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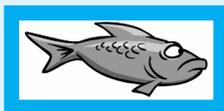
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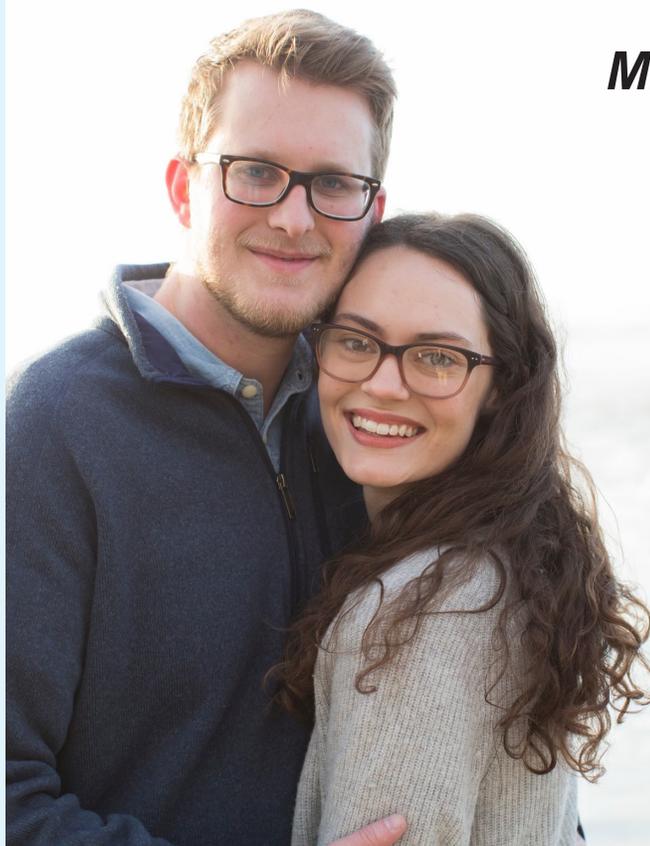
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*Taylor and Kelsey Sinclair Picture by Lucas Roybal*

## MINISTRY FOCUS

# TAYLOR AND KELSEY SINCLAIR

*by Jonathan Schaap*

In case you haven't noticed, there are some new faces at FBC... But not just in the congregation... We have some new faces on staff as well! Meet Taylor and Kelsey Sinclair! Taylor and Kelsey come to us from Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, CA. Taylor served as the Children's Ministry pastor and elder there prior to coming to FBC. Perhaps you attended the meet-and-greet or have read the various correspondence from the church regarding Taylor and Kelsey and Taylor's nomination to fill Luke Rhee's vacancy on staff, but perhaps you are new to all this as well... And since this is a pastor/elder interview, it will proceed in a catechism-Q&A-like format... :)

### So I asked Taylor, why youth ministry?

Taylor believes Scripture is relevant (even today), and today's youth are facing so many issues. He is eager to invest in the next generation. The gospel is vital

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# Ministry Focus

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and needs to be shared and invested in the hearts and minds of our youth. Taylor does not identify as a “hype guy” but is hyped to begin working with the youth of the church and community in its various capacities. One capacity will be ONE28. Ironically, Taylor never thought he would be a youth pastor, and Kelsey never attended youth group, but God works in mysterious ways... At his former church/position, Taylor experienced some very busy seasons (especially through the last year with COVID) especially with lots of big production events at Grace due to COVID pushing content online during a time when Grace was frequently in the spotlight with their content reaching a worldwide audience; however, although the lessons/experience were valuable like creating the YouTube sensation and series “Ranger Joe”, Taylor is looking forward to having more time to build those personal relationships with the young people of the church. Rewiring his mindset for what is successful, like a Bible study with a student and not just checking things off a list, is at the forefront of Taylor’s mind as he prepares for the fall season.

## So why FBC? What drew them here?

Taylor and Kelsey actually knew Daniel and Desiree Nakamura from The Master’s University before coming to FBC. They had never been to the church for a Sunday worship, but they came for a wedding a while back. Taylor and Kelsey knew Art and Kim through Daniel and Desiree over the last 5 years. And they finally both came to FBC for a worship service back in February on a “low-key scouting mission” simply introducing themselves as “Daniel and Desiree’s friends”...

Initially, leaving California was part of the plan where there were more normal prices and seasons (Taylor is from Minnesota originally), but God had other plans, and the draw of FBC was too strong as both Taylor and Kelsey became more open to the idea and the Lord’s prodding (aka the “Nakamura nudge”). Both Taylor and Kelsey saw FBC as an intentional discipleship community. They also loved the size of FBC, coming from a much larger church prior. Taylor also wanted to be under guys he could learn from, and he loves being under Art and Micah and learning from them and their character. At Grace, Children’s Ministry consumed Taylor’s time primarily, but part of the appeal of FBC was the variety of tasks in the job description - Taylor is excited to serve and minister to the whole church and not just to a certain age demographic.

## So how did they meet?

Taylor and Kelsey met at Master’s University in September of 2015. They were a part of the same small/fellowship group. Their first date consisted of going to their favorite Santa Clarita coffee shop, Honu Coffee...

## So in conclusion, they’re expecting!

Aurum Jade Sinclair is now another new face in the congregation! Taylor and Kelsey are very excited about the birth of their son in September since Kelsey had previously experienced 3 miscarriages. This trial has been the source of much heartache and tears... But God through these trials has provided opportunities for Taylor



to speak into this difficult conversation with various guys at seminary and others who were going through the same thing. That’s why the last pregnancy was such a shock - coming seemingly out of the blue when they were ready to explore foster/adoption. With an uncertain start, especially because Taylor contracted COVID and was quarantined for 2 weeks when they found out that they were expecting, the 2 weeks of quarantine were actually a blessing to wrap their minds around this pregnancy and submit all fears and anxieties to the Lord as they were so excited about this new life God created. They are incredibly thankful for this pregnancy and marvel at God’s hand in all of it. This birth is a cause for so much praise since people back at Grace have been praying fer-

vently through the years and can’t wait to meet this sweet answer to prayer! Psalm 115:3 has been a verse that has resonated with the Sinclairs over the last few years: **Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases** (ESV - it’s really close to the Legacy Standard Version...). Taylor and Kelsey initially wrestled with this verse, but now it comes with peace... Peace forged through trial and tears. God’s sovereignty is ultimately comforting, and the soberness that accompanied these trials (trials that never seemed to let up at times) brought them closer to the Lord.

## Now what?

Taylor is so thankful to ease into some of these roles and get a “lay of the land” so-to-speak this summer meeting the people of this local body in the process, but fall is here... Let’s get started. Please welcome Taylor and Kelsey Sinclair (and Aurum) to FBC!

## Graduates 2021

by Jacob Haley



**Ben Costello**  
Cal Poly Pomona  
B.S. Civil Engineering, Summa Cum Laude  
Employed as a civil engineer for HNTB in Ontario, CA  
as a field engineer on the I-10 Express Lanes project.  
Picture Credit: Shelly Costello



**Joel Costello**  
Faith Christian Academy and EMT program  
Crafton Hills Community College  
Plan to work as an EMT this coming year  
then complete a paramedic program with  
the goal of becoming a firefighter.  
Picture Credit: Ben Costello



**Bethany Hsieh**  
Excel Academy  
Continuing to study at Citrus College and  
then transferring to a university in 2022  
as a Biology major.  
Picture Credit: Shylah Walker



**Amanda Lynnae Thorne**  
Lexington Christian Academy  
Attend Chaffey College  
Picture Credit: Debbie Thorne



**Matthew Joyce**  
Bonita High School  
Studying chemistry at UCLA with the goal of being  
a forensic scientist.  
Picture Credit: Courtney Harris

**David Roebuck**  
Etiwanda High School  
High School Diploma with Cum Laude  
Attend Liberty University (Residential) as  
a Nursing Major in the honors program  
Picture Credit: Lisa Roebuck



**Jacob Nance**  
San Dimas High School  
Work as a welding journeyman  
Picture Credit: Brenna Begin



**Andrew Harris**  
Faith Christian Academy  
Enrolled at Crafton Hills Community  
College Paramedic Program  
Plan to work as an EMT with the goal of  
becoming a firefighter  
Picture Credit: Ben Costello

**David Ignacio**  
Bonita High School  
Enroll at Randolph Macon Academy (1 year prep school for the Air Force  
Academy) and then continue education in the Air Force Academy for four  
years with a goal to train as a pilot and serve for as long as possible  
(not pictured)

# FISHERS OF MEN

## Camping and Fishing Trip

### June 16-20, 2021

Driving five hours north along the scenic eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, grandfathers and grandsons with fathers and sons gathered at McGee's Creek Campground. The key activities for the week included devotionals, time around the campfire, games, fellowship, hiking, fishing and pontoon boating at nearby Lake Crowley.





# FISHERS OF MEN



Pictures by Eddie Chavarria and Keegan Dena

## *Sarah Castaneda and Andrew Nakamura*

Surrounded by family and close friends on June 11, 2021, Pastor Art Nakamura officiated the ceremony where Sarah and Andrew exchanged wedding vows in an intimate ceremony aboard a yacht that sailed out of Newport Beach Harbor.

The love story for this couple began as they met while working together in law enforcement for Upland Police Department. Initially they were just friends for two years but began dating in July of 2019. A year later in August of 2020, the couple began attending Foothill Bible Church. It was during this time that Sarah was seeking answers about God and a relationship with Him and was asking Andrew since he had grown up in church. By God's grace, they both came to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior earlier this year.

The couple welcomed their son Josiah Andres Nakamura in February. Andrew currently works for an agency in Los Angeles as a police officer, and Sarah works for the Upland Police Department as a police officer. Congratulations to Sarah and Andrew!



*Andrew Nakamura and Sarah Castaneda*  
Photo by WendyPhotography



*Ben and Sydnee Costello* Picture by Britney Moore

## *Sydnee Harris and Ben Costello*

Sydnee and Ben were united in marriage on August 14, 2021 with Pastor Micah Lugg officiating. The afternoon ceremony and reception were held at Foothill Bible Church with many friends and family in attendance.

Ben and Sydnee met at Foothill Bible Church at a ONE28 student ministries retreat during their high school years and began to spend time with each other whenever their brothers would hang out. After dating for 3 years, Ben proposed on Sydnee's 19th birthday. As a couple, they love spending time together going on hikes, to the beach, and other outdoor adventures.

Ben is a recent Cal Poly Pomona graduate and is employed as civil engineer at HNTB in Ontario, and Sydnee is an optometry assistant in Rancho Cucamonga. Sydnee is currently serving in the greeter and nursery ministries while Ben serves on the video and tech team, and joined the Bohler small group this fall. The newlyweds are residing in Rancho Cucamonga.

## Andrew and Bianca Mora

by Julia Buehl

Changing churches has a different reason for every person, but the reason for Andrew and Bianca Mora was that they desired to be challenged on a more spiritual level. After spending time in prayer and deep consideration during the summer of 2020, a friend who had never attended Foothill Bible Church recommended this fellowship. The first time they attended, Pastor Luke was teaching the Social Justice and the Bible series, specifically regarding Critical Race Theory. While this teaching can be polarizing, the Moras left feeling excited to come back the following week. Shortly after, they got plugged into the Bugbee small group. Desiring to learn more about what FBC stands for, they signed up for the membership class. It became clear after attending those classes that they found their home church. There seemed to be such care around how church decisions are made, a strong doctrine distinctive, and emphasis on discipleship. Compelling reasons for church membership were given both from a shepherd and sheep perspective. The level of accountability and the intentionality around discipleship is why they chose membership.

Bianca and Andrew met at their previous church in Chino Hills. At the time, Andrew was heading a singles ministry for those desiring marriage, and Bianca was invited to one of their gatherings. Bianca had served in the Media Department while Andrew was a high school leader, but both had a passion for missions which allowed their paths to cross regularly at the monthly missions fellowship. The couple were married in September of 2015, and welcomed their son, Noah, in April of 2019. The couple knows the tremendous privilege that they have to raise a child in a home with both parents as believers, and with God's grace on the journey, will teach him all about the Lord. There are few believers in their respective families, so the challenges ahead are met with anticipation as they build a solid foundation of faith for their son.

Andrew grew up in a home where one parent was a believer and he went to church consistently with that parent to please them. As a young adult, he was enrolled at Azusa Pacific University and took a Bible course. To get a good grade in class, he had to read the gospel of Luke, and came to the realization that he was a sinner in need of a savior, submitting his life to the Lord.

Bianca grew up in a Catholic family where morality was taught, but the gospel was absent. When she was in 7th grade, her parents divorced. Her mother had listened to Christian radio from time to time and when no support was given in her time of need by the church she attended, turned to the

pastor she had heard on the radio by calling them for prayer, who then invited her to the Christian church. At that time, Bianca, her mother, and sister began attending regularly. This...this was the FIRST time Bianca understood that she was a sinner in need of a savior! It was the first time she learned that being a good person does not get you to heaven. It was the first time she owned a Bible...and started reading it. God brought beauty out of a time of suffering. Being rocked by her parents' divorce, she was blessed that she could cling to the Lord. In college, she grew apart from God, but even in her rebellion, God was seeking to restore her to Himself through the Spirit convicting her of her sin. After graduation from college, when the Holy Spirit was working in her, she just had enough of what the world offered and turned to Christ rather than away!

Andrew recently began attending the Training Center and will soon be taking on the task of starting FBC's new parking lot ministry. Bianca currently serves in the nursery taking care of the sweet babies. They



Andrew and Bianca Mora, Noah  
Photo by Alexander Bradleigh

make their home of five years in Rancho Cucamonga, with Bianca finding her calling as a wife and mother primary, and doing part time contract work in public relations and marketing for a tech company based in Texas. The commute for Andrew to Los Angeles for the past twelve years allows him to use his MBA as a senior budget and grants analyst. Thanks to their small group leader, Peter Bugbee, Andrew has taken up roasting his own coffee beans. Weekends are for smoking meat and BBQ, camping, amusement and water parks! Bianca finds her creative expressions through making healthy treats that taste great, and managing a home with three small dogs AND a toddler has all of its own challenges and blessings.

“FBC has been such a welcoming community. Rarely would you see a church's pastor invite you over to their home to get to know you and their family. We are glad God has placed us here at FBC and cannot wait to see what the Lord has in store for us and how he plans to use us for His glory!”

## Camille Orilla and Sawyer Shwetz

Camille and Sawyer exchanged wedding vows on June 6, 2021 at Secluded Garden Estate in Pala, California in a ceremony officiated by Luke Rhee.



Camille Orilla and Sawyer Shwetz Photo by Lucas Roybal

They were joined by family and close friends for an afternoon ceremony and evening reception on the 30 acre estate with scenic views and nestled among a garden landscape.

So how did this couple meet? Camille shares,

“Whenever anyone asks us how we met, our go-to answer is that we met on the second floor of the student center at Cal Poly Pomona our senior year of college. I was sitting on the green couches waiting for my next class when I recognized the friend Sawyer was with from a prior picnic I had attended. However, the real answer is that we’re not entirely sure because our paths crossed multiple times throughout the first 3 years of college. We may have met during a Bible study we both went to our freshman year or it could have been at the Christmas party we both attended our junior year. We probably even walked past each other multiple times while wandering through the halls of Cal Poly Pomona’s engineering buildings to get to our next class. It was in learning of these funny coincidences that we realized God had been weaving a beautiful story for us this whole time and God knew exactly what he was doing when he had us finally meet that September afternoon.”

The newlyweds just purchased a home in La-Verne. As a property manager at Mesa Properties, Sawyer has joined the family business. Camille is a customer program manager at Proterra. For the past year, they have served as small group leaders in ONE28, our student ministries to junior and senior high school students, with Luke Rhee. They are excited about serving alongside Taylor Sinclair for the coming year as newlyweds.

### 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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