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# Unsearchable Riches

by Luke Rhee

## Always Home

Foothill Bible Church will always be my church home.

I first came to FBC in December, 2007. The summer of 2006, I had committed my life to Christ and began attending Claremont McKenna College in September, 2006. I was looking for a Bible-teaching church and FBC was the first church I visited.

God knew exactly what I needed as a new believer. The word of God was proclaimed and lived out here. People loved me like I was part of their family. Older men came alongside me and showed me how to be a man of God. I met, married, and began a family here with my dear wife Laura.

Like the patriarch Jacob, I came



Luke and Laura Rhee, Daniel (7), Seth (6), Juliette (4), and Josiah (2)

here with nothing, and I leave with more than I ever could have imagined.

FBC has been a demonstration of God's infinite, undeserved love for me.

### Family

My wife Laura is also a product of the faithful love of this church. She came here when she was 5 years old. I praise God for the many men and women who faithfully pointed her to Christ and taught her to honor the Lord.

Laura and I also want to thank the many dear saints in Children's Ministries and Awana who love our four children and taught them the word of God. Our children love this church because of you.

### ONE28

God has a sense of humor. He also knew that I needed one. So in His infinite wisdom, He put me in ONE28.

We have laughed together and laughed

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some more. Seminary graduates are often heavy on theology and light on humor. We really do need to learn how to take God seriously and not take ourselves so seriously.

So thank you, ONE28, for your patience with me. You have been a great joy and blessing, beyond what you know.

When I see you guys, I have so much hope for what God will do in and through you. You are the future of the church. I plead with you, follow Christ and commit your lives to the word of God. When you do, God will work in your lives in ways you could have never imagined. You will always be in my prayers.

And when you think of me, remember, "Hate sin, love Jesus."

Laura and I are being sent out from FBC to another harvest field. But know that in many ways, you are there with us.



As Paul said to the Philippian Christians,

*"I hold you in my heart,  
for you are all partakers with me  
of grace, both in my imprisonment  
and in the defense of the gospel."*

*-Philippians 1:7*

The Philippian Christians, though physically distant from Paul, were participants in his ministry.

Our character and doctrine have been forged at FBC. We are products of your investment in our lives.

The same gospel we received here, we take with us to Post Falls, Idaho. The Christ we worship at FBC will be the Christ we proclaim at His Place Church.

We have been entrusted with treasure, the most valuable treasure in all the earth, the message of the gospel. Pray that we would be faithful stewards of this treasure. Pray that our life and conduct would adorn the gospel well.

Paul's words in Ephesians 3:8 reflect my thoughts.

Paul 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."*

*-Ephesians 3:8*

Paul was nothing. Christ was everything. I am keenly aware of my inadequacies and shortcomings. Yet God in His mysterious wisdom has chosen to use a broken sinner like me to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

## Until Next Time

We love you all dearly. The thought of leaving has been very painful to us. Know that you are in our hearts as we step out in faith to serve the Lord in Post Falls, Idaho.

Please know that our door will always be open to you if you come to visit.

**Soli Deo Gloria.**

*Luke*

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## Crossroads Retreat



*Picture by Rex Beach*

Crossroads, the single young adult group at Foothill Bible Church, is dedicated to upholding the mission statement of “Striving to mature in Christ so that we might humbly invigorate the church to live out the gospel.”

From March 26-28, 2021, Crossroads had a retreat in the mountain community of Lake Arrowhead. Morgan Maitland, the teaching pastor of Summit Bible Church, was the speaker with the theme, “Are you Serious?” The topic focused on taking God seriously at His Word, taking the spiritual disciplines of Bible reading and prayer seriously, and taking your time seriously by making the best use of it.

The group enjoyed hiking the trails around Lake Arrowhead in the San Bernardino National Forest. They had a baking competition similar to the cooking television game show “Chopped” with three teams given the same ingredients of graham cracker cereal, frozen mixed berries, and coconut milk. The teams also had access to a pantry of other ingredients. The winning team of Thomas Mills, Ben Costello, Jacob Garcia, and James Mills made a mixed berry compote with coffee. Another fun activity included a tasting competition of brand name and generic soft drinks and snacks.

# New Members



Ray and Angelique Lopez, Charlotte (4) and Judah (2)

## Ray and Angelique Lopez

by Jonathan Schaap

Raymond and Angelique Lopez came to FBC just over a year ago - which, if you do the math, was right at the beginning of a tumultuous year in more ways than one... Typically, one might not usually expect new attendees at the beginning or in the midst of a pandemic with a church only having virtual services, but this just goes to prove that God is always working despite the circumstances. Raymond came to a saving knowledge and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in March of 2020, as did Angelique soon thereafter. What a year it has been for them both and their family! On the night of their conversion, they realized they were living in a false reality, and a conviction/sense of urgency took hold in

their lives. Around that time, they started listening to JMac (a.k.a. John MacArthur); and desiring a biblically-based church, they looked on The Master's Seminary website for a church in the area and ended up here at FBC! FBC has exceeded expectations and become a place of growth and a solid place to call home. They both loved FBC's focus on the family - this really stuck out to them and also because a church could do this without Dr. James Dobson... :) Studying what God's Word says about marriage and their roles in the home (albeit difficult at times) have been both heart-changing and life-altering for the better and for the glory of God!

Early on, Raymond initiated a prayer request on the FBC website and asked for some council from the Elders. Pastor Micah responded soon thereafter, and the Lopez's were amazed that the teaching pastor personally reached out to them (this had not been their experience prior)!

Pastor Micah recommended that Raymond and Angelique join the Behnke small group. Angelique was a bit hesitant to joining a small group (especially via Zoom - how awkward...); however, Raymond kept persisting, and now she's glad they did! Their small group is overjoyed to have them as well - they fit right in, and the fellowship is sweet! Rob and Cindy Behnke have been faithful mentors and friends and walked through many spiritual matters with them both. Ever since that day, Raymond and Angelique have been getting more plugged in at church in various ways - the Training Hour is just one instance of where they both have experienced much growth as well - they really appreciate Luke Rhee's teaching! The past year has been a constant year of growth and study and learning. Much like many others within our midst due to the economic shut-down, Raymond has spent much of the past year hunting for new employment before he

ended up at his present job at FedEx. He spent his downtime reading through the Bible, devouring commentaries, listening to sermons, and asking questions of fellow believers. And he continues to do so!

Raymond and Angelique's perspective has changed much in the last year as God continues to sanctify and mold them unto His likeness. Raymond attests to God pushing him as a husband and father and focusing less on himself. He relishes the preaching of the Word each Sunday. Angelique's greatest challenge over the last year has been initially feeling like an outsider to noticing a change in her own heart in finding a sweet kinship through fellowship with her church family that can only be found in her Savior Jesus Christ. Even their extended family has noticed a change in their lives as Raymond and Angelique seek to witness and share the gospel with them as a result of their saving faith. Raymond and Angelique love their small group, the preaching each Sunday, training hour, and the reformed doctrine/perspective of the church.

Raymond loves to discuss theology, play basketball, and eat vegetables. Angelique possesses a special gift for ministering to children (she's a natural) accompanied by a business-savvy mind and currently works at Ontario Christian Schools although she has dabbled in different non-profit organizations prior to this. They are joined by their daughter Charlotte and son Judah (with a 3rd on the way)! Welcome to FBC, Lopez family!

# Father & Son Beach Camp

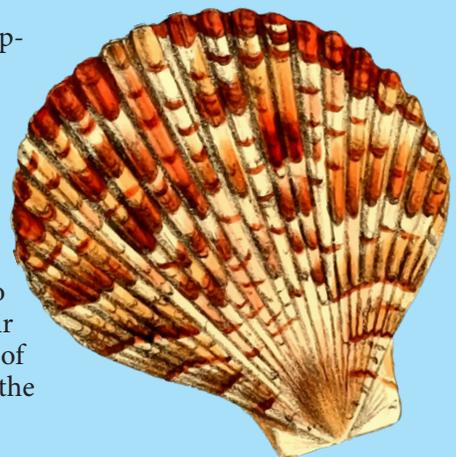


Picture by James Mills

## Father & Son Beach Camp

The Father & Son Beach Camp was at San Clemente State Beach Camp-ground from April 30th to May 2nd. The theme this year was Men of Prayer. Among the activities for the weekend were being in God's Word, eating great food, fellowship around the fire, spending time together as a father and son, worship, and teachings to dive deep into God's Word.

This yearly event was initiated out of a conviction to see fathers be the leaders in the home. The goal is to educate and encourage them to do what God has called them to do while displaying that example to their sons. This results in leaving a legacy to understanding the importance of being a godly leader to their children and then having that passed on to the next generation.



# New Members



Richie and Allison Vega, Jackson (14) and Ella (11) Picture by Luc Roybal

## Richie and Allison Vega

by Jessy Molina

Richie and Allison both grew up in the Inland Empire. It would be their early teen years in a San Bernardino homeschool co-op that God would bring them together. Though dating was not an option, since Allison was not interested in doing so until she was ready for marriage, their friendship grew.

Richie was raised in a homeschooling family and graduated from a private Christian high school. He played baseball for Cal Poly Pomona and later Cal State San Bernardino, graduating with his B.A. and his teaching credential. He also holds an MA in Educational Policy and School

Reform from UCR. He currently works for Upland Unified School District as director of Child Welfare and Attendance.

Allison was a public school student through 8th grade when her parents decided to homeschool her during high school. She went on to study general ed as well as fashion merchandising at Chaffey College. After dating for a few years in college Richie and Allison married. She then attended Cal State San Bernardino graduating with her BA in Graphic Design and Marketing. She worked part-time doing marketing for a medical imaging clinic as well as freelancing in graphic design before Jackson, their oldest son, was born.

Prior to meeting, both Richie and Allison had a strong foundation of faith. Richie

grew up in a Christian home and stood firm in the knowledge of who God is and His forgiveness at 14. Allison was born into the Catholic Church but knew at an early age her own need for the Savior. She was later baptized at a Protestant Church in middle school.

The couple attended their previous church for over 2 decades, Richie's family having attended there since his high school years and Allison joining the church after they married. They came to Foothill Bible seeking additional opportunities for growth, fellowship, and service. Coming from a small commuter church, the opportunities for midweek involvement were limited. They knew they needed good doctrine and a larger community. They have been grateful to have found both at FBC.

You can catch the family outside hiking and riding bikes. Richie enjoys being competitive within the sport of Crossfit. He is looking forward to serving on the security team. Allison has a passion for learning about health and wellness. She currently serves in the library. Jackson enjoys climbing and currently serves in media running the slides on Sunday. Ella enjoys music and reading historical fiction and biographies. You will find her helping with the little ones in the 2 & 3 year old class.

*"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."  
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

## Areli and Arlene Rodriguez

by Rachel Mills

Areli and Arlene Rodriguez share a uniquely tight knit mother-daughter relationship both inspiring and endearing to witness. “We bond over coffee and Christ!”, an enthusiastic statement which quickly became apparent with the aroma of coffee brewing and the conversation about Christ’s provision during the momentous family events of this past year. Areli began attending FBC right before Covid with her daughter Arlene soon to join her. They took the new members class in September 2020 and began attending small groups. Areli joined the Weddays and the midweek women’s study, Arlene joined the Pham’s group. Sadly, the two shared a tragic bonding experience when both of their dads passed away within a month of each other at the beginning of this year. However, through this difficult season a theme continued that has been true throughout their eventful lives, “God always provides” and this year most significantly through the loving community here at FBC.

Areli and Arlene have been amazed at the outpouring of love through prayer support, acts of kindness, encouragement and guidance extended to them during their time of need. What they expected to be a season of disconnection due to Covid restrictions has actually resulted in a more vibrant church family life than any they have experienced in

the past. They are quick to attribute this to the clear adherence of this church to the teachings of the scriptures. They are grateful to be under the leadership of the faithful shepherds here at FBC.

The Lord has also brought joy to the family in 2021. Areli’s son, Anthony, and his wife Taryn welcomed their daughter Payton-Jo into the world while here in California with the family. Anthony was attending Army Drill Sergeant School in South Carolina while Taryn and her 4 year old daughter Brooklyn stayed with Areli and Arlene. They were able to attend church services and experience the love and community of FBC for several months. Using the notes from TJ’s evangelism training hour class and the

love they experienced together from the body of Christ, Areli was able to present the gospel to Taryn. The family was thrilled when Taryn made a profession of faith and desired to find a church like FBC in Alabama where they will now be living. The Phams and Rhees assisted the family in locating such a church and by the first week in Alabama the family was already attending church and small groups. Also, by God’s grace Taryn is scheduled to be baptized at this church next month!

Areli works at Chaffey College and this spring semester Arlene will be completing her master’s degree at Biola in Speech Language Pathology. She has accepted a position for the fall at a school district

in Riverside. Since they have also always been active in ministry at the churches they have attended they watch and pray for opportunities to serve. Arlene has a heart for children, specifically special needs and foster care. She has been delighted to serve with the children’s ministry. Areli has been involved in the past with service coordination and hospitality. They share a heart for missions resulting in a long list of mission trips between them: Haiti, Kenya, Vietnam, Spain, Honduras, Thailand, Taiwan and Nigeria. Areli and Arlene are at peace knowing the Lord has carried them through the highs and lows of this year together. They will continue to work and serve as they trust God to provide in all circumstances.



Areli and Arlene Rodriguez Picture by Luc Roybal



Zack and Dani Bohler Picture by Brianna Moss

## Zack and Dani Bohler

by Julia Buehl

On March 27, 2021, Zack Bohler and Danielle Pichay were united in marriage in Laguna Beach, California. Allen Webster officiated as friends and family witnessed this sunset ceremony on the sand.

Zack is the son of Tim and Cindy Bohler and began attending ONE28 in 2015. He met Dani in high school when they were introduced to each other by Caleb and Eli Roybal. They had a similar friend group that would eat lunch together and through the daily hanging out they became friends. As they served together on the campus ministry, Fellowship Of Christian Athletes, the two got to know each other, then a few years later they started dating.

Working in construction, Zack is employed by Bohler Builders Group and HGTV, and Dani is design assistant with HGTV. The couple are in the Faria small group. Zack serves on the audio team and Dani enjoys greeting people on the hospitality team.

### 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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