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Ministry Focus: Coordinator of Communications and Creative Arts

by Jonathan Schaap

Do you know that directional antennas connected via coaxial cables to DLX receivers are operating at 475 gigahertz? Or do you know that all the graphics on the rotator are exported at a dpi of 300, and everything on the web is 70? Do you know when there's a need to switch to HDMI from VGA on all screens and projectors that are currently in service within our local church? Me neither. But Lucas Roybal does.

My wife and I were able to catch up and connect with Lucas amidst his busy schedule and growing responsibilities to ask him a few questions about his new (yet familiar) position here at FBC...

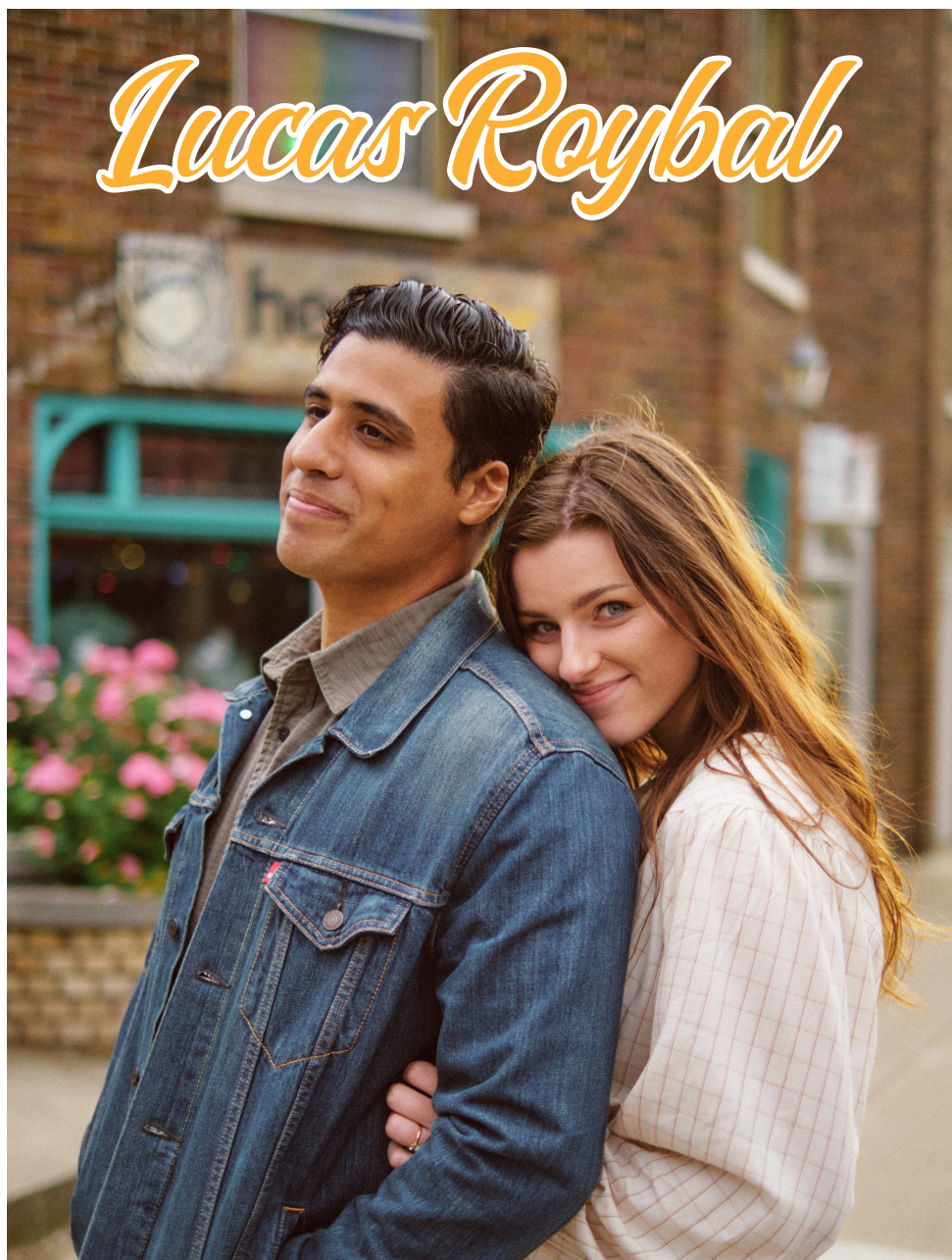
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Lucas Roybal and his fiancé Corey Murray
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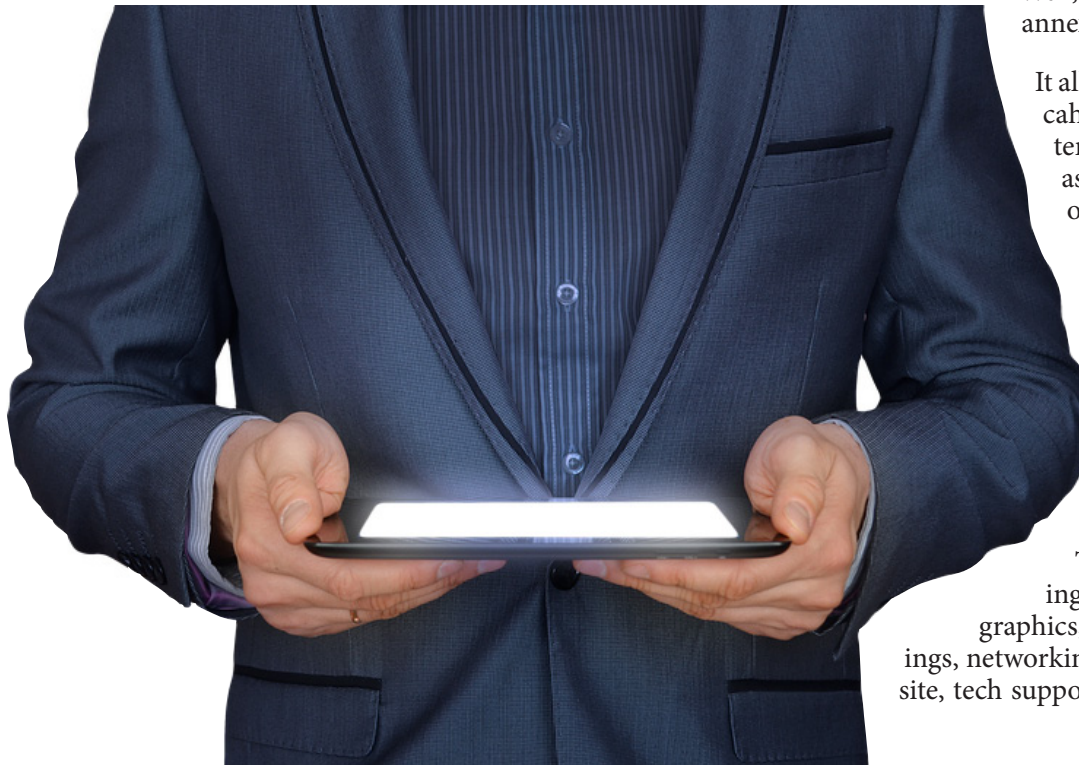
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Lucas, let's get really philosophical for a moment... Let's get really get deep... Do you prefer Apple or Android, Mac or PC?

Lucas prefers Apple. I will let you determine the ramifications of that.

So... Lucas, who are you?

Lucas revealed that he is #2 of 4 boys in the Roybal clan. He grew up attending Calvary Chapel in Upland (along with a few other FBC members) before coming to FBC about 7 years ago or so. While at Calvary Chapel, he served on the worship team. You may witness Lucas playing the keys on FBC's worship team or operating equipment in the sound booth in the back. Lucas has always been into music; and when you are "into music" and serve on a worship team, one is often thrust into learning the ropes of audio/visual devices and protocol, whether that be plugging in an amp or adjusting the EQ on the soundboard. Lucas often found himself asking, "How can I make this sound better or how do I do that?" Like so many other A/V personnel, Lucas is self-taught. He is currently a Communications Major at CBU (which complements his new position quite nicely), but he finds it curious that this line of work does not really have a defined major at many universities despite its necessity and demand in so many arenas. Lucas plans on graduating this Fall from CBU. When Lucas was 17,



Lucas manages FBC's social media platforms – Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and more recently, Instagram!

he wanted to do surf photography as well. He also began a successful freelance wedding photography business and was gifted in catching those special moments and lighting for the couple. It seems the Lord was grooming Lucas' skills to do what he does today – music and photography naturally predispose one toward this kind of skill set and work.

Lucas recently became engaged to Corey Murray who lives in Louisville, Kentucky. The two met through mutual friends who are serving on the mission field in Papua New Guinea. The couple are planning to exchange wedding vows this fall in the Louisville area.

And... Lucas, what are you doing here?

Well, once upon a time in an unknown annex of FBC not so long ago...

It all started with an email to Pastor Micah... Lucas saw a need and some potential for the church website as well as some other items and made a list of some update recommendations. Micah agreed. Lucas started at about 15 hours a week; but as the need grew, so did Lucas' responsibilities. His current full-time, 40-hour position keeps him very involved. Lucas manages FBC's social media platforms – Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and more recently, Instagram!

He operates as the Information Technology guy on campus working on creative projects, A/V set-up, graphics, slides, streaming services, recordings, networking, servers, child check-in, the website, tech support throughout the week, and more.

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Sometimes he feels a little intimidated and like he is being stretched in a lot of different directions, and there are times when he feels like they take 4 steps forward and then 1 step back, but he is so grateful for gracious bosses like Luke Rhee and Micah Lugg and an environment where he has been able to “get his feet wet” and grow.

Some of what Lucas does is quite overt like playing the piano/keyboard Sunday mornings during the service or shooting/editing the PNG video with Promise and the team from church that visited her; however, much of what he does takes place behind the scenes like an IT ninja in the shadows unbeknownst to the general populace. Lucas takes great pride when devices and systems that have been set in place operate seamlessly benefiting the user and the congregation (i.e. Powerpoint on the TV screen while an elder teaches during the Training Hour and providing the recording for those who missed the class on the website or for a shut-in).

Lucas is a firm believer that the aesthetic matters – whether that be the aesthetic of a missionary video, the website, or whatever. He reminded us as we sat and chatted with him of all the men recorded in Scripture who worked on the temple with skill and beauty – all for the glory of God! Exodus 28:2-3. How much more so here at FBC in whatever role we are tasked with! There is a theology at work even here in how the church’s Facebook page is presented or in the order of tabs on The Hub. But just as Nadab and Abihu brought unauthorized fire before the Lord in Leviticus 10, so our sinful bent can affect the aesthetic and its fruit as well – Lucas recalled a conversation with Pastor Micah who proclaimed how a good aesthetic can either bolster a strong gospel

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bolster a strong gospel or hide
a weak gospel!**

or hide a weak gospel! The gospel is already beautiful, so what are we doing with it? What is happening here at FBC in relation to this? Are there churches where the good aesthetic (state-of-the-art lights and sound for the praise team or first-class video production) hide a weak gospel? Lucas and the leadership at FBC desire that the good aesthetic only bolsters a strong gospel in order to make, mature, and multiply disciples of Jesus Christ to the glory of His Name!

Lucas, what can we as a church do to help you bolster this strong gospel with a good aesthetic?

Well... Lucas mentioned that a couple cameras like the Canon 1DX and the Sony A9 might be nice... Maybe the new Mac Pro as well with the new 6K Pro Display XDR of course... Retail value ~\$70,000+ fully loaded... Donations welcome! Tax-deductible as well! Just kidding. Isn’t it amazing that God can proclaim the truth of His Word without fancy lights or computer equipment? Pray for Lucas as he works and serves and when he is stretched thin. Pray that he does this with beauty and skill. Pray that he bolsters the gospel. Pray that God produces a rich harvest to this beautiful gospel and that we are faithful to Him as He has been so faithful to us.

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New Members



Larry and Gyl Gunstream

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by Julia Buehl

When you meet a couple who loves to share about their life, you find out how much you have in common with them. As Christians, we have shared beliefs about God and our relationship with Him. A com-

mon thread of interests and a lifetime of experiences are the bonds that tie our hearts together.

Larry has been a Certified Financial Planner with a home office in Glendora for close to 30 years. Gyl (pronounced "Jill") has been a real estate agent for Century 21 in Covina for 7 years. She was also a personal trainer for almost

20 years. Larry grew up in Altadena and Gyl grew up in the Inland Empire. They have been married for 32 years and have two grown daughters who love the Lord and actively serve in their respective churches. When they found themselves becoming dissatisfied with the worship and Bible teaching at their previous church, a search of the Master's Seminary website led them to Foothill. They were both impressed by the depth of the teaching, particularly the expository preaching, and centrality of the Scriptures in everything the church did. They first attended the church Memorial Day weekend of 2018 and became members early in 2019.

Both Larry and Gyl came to faith as youth in high school. Gyl first became aware of how to live the Christian life at high school camp in Big Bear. The speaker for the week was John MacArthur. Larry responded to an invitation to receive Christ from his pastor at 15 and was baptized the following week.

This past year has been especially challenging as they both have had to minister to

aging fathers. Gyl's father fell and broke his hip in July and had hip replacement surgery on his 97th birthday. After failing to respond to physical therapy, he was placed in hospice care and passed away on January 27th, 2020. He was a believer and they are confident he is with Jesus and they will see him again. Larry's dad fell and broke his hip about one month after Gyl's dad. He is doing pretty well, however, and has 24/7 care at home. He just celebrated his 92nd birthday. Larry sees him 2-3 times a week and has been blessed by taking care of, and encouraging, him.

Being a part of the Shaw, and now the Plakakis, small groups has helped them to be involved with the families at FBC. A favorite passage of Scripture is found in Ephesians 5:18-19,

"...be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with our heart."

You can find Larry on Sunday mornings serving in our greeter ministry.

Brian and Sarah Jones

by Rachel Mills

“Yay, Broccoli!”

Can you imagine the amazement of the Awana leaders as they delivered this healthy alternative snack to one of their 3-year-olds, especially when considering that the other children at the table are having Oreos?!

This is not an unusual occurrence for the Jones family, in fact, dietary restrictions have been a part of the girls' lives since birth. However, the health issues they have experienced have been the very means God has used to show Himself to be the great provider, healer, and sustainer that He is.

Brian and Sarah Jones grew up attending church and hearing the truth of the gospel. They met in high school at Life Bible Fellowship in Upland where they began to put their trust in Christ as their Lord and Savior. They later married and Brian began working as a tradesman leading to his current work as a self-employed electrical contractor. Sarah works part-time as a nurse at San Anto-

nio in the NICU. They are homeschooling their three girls: Hannah 8, Eva 5 and Norah 3. They have always been part of a church community, growing in faith, but it wasn't until they became parents that the greatest testing and spiritual growth took place in their lives.

From the moment their first daughter Hannah was born Brian and Sarah have seen the Lord's hand at work. Hannah was born with Turner's Syndrome and this combined with the diagnosis of Lyme disease has contributed to multiple serious health concerns. In 2017 as Hannah underwent open-heart surgery, the Lord sustained them by providing for the enormous expense and delivering Hannah through a successful procedure.

This past April Hannah received treatment including a blood transfusion for intestinal bleeding. God again provided by prompting a family friend to gift the Joneses with the exact amount needed for medical expenses. Additionally, through the FBC church community, God provided the needed love, prayer support and meal contributions making it possible for them to cope with Hannah's hospital stay.

Sarah, Eva, and Norah have also experienced health issues as a result of Lyme disease but the family chooses to focus on trusting God and being thankful in all circumstances instead of dwelling on their problems. For example, instead of feeling sorry that Hannah was in the hospital on Christmas, they chose to be grateful she was well enough for the family to spend Christmas morning together in her hospital room. Their inspiring example of hard work and perseverance

in the face of chronic, energy-sapping illness is a testimony to the grace of God.

They have been blessed to attend the Beatty's small group where Brian learned of the need for volunteers at the Beatty's house construction project. He enjoys using his electrical skills volunteering on Saturdays. Brian and Sarah became members at FBC this past June and are grateful for the firm biblical foundation and loving community.



Brian and Sarah Jones, Hannah 8, Eva 6 and Norah 3

New Members

Eric and Ashley Faria

by Cindy Behnke

Meet Eric and Ashley Faria! I'm sure you've seen these two on Sundays either greeting you, or worshipping with us on the Worship Team. We are thankful they have made FBC their "home" and are committed to this body through not only service, but now also membership.

Both Eric and Ashley grew up in the high desert with circles that could have easily intertwined, God providentially did not have their paths cross until after they graduated high school.

Eric had a friend share the gospel when he was 18 years old. He believed and repented! He started going to church (the same church Ashley had attended her whole life!) and studying the Word of God faithfully. With no believers in his family, Eric has bravely and boldly shared the gospel to his parents, brothers and sister.

Ashley grew up in a Christian family, the youngest of three sisters, where her dad was a pastor and her parents lovingly shared the gospel with her since an early age. She remembers being very young when she knew she was a sinner and needed Christ. Her faith matured over the years, especially in her late teens and early twenties.

Eric and Ashley met at church.



Eric and Ashley Faria Picture by Lucas Roybal

Eric challenged Ashley in her convictions. He encouraged her to read the gospel of John and Ashley's eyes were opened to sound doctrine that she had once not known. In the spring of 2012, Ashley's

health took a drastic drop as her rheumatoid arthritis became debilitating in many ways. Eric faithfully stuck by her side, serving her relentlessly. They were married in the summer of 2012! The physical

struggles could have easily torn apart a fresh marriage, but Eric and Ashley both knew that God chose not to remove the thorn from Paul's side, and they too needed to

trust God in His sovereignty. They feel blessed to have been strengthened through trials as they have grown deeper committed to become like Christ and serve each other.

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ing and amazing adventure to do together. Three years in Washington was fun and exciting before deciding to move back to California to be closer to family. They relocated to Rancho Cucamonga

Friends of the Farias' moved to Washington to become an associate pastor of a church. After a wonderful visit and invite to come move out there, they decided it would be a reward-

a year and a half ago. Having their list of churches to check out, they started at FBC where their friends the Khazaals relocated to when moving to the area also. The other churches never got a look, because FBC "just felt like home," Ashley shared. They jumped quickly into the Bohler's small group after being invited. They love serving on the greeter team and getting to know the church body. They now also co-lead a small group with the Phams, overseen by the Bohlers while also still attending the Bohler's small group! They enjoy co-leading this small group of mostly young marrieds and singles. They meet Friday nights and are studying the gem of a book, "Delighting in the Trinity" by Michael Reeves. Eric and Ashley have truly jumped into fellowship with members of the body

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Christopher and Kimberly Chan
Picture by Jeremy Chou Photography

Christopher Chan and Kimberly Allison

by Julia Buehl

Kimberly Allison and Christopher Chan exchanged wedding vows on December 14, 2019, at Foothill Bible Church in a ceremony officiated by Milton Vincent. Kimberly is the daughter of Kenny and Rebecca Allison who began attending FBC when Kimberly was 2 years old.

The newlyweds are residing in Redlands and attending Cornerstone Fellowship Bible Church where Christopher grew up. Christopher is a resident student at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry while Kimberly works in Redlands for the County of San Bernardino as a Library Associate.

Jordan Collins and Tori Spurley

by Julia Buehl

Tori Spurley and Jordan Collins were married on March 21, 2020 in an intimate ceremony officiated by Micah Lugg at the Collins home in Upland. The couple plan to have a full reception in August.

Jordan grew up at FBC and is the fourth child of Scott and Janice Collins. He met Tori while attending Chaffey College in a music class which led to her regularly attending Foothill since 2014. Both went on to graduate from California State University San Bernardino. Jordan is currently employed as a Special Education teacher in Rancho Cucamonga and Tori is a Social Worker for the County of San Bernardino.

Jordan and Tori have made their home in Rancho Cucamonga and are active in the Beatty small group. Both Jordan and Tori have served for several years with Children's Ministry on our Special Needs team.



Jordan and Tori Collins
Picture by Rachael Valenzuela



*Justin and Hannah Wong
Picture by Elaine Chang*

Justin Wong and Hannah Lee

by Julia Buehl

Justin Wong and Hannah Lee exchanged wedding vows on April 18, 2020 in Chino Hills during an intimate wedding ceremony officiated by David Chow, a long-time friend and pastor. They plan to have a full wedding ceremony and celebration in the near future.

Hannah grew up in Chino Hills and began attending Foot-hill in 2017. Relocating from Sacramento to attend college in Southern California, Justin first attended in June of 2019. They met through mutual friends and dated for a year and a half before becoming engaged in August of 2019. Justin is currently working from home as a social impact consultant while Hannah is a surgical nurse in the ICU at Intercommunity Hospital in Covina.

Justin and Hannah became members of FBC this past September and currently reside in Alhambra. Hannah has been involved this past year in the women's weekly Bible study led by Kathleen Hetzel.

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and church membership was the natural next step. Eric shared how they want to be in fellowship with the body and see the command and fruits of this.

Eric works long hours at America's Tires in Chino Hills and Ashley is a teacher for Inspire Charter School. When not enjoying traveling or rooting on the Dodgers and other favorite sports teams from soccer and football, they love hiking, eating good food and being with their nieces and nephews, family, and friends.

They share a love of music. You'll hear Ashley's beautiful voice worshipping with us every other week on our Worship Team, and Eric supporting in percussions, his favorite being the drums. They love the richness of old hymns and songs with strong doctrine. Ashley definitely does not consider herself a performer, rather a supporter role, and had to come quickly to accepting her solo female stage presence. But her heart is there to worship and so that is what she focuses on.

Eric's wit and Ashley's easy-going spirit, will invite you into laughter and ease, like friends you've known forever. If you haven't already, please welcome Eric and Ashley!

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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