly stopped and spun to the ground. Miraculously, though injured, they both survived – Roland with an injured shoulder and Nancy with a compression fracture of her spine. During a relatively short 7-day stay in the hospital, Roland was told by the Commander of the local Civil Air Patrol there had been nine previous crashes in the same area over the past eight years. He gravely recalls, “We were the only ones to have survived”. Finally, safe at home again to finish recovery, they reflected on how, and why, “the Lord had saved us”. Roland had now come full circle, and God was getting his attention.

In the years since retiring his big band, Roland invested time in developing and teaching young Christians to play and perform in a brass band, known as “The Crusaders”, for the Salvation Army Pomona Corps. His lifetime love of sharing and performing music carries on – yet, now with an emphasis on servicing the Lord. I encourage you to take the opportunity to speak with and get to know him. Enjoy listening to the bygone era of big band and swing, and maybe even learn to play yourself with his “*Music Study Book for Brass and Reed Instruments*”...! I believe he would love to share some of his vast knowledge and experience with you, too!

## ***Psalm 121 - A song of ascents***

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains—  
where does my help come from?*

*My help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

*He will not let your foot slip—  
he who watches over you will not slumber;  
indeed, he who watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord watches over you—  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord will keep you from all harm—  
he will watch over your life;  
the Lord will watch over your coming  
and going both now and forevermore.*



*Tori and Aaron Winkelman with their daughters Brighton and Brooke*

## **Aaron and Tori Winkelman**

*by Jessy Molina*

Aaron and Tori both grew up in California, though Tori had a short 6 years in Michigan, she has always known the Golden State as home. The couple both grew up in strong Christian homes and accepted Christ at young ages, Aaron during an alter call at 9 years old and Tori at the age of 4. These two lovebirds met through mutual friends during college, though they did not attend the same place; Aaron studied Engineering at Cal Poly Pomona and Tori dug into Biblical Studies at Azusa Pacific University.

In November, Aaron and Tori will celebrate 6 years of marriage with 2 beautiful girls: Brooke, (2) and Brighton (7months). With strong, Christ-centered roots, the family focuses their attention toward God through these verses.

*“But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”  
–Joshua 24:15b*

Aaron and Tori use Matthew 6:33 to remind themselves to keep the Lord first in everything, especially their marriage:

*“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”*

This joyful family of 4 first visited Foothill Bible Church because of their children. When the girls came along, they sought out a church where the little ones could grow in good programs under strong Biblical teaching. Since they began attending, the Winkelman family is most excited about the

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children's ministries and Pastor David's steep teaching in the Word. Aaron has a heart for youth and Tori loves to cook, but they are passionate about serving wherever they are needed.

Aaron and Tori both love, also, to do short term missions; when asked if they could go anywhere to do anything, though, the natural response was, "Wherever there is a need."

I have had the privilege of getting to know this family and from a personal standpoint, I can share that it is an absolute joy to share a meal or even just a cup of coffee with these folks. They have such a beautiful heart and dedication to one another and to their children, and it has been such an inspiration to see.

## Desiree Teichroeb

by Julia Buehl



*Desiree with her Border Collie, Dixie.*

Desiree who has recently become a member of Foothill Bible Church hails from Longview, Alberta, Canada, a sleepy village 50 miles south of Calgary at the foothills of the Canadian Rockies with a population

around 300. Desiree is a full time student at The Master's University in Santa Clarita who will be a senior this fall majoring in Communications. She had become friends with the Nakamura family and first attended at their invitation in May of 2016.

Desiree grew up in the church knowing the Bible. By the age of 10, she had a desire to learn more about Scripture and prayer. Her gradual increase in understanding God brought her to placing her faith in the atoning death of Jesus, and she is now the third generation of believers in her family. With Jesus as our example, Desiree reflects, "Motivation isn't the people around us but it is Jesus. The family of God is to pursue the goal of Christ." A confirming passage of Scripture comes from Hebrews 12:1-2: *"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*

To be the daughter of The Master's Seminary graduate, it seems logical that The Master's University would be where Desiree would choose to complete her formal education. One of the main reasons she wanted to enroll in TMU was their semester abroad program in Israel called IBEX (*I*srael *B*ible *E*Xtension). Learning about the geography, archeology, Jewish history, and culture had a huge impact bringing her confirmation of the historicity of the biblical perspective as well as gave context to the Bible.

The youngest of three girls, Desiree has two older twin sisters with whom she is part of a performing string trio. In addition to the violin, Desiree also plays the piano. While home from college in the summers, she loves enjoying the outdoors through hiking and horses. In her fifth summer as a heritage presenter, she has worked at a national historic ranch that has preserved what it was like to live as a ranching cowboy in the late 1800s. God has laid upon her heart the desire to work someday alongside missionaries as a liaison with any of their communication needs, from writing for their website to regular newsletters for their supporters. She has been a part of the Astadurian/Nauertz small group this past year as well as regularly attended the Training Hour class How to Grow taught by various elders. Please welcome Desiree when she returns this fall to FBC.

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS  
**MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC**



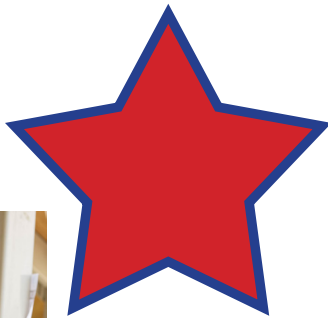
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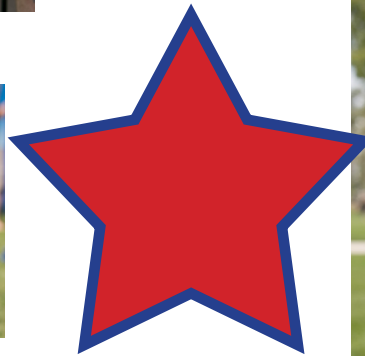
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*Picnic photos by Carson Hampton and Vanessa Bugbee*

# Graduates

by Bailee Harris



## ▲ Luke McConnell

*Dikaios Christian Academy*  
This year, Luke plans on completing a paralegal certification through Oakbrook College of Law in Fresno, California. In the fall of 2018, he will hopefully be attending Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colorado where he desires to study Business Administration. After CCU, he wishes to pursue Law School to receive his Juris Degree to practice law wherever the Lord leads him.

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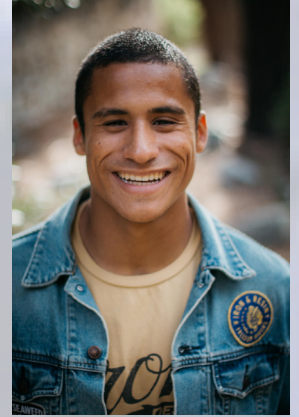
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## ► Elijah Roybal

*Claremont High School*

Elijah is planning on attending Crafton Hills Community College in Yucaipa to train as an Emergency Medical Technician. Being a fire explorer in Upland for many years, he may enroll in the fire academy in the future.

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## ◀ Caleb Roybal

*Claremont High School*

Caleb intends to attend California Polytechnic University, Pomona's Department of Urban and Regional Planning this upcoming fall.

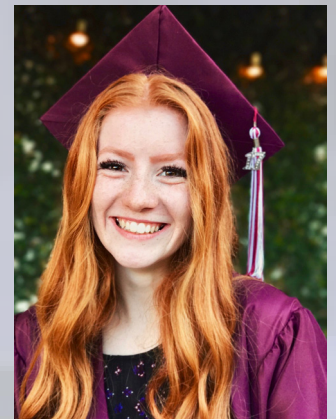
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## ► Bailee Harris

*Faith Christian Academy*

Bailee will be attending Azusa Pacific University this fall to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She will hopefully continue to work at Chick-fil-A part time throughout her first semester.

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## ◀ Emma Castillo

*Olive Christian Academy*

Emma plans on enrolling at Citrus College in Glendora this fall to major in Theatre.

Photo credit: Cade Castillo



## ◀ Andrew Hsieh

*Dikaios Christian Academy*

Andrew plans to enroll at California Polytechnic University, Pomona to study Chemistry and pursue a career as a pharmacist.

Photo credit: Vonnie Perez



◀ **Hannah Nance**

*United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School*

After completing Air Force Academy Prep School as a cadet candidate, Hannah received her appointment to the United States Air Force Academy as an officer cadet in Colorado this summer. She will start with six weeks of training, and then will begin the academic year.

Photo credit: Javier Zuluaga



▶ **Hannah Buehl**

*California Polytechnic University, Pomona – Bachelor of Science in Geography*

Hannah will be pursuing a career that will utilize her degree in Geography while continuing to teach piano.

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Kimberly Broadwell



◀ **Anna Hsieh**

*California State University, San Bernardino - Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, Allied Health Professions*

Anna hopes to go to graduate school and become a physician's assistant in Pediatric Emergency Medicine or Orthopedics.

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▲ **Chris Chan**

*California Baptist University – Bachelor of Science in Biology*

Chris is continuing his education at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry.

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▶ **Libby Hsieh**

*University of California, Los Angeles - Bachelor of Arts in English*

Libby plans to pursue a graduate degree.

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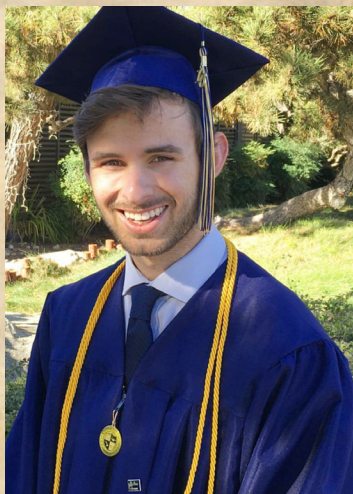


# Graduates



◀ **Kimberly Allison**  
*California Baptist University - Bachelor of Science in Business Administration*  
Kimberly plans to obtain a full time job or internship in the field of business, specifically within child care facilities.  
Photo credit: Evan Chan

▶ **Elliott Best**  
*California Baptist University - Bachelor of Science in Mathematics*  
Lord willing, this fall Elliott will start working towards a PhD in Mathematics at the University of California, Riverside.  
Photo credit: Vicki Best



◀ **Karen Hydanus**  
*California State University, Fullerton - Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies*  
Karen plans to continue her education to obtain her Masters degree to teach at the college level.

▼ **Tyler Nance**  
*Northwest Lineman College - Certificate of Achievement*  
Tyler has future plans to pursue his career as a lineman.  
Photo credit: Mason Mitchell



## 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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