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Ministry Focus:

WELCOME MINISTRIES



Photo by Raul Moreno

by Jonathan Schaap

...Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

The Welcome Ministries of Foothill Bible Church endeavor to show the love of Christ by welcoming first-time guests and regular attenders to our campus and ultimately to our body of believers. We are a family, and the campus is our “home.” Our gospel-driven hospitality should be seen, heard, and felt by all who come to our Sunday gatherings.

Many have noted how the hospitality

industry often treats their people with more care than the average church. And while there are certainly things to learn from that industry on making people feel special, the church has to be about more than just making people comfortable and happy. We are primarily concerned they connect to Christ and His bride. We want to see all people as faithful followers of Jesus; therefore, all of our welcoming on a Sunday is geared toward this.

The Welcome Ministries, like all other ministries at FBC, help us accomplish the task that Christ gave us—to make, mature, and multiply disciples (Matt.

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Memorial Day Picnic
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 Photo by Vanessa Bugbee

Ministry Focus

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28:19-20) ... The gospel shapes our ministry. Christ accepts all who come to him, so we must too. Whether the people are nice or unfriendly, clean or unkept, rich or poor, black or white, believers or unbelievers, we welcome them because Christ welcomed us in the sinful condition we were in. – FBC Welcome Ministries Handbook

The quotes above encapsulates and drives what our Welcome Ministries is all about and articulates it better than I ever could here. Hospitality definitely seems to be an impetus of the members at FBC—it is preached from the pulpit and pulses from the pews. My wife Julia and I can attest to this from when we first started attending here about 2 years ago, and it attracted us to this local congregation when we were looking for a church home and continues to this day. We have been welcomed into your homes for meals. Our small group has warmly embraced, supported, and nurtured us. We can see that this congregation loves the Lord and one another. A genuine and conscious effort was made to connect with us from the moment we stepped on campus and continued even after the worship service. We were sought out. We see that happening today with others on a weekly basis. In fact, I just finished reading The Hospitality Commands

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:9-10

by Alexander Strauch—it was a convicting read because hospitality is a biblical command, a joy, an opportunity for service, and an effective tool for evangelism.

One way hospitality is shown is through the Welcome Ministries. Ron and Judy Holdridge approached Julia and me just over a year ago to partake in this ministry. Initially, I was a bit hesitant because I am not an extrovert (I soon found out I am not alone in this within this ministry); but after praying about it and being encouraged by others, we decided to give it a try... We realized that it would be a great way to get to know this local body, to serve, and to find our spiritual gifts in this place. While we are not even close to learning everyone's name, we are starting to put names with faces, develop relationships, and have been blessed richly through this ministry already.

Typically, we serve for 2 consecutive weeks and then are off for 4 weeks. The Welcome Ministries currently has 3 groups but is always looking for more volunteers. We presently serve with Tim and Cindy Bohler's group, and it has been a blessing to get to know the people within our group on a more personal basis as we serve together. Ron, along with his wife Judy, has headed the Welcome Ministries for approximately the past 6 years. Ron attests that through greeting he has met so many different people but ironically realizes that there are so many more to meet... The mission continues.

Greeters prepare the "home" before you arrive each Sunday donning lanyards then reserving seating spaces for newcomers, opening the doors, getting children checked in, distributing offering bags, connecting newcomers to The Hub, Connection Corner, etc.—the greeters are your hosts and the face you most likely see first after parking your car. Talking to various veterans of the Welcome Ministries, I soon found out that it has been a vital springboard to various other ministries within the church as well whether that be AWANA, Crossroads, or a small group leader. We would encourage anyone looking to get plugged in at FBC to consider the Welcome Ministries and we look forward to seeing you soon.



Photo by Raul Moreno

High School Graduates



Tommy Anderson
Bonita High School
Tommy will be studying graphic design at Point Loma Nazarene University



Ben Costello
Upland High School
Ben will be attending California State Polytechnic University, Pomona to study civil engineering
Photo by Luc Roybal



Zack Bohler
Claremont High School
Zack plans to intern at Lahaina Baptist Church in Maui over the summer, travel to Papua New Guinea to help the FBC team build a house for Promise Vaughan, then enroll at Citrus College

Kaitlin Mikkelsen
Western Christian Private Satellite Program
Kaitlin plans to attend Mt. San Antonio College in the fall and then transfer to California Polytechnic University Pomona to study liberal arts to fulfill her passion of becoming a teacher
Photo by Katelyn Kipfer



Devyn Marker
Dikaios Christian Academy
Devyn is working as a plumbers assistant



Erica Cobb
The Cobb Academy
Erica will be enrolling in California State University, San Bernardino's Nursing Program
Photo by Emily Cobb



Thomas Mills
Sola Gratia Christian Academy
Thomas plans to major in mechanical engineering at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. After finishing his schooling, Thomas hopes to build an ultralight solar powered electric airplane and fly around the world
Photo by James Mills



Langley Thorp
Faith Christian Academy
Lala plans on attending the Cosmetology Program at Citrus College where she'll spend over a year full-time learning hair, makeup, and nails
Photo by Miranda Doucette

Graduates

College/University



Blake Buehl
Mt. San Antonio College
Associate of Science,
Architectural Technology-
Design Concentration
Blake is planning on
transferring to California
Polytechnic University,
Pomona's Department of
Architecture
Photo by Ethan Wong



Conner L'Hommedieu
California Polytechnic
University, Pomona
Bachelors of Science, Civil
Engineering
Conner plans on moving
back to the Bay Area to be
with family and starting his
career in transportation design
engineering at BKF Engineers
Photo by Matthew Girgis

Annabel Gutierrez
Chaffey College
Associate of Science, Business
Administration
Associate of Arts, University
Studies-Social and Behavioral
Sciences
Associate of Arts, University
Studies-Business and
Technology
California State University
General Education Certification
Annabel will be attending
California State University,
San Bernardino majoring in
financial planning
Photo by JC Penney Portraits



H. Daniel Gutierrez
Chaffey College
Associate of Science, Business
Administration
Associates of Arts, University
Studies with specialization in
Business and Technology
California State University
General Education
Certification
Daniel will be attending
California State University,
San Bernardino and studying
entrepreneurship
Photo by JC Penney Portraits



Matthew Kercheval
University of California, Los Angeles
Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering
Matthew plans to travel to Israel with
Passages, then applying and interviewing with
engineering companies in the Greater Los
Angeles Area
Photo by NK Nordstrom Photography

College/University



Caroline Melkesian
Biola University
Bachelor of Arts,
Communication Studies
Caroline is working full time at Liferay as a Human Resources Coordinator where she serves employees in a variety of ways daily
Photo by Grad Images



Lexie Stegemiller
California Polytechnic University, Pomona
Bachelor of Science,
Hospitality Management
Lexie is planning to get a job in the Bay Area near her family
Photo by Luc Roybal



Tori Spurley
California State University, San Bernardino
Bachelor of Arts, Social Work
Tori plans to work for the County of San Bernardino in the Department of Children and Family Services.
Photo by Rachael Valenzuela

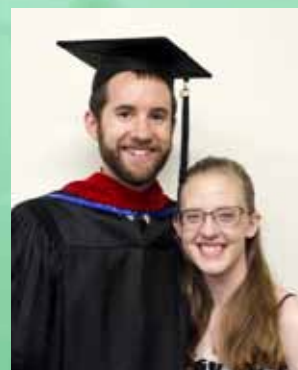


Desiree (Teichroeb) Nakamura
The Master's University
Bachelor of Arts,
Communication Studies
Desiree plans on pursuing a job in her field of study, and settling into life in California with her husband Daniel Nakamura
Photo by Ashley Doyle

Graduate School



Ryan Krell
Azusa Pacific University
Master of Music in Piano Performance
Ryan has taken a summer internship at First Baptist Church of Evans City, Pennsylvania this summer and he plans to start a doctorate in Fall 2019 after a year of work
Photo by Luc Roybal



Daniel Wilson
The Master's Seminary
Master of Theology,
Old Testament
Daniel plans to contribute to Hebrew research for a book, study for ordination, with missions training in the future
Photo by Chris Day

New Members

Fabi and Megan Badiola

by Rachel Mills

Foster Care, Sports, Real Estate, Peru... if you are interested in these topics and haven't had the opportunity to meet Fabi and Megan Badiola, make sure you come on over to the right side of the sanctuary where they sit for Sunday service. The Badiolas joined the Foothill community in membership this past January. The work of God in both their lives to bring them together and to this church is a testimony of God's faithfulness and grace.

Fabi was born in Lima, Peru and came to the states at the age of two with his large and close-knit extended family. He grew up in West Covina and Rancho Cucamonga and was raised Catholic, attending High School at Ontario Christian where he met Megan. Fabi enjoyed playing sports and attending summer camps as a child. Fabi's family began attending a Christian church where he came to a knowledge of Christ at the age of ten. He strayed during his teenage years but rededicated his life to Christ during college. He graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a degree in Business, reconnected with Megan and they began dating.



Fabi and Megan Badiola with Vincent, Christian, and Eliana Photo by Raul Moreno

Megan was born into this church family when it was called Upland Bible Church and loved attending the AWANA program as a young girl. After a season of rebellion Megan rededicated her life while spending a year at The Master's College. She completed her Radiologic Technologist certificate at Chaffey College and finished her degree at the University of La Verne. During this time, Fabi and Megan began to see how the Lord was working in their lives. He was bringing them back to himself and to each other as well as giving them a similar desire to use their lives to serve Him. They married in 2005 and have three children: Vincent

(11), Christian (8), and Eliana (3), who attend Alta Loma Christian School.

The Badiolas praise God for answering their prayer for opportunities to serve Him. Fabi enjoys coaching the boys' soccer and baseball teams because it provides a mission field. By showing honesty and integrity in his career in Real Estate Investment, Fabi is able to be a witness within the workplace. God's provision in Fabi's business has allowed the family to provide foster care to three babies this year. They work with Serenity Foster Care and Adoption in Glendora and plan to continue fostering and eventually adopt one

of the precious babies they serve. They are committed to prayer for leading in God's timing for this process.

When the Badiolas returned again to Foothill to visit 3 years ago, they were seeking a solid Bible teaching church and an Awana program for their kids. They are so thankful that God has provided this and much more. One such blessing was when Fabi was recently baptized; the look on his boys' faces, a memory he will treasure the rest of his life. The Badiolas are grateful to be a part of this church community where they look forward to raising a family that loves and serves the Lord.

John and Whitney Brazil

by Cindy Behnke

John and Whitney Brazil have been married a little longer than they have been attending FBC - just over a year. They live in Pomona and found FBC on The Master's College website. Both Whitney and John are Master's College grads and have chosen to pursue the medical field, with hearts to serve in an underdeveloped or rural area down the road. Whitney is just a few weeks shy of finishing her first year at Western University to become a Physician's Assistant. John has been accepted into the brand new medical school which will start this August, The California University of Science and Medicine in San Bernardino. John thinks he will have an interest in

pursuing working as an ER doctor.

Whitney grew up in Snohomish, WA with her parents and two sisters. While her family would identify as being Christian it wasn't until Whitney's best friend started taking her to church that Whitney learned about Christ. When she got her license, she made the decision to drive herself every Sunday. A woman on staff started discipling Whitney, though she didn't know that's what she was doing at the time. She decided on The Master's College because of wanting a college to play basketball competitively and be able to pursue studying to become a PA. In the Lord's design, this is where Whitney really grew to know the Lord. She admits after the first week of her freshman year though, she was ready to call it quits! Everyone around her seemed

to be so steeped in their faith and knowledge of the Lord, she was intimidated. She persevered and she grew in her relationship with her Savior and was re-baptized. Whitney's favorite verse from 1 John 3:1 reads, *"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God."*

John grew up in Potter Valley, California with his parents and 7 brothers and sisters. His parents are big influences in his life and his walk with the Lord. He has learned a lot about God and theology as he decided to make his faith his own and study God's word. A passage of scripture that John really enjoys is Ephesians 2:1-10. John is an avid reader and is constantly finishing another book. His parents are veterinarians so he's been around the medical world but just recently decided this is the career path he wants to pursue

and is excited to start the long road of medical school. He is thankful for his education at The Master's College and the opportunity to play baseball there.

John and Whitney chose to become members at Foothill Bible because of the church's sound preaching and display of living out the gospel. They shared they've been invited to so many homes for dinner already. They love that at FBC, hospitality and service are not only taught but lived out. They joined the Plakakis small group and have enjoyed living life with others and sharing the joys and trials life brings. John and Whitney also enjoy serving together in the nursery and on the Welcome Ministries team.

For hobbies, John and Whitney love playing sports. John also likes rock climbing and Whitney enjoys yoga and working out. She joked, is surfing on Pinterest is a hobby? Together they love taking walks together, especially on the aisles of Costco, going to museums and going on adventures. A dream to go visit would be the Azores Islands in Portugal where John's family is from. But in the meantime, the Brazils have traveled together to Italy, Ireland and Israel. So please extend hospitality to this sweet couple and make sure to share your favorite place to travel. Any place that starts with "I" would be a plus!



John and Whitney Brazil Photo by Lena Graham

New Members

Keegan and Natalie Dena

by Jessy Molina

Natalie was working at Starbucks, Keegan was a regular at her store, and the couple enjoyed their natural chemistry. Through their relationship, Natalie came to realize that, though she professed Christ as her Savior, she never knew true repentance. While they dated, Natalie went to church with Keegan each week. During this time, she came to understand the reality of her sin and come to truly confess her faith and live for Christ. Keegan had come to know Christ while living with his grandmother during high school. She took him to church and he professed his repentance and faith during a Sunday school service.

Praise God for His sovereign grace, because now, Keegan and Natalie have been married for 14 years and have 3 awesome boys: Zane (12), Maddox (8), and Ryder (2 months).

Keegan works some difficult hours as a paramedic firefighter in Rancho Cucamonga, but when he is not in the field or teaching a paramedic class once a week, you can catch him taking his beautiful family on fun-filled adventures to the beach or Disneyland. Natalie has since left her job at Starbucks, choosing



Keegan and Natalie Dena with Zane, Maddox, and Ryder
Photo by Raul Moreno

to be at home with their boys to homeschool through Western Christian School's program. She loves being with them, and wouldn't have it any other way. The boys love to hear stories from mom and dad's childhood, since they have such a contrast to them. Keegan and Natalie didn't grow up in Christian homes, so they are praying that the Lord will help them guide their sons by learning from their mistakes – and not make many of the same ones.

Not having close family as an example is one of the most difficult parts of not coming from a Christ-centered background, Keegan shared. This is one of the reasons they are grateful for Foothill Bible Church. They have attended here just over a year, about the time that our congregation received the Hospitality Commands book. The family was blown away by the church body's eagerness to put it into practice. They jumped in with Welcome Ministries and joined Tim and Cindy Bohler's small group.

Keegan loves to take the time to soak in Scripture with Natalie and the boys. One of their favorite books of the Bible to read over and over again is 1 John. It is a beautiful opportunity for "consistent self-reflection, and understanding true faith."

Don't be shy, take the opportunity to continue showing hospitality, friends. They love game nights, and I know they would love to have you over for a round of Ticket to Ride, a grueling match at Monopoly or some card games – especially Dutch Blitz; don't worry if you don't know what it is, Zane and Maddox would love to explain it to you.

**HOW CAN A YOUNG MAN
KEEP HIS WAY PURE?
BY GUARDING IT ACCORDING
TO YOUR WORD.
WITH MY WHOLE HEART
I SEEK YOU;
LET ME NOT WANDER
FROM YOUR
COMMANDMENTS!
I HAVE STORED UP YOUR
WORD IN MY HEART,
THAT I MIGHT NOT
SIN AGAINST YOU.
-PSALM 119:9-11**

Raul and Bobbi Moreno

by Stephanie Wilson

Raul and Bobbi Moreno have been attending FBC for nearly three years. They are both native Californians who grew up in Christian families, with Raul from Norwalk and Bobbi growing up in Stockton. They met each other through the relationship between their two churches, and got married in June 2015. Not long after that, Raul realized that their church had significant theological problems. Leaving that church was a difficult decision, as he had been attending there his entire life. But he consulted a Facebook group for church recommendations in the Inland Empire, and Foothill Bible Church was one of the suggestions. He was impressed by the FBC doctrinal statement. Then when they began attending, they were struck by the welcoming hospitality they immediately received. Bobbi says that right away people were giving her their phone numbers and inviting them to dinner.

Raul and Bobbi have been loving the preaching at FBC. Raul says that Ephesians is currently one of his favorite books of the Bible, and credits that to the fact that it is the first book of the Bible that he has experienced full expository preaching. He especially appreciates how chapter

two reminds us that on our own we are sinners filled with darkness, and not just people who happen to do bad things sometimes. Bobbi's favorite Bible verse is Job 1:8, where the Lord says, "Have you considered my servant Job?" Reflecting on the book of Job encourages her through difficult times by reminding her that nothing is done without God's approval. No matter how bad the situation in life might be, God has allowed it and it is within His plan for them.

The Morenos have been part of the small group led by Rob and Cindy Behnke for one year. They say they only joined because of Cin-

dy's persistence in convincing them to do so, but kick themselves for not having joined much sooner. Raul jokes, "I don't want to say we're 'doing life together,' because that's corny." But they love the community aspect of the group and how they have been able to develop close relationships with the other families, rather than just seeing people in passing on Sunday mornings. Other ways they are involved at FBC include Bobbi serving in the nursery, and Raul recently joined the media ministry.

Raul works as a behavior technician for behavior analysis in schools, and is a dock worker at FedEx.

He also is a photographer who shoots weddings, events, and portraits. For hobbies he enjoys doing darkroom photograph development, lifting weights, and cooking. Bobbi is a personal banker and manager on duty at Chase Bank. She enjoys sewing and golfing in her free time. They have two children – Scarlett who is a precocious and talkative three-year-old, and Judah who is 9 months old.

As a parting thought, Raul says, "I'm nicer than I look!" The Morenos are eager to continue to get to know more of the people at FBC.



Raul and Bobbi Moreno with Scarlett and Judah Photo by Raul Moreno

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC



LET THE FESTIVITIES BEGIN!



BURGERS AND FRIES FROM THE HABIT



COTTON CANDY MAKERS



RED, WHITE AND CUTE



YUMMY SWEETS



FACE PAINTING



PAPER AIRPLANE FLYING CONTEST



A BEAUTIFUL DAY

Photos by Carson Hampton and Vanessa Bugbee

Weddings

Randall and Jenna Freeman

Jenna Wilson and Randall Freeman exchanged wedding vows on June 16, 2018 with Pastor David Forsyth officiating at the ceremony held in Thousand Oaks, California. Jenna is the daughter of James and Fonda Wilson, and completed her master's degree in December at Carson-Newman University. Randall and Jenna are now residing in Chattanooga, Tennessee where Jenna is a 6th grade math teacher.



Photo by TB Perkins Photography

Daniel and Desiree Nakamura

Desiree Teichroeb and Daniel Nakamura were wed on June 23, 2018 at FBC with Pastor David Forsyth officiating. Daniel is currently employed by the city of Los Angeles as a firefighter, and Desiree is a recent graduate of The Master's University. The newlyweds are residing in Rancho Cucamonga.

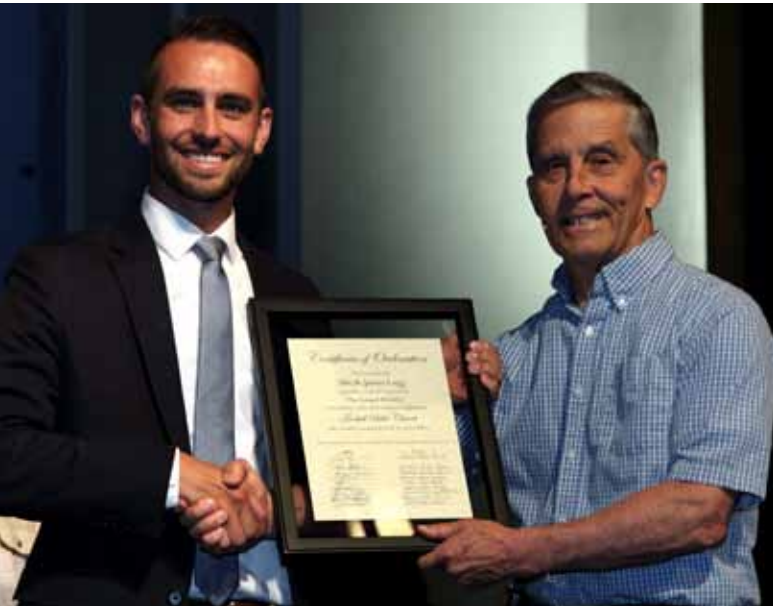


Photo by Luc Roybal

Ordination



ORDINATION OF MICAH LUGG



Micah James Lugg was publicly ordained to the work of the Gospel Ministry on July 8th after satisfactory examination by the ordination council which included elders from FBC and like-minded churches.

Audrey, Evelyn, Norah, Haven and Micah with his parents, Tim and Renee Lugg Photos by Carson Hampton

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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