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## God's Workmanship

*A glimpse into the life of Norma Crawford*

By Linda Mawby

**How did a young, helpful, hard-working woman from Ohio that dreamed of being a teacher end up falling in love with a quiet, modest farm boy from a rural citrus town in Southern California?**

Well, let's just say it wasn't simple; yet, this woman will make even life's greatest challenges appear relatively easy. They didn't go to the same college and they didn't have relatives in the same town. What Norma did have was an adventurous spirit, a kind soul, and a willing heart.

### OHIO TO CALIFORNIA

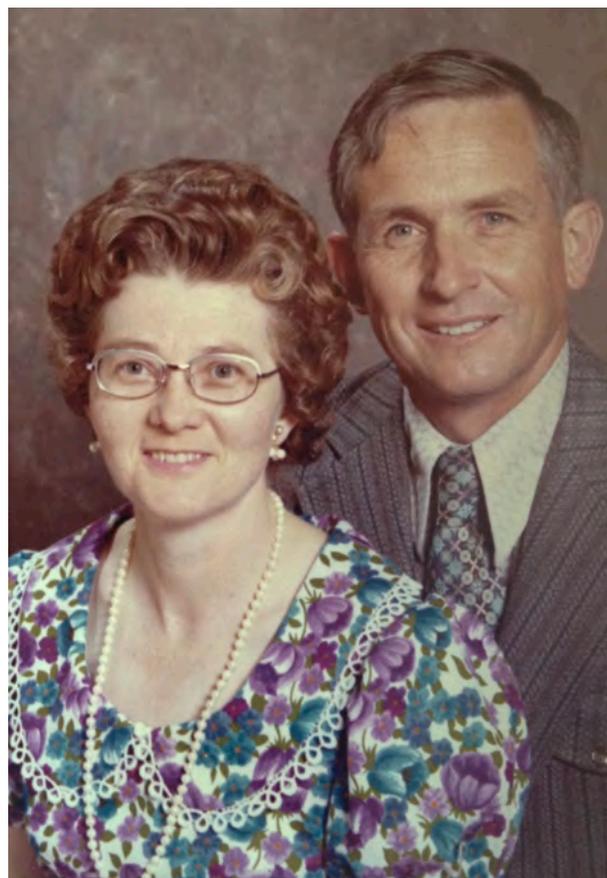
Norma Konves was born in 1927 and raised in Mansfield, Ohio, the second born of two daughters and two sons. Her parents were German-speaking immigrants from Hungary and Yugoslavia. Raised from childhood in the church, it was during her teen years that she experienced a heart-felt transformation when challenged with whether she would be accepted into heaven, and she acknowledged Christ as her Lord and Savior.

Upon graduation in 1945, Norma attended Bryan College, in Dayton, Tennessee - a Christian college established in the aftermath of the infamous 1925 Scopes "Monkey" Trial wherein William Jennings Bryan prosecuted John Scopes for teaching the theory of evolution in a public school. She first received a degree

in biology but then decided to become a grade school teacher. She worked for a year to save the \$1,000 she needed, going to Wheaton College, Illinois where she accomplished a second bachelor's degree just one year later in 1951. It was her friend, Marilyn Hershey, at Wheaton, who first alluded to Hugh Crawford, when she exclaimed "I know the man that would marry you!"

After receiving her teaching degree, Norma was hired as a math and science teacher for

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# Norma Crawford

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the local farming children at a small school in Ontario, *Ohio*, not far from her home town. As she had many years before been an admirer of a high school friend's California tan, when invited by Marilyn to spend the summer of 1952 in the land of sunshine and citrus groves - Ontario, *California* - and visit the area's beaches - she enthusiastically said, "YES"! Marilyn's brother was Hugh's best friend, and their circle of friends from their church's youth group spent fun times exploring the sights together. Little did Norma know she would acquire the mumps from Marilyn's sister and spend most of that hot summer sick in bed. Yet, being the responsible woman that she is, she forced herself back to Ohio – still on the road to recovery - so she could get back to her classroom!

Once home she immediately discovered she needed surgery to remove a fibroid cyst ... so much for getting back to the classroom! While continuing her recuperation, it was Marilyn's chiding - for not sending a thank you note to Hugh for helping to take her on their California outings - which

got the two communicating, again. Thus began a dialog in earnest between them. With the encouragement of doubling of her teaching salary – and to see if things might develop into something more – she relocated to Ontario, California and taught at Central Elementary School. She and Hugh were married one year later in 1954.

## CITRUS FARMER

Hugh Patterson Crawford was born in 1926, the only child of citrus grove owners, Hugh H. and Florence. His father's parents had settled in the valley in the early 1890s from Illinois. They had the house Hugh grew up in, on East Princeton Street, built in 1928, and moved in when he was two years old. He lived in that house for 85 years. Norma is still there! It's a beautiful old, original home on a beautiful old, original block, with a huge backyard planted with *citrus* ... among other things!

Hugh was a handsome, kind-hearted, unassuming man, always ready with a smile and quiet conversation. He loved to share from his depth of knowledge. He was a veteran of the Navy, serving for two years as an electrician's mate during WWII, and worked 35 years for Southern California Edison. He originally began work with the Bureau of Land Management in Montana after receiving a degree in Agronomy. It was the close call of almost being buried by a rock slide that firmly established his faith and trust in God. Hugh left this job and returned home to tend the family's citrus groves when his father became ill. Hugh Sr. died shortly thereafter, in 1952.

After getting married, it worked out best for Norma to join Hugh and live with his mother in the family home. Here they could both save money and watch over Florence, who was in her early sixties. They also raised their two children, Carolyn and Richard, in this home. Mother Florence lived on with them, even after their children were grown and gone - another 42 years!

## RELYING ON THE LORD

When posed with the question, "at what points in your life have you felt God most strongly? You know, like the poem Footprints in the Sand, when God carried you through? Norma responds ever so kindly and simply – "every day is like that" ... I found this stunningly simple, yet *profound*. Yes - *every day* is a day we must rely on the Lord ...!

Each year of Norma's life has been one of serving, and giving, and teaching, and trusting in the Lord. Her fruitfulness is like the annual harvest from an established citrus grove. It was the packing of Marilyn's belongings, for her return home from Wheaton College, which caused her friend to exclaim that Hugh would want to marry her! Her life verse is *manifest*: "**For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.**" - Ephesians 2:10. She came to this confidence through consistent daily Bible reading and prayer, always taking Him at His Word: "**For I am confident of this**



*Hugh and Norma at their Ontario home of 79 years.  
"Choices are so important – they affect you for the rest of your life ..."*

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**very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”** - Philippians 1:6

## SERVING AT FBC

Hugh and Norma came to FBC, Foothill Baptist Church at the time, 47 years ago. Norma taught Sunday School and women's Bible studies over most, if not all, of those years. She was instrumental in growing the church library - its humble beginnings just a few books in a corner off the West Chapel. Cataloging and maintaining these books for over 38 years, she ultimately handed over its full responsibility to her key assistant, Lenora Marker, just six years ago. For many years she and Hugh collected newspapers and aluminum cans to generate money for new items.

Hugh also tended his beloved church body over their many years, serving in a variety of capacities that benefitted from his talents: as church deacon, maintaining the landscape and parking lot, assisting with all manner of electrical improvements, and overall general handiwork. He found great satisfaction in providing computers and other IT equipment for use in the library and elsewhere. He, too, was ever faithful in his presence and support for all who were a part of his life.

Norma has had an instrumental and guiding hand in the Tuesday A.M. Bible Study (TABS) each year since 1979. For many of those years, she led such challenging teachings as the Precept Ministries studies by Kay Arthur. After 35 years of teaching and directing, she recently stepped down - first ensuring others were equipped to take over. She not only taught and administered, but developed the confidence and ability in others to do the same.

## THE BEST THING IN LIFE

Members in her study group shared how blessed and inspired they have been by having her in their lives ... They have said she is an incredible woman, strong and steadfast, a woman of God's Word, persistent in her encouragement as a mentor

## Cataloging and maintaining these books for over 38 years

to apply God's truths, nurturing. She is frank, but always balanced with love, humor, and grace. She truly cares about others, and is ever helpful, friendly, and easy to talk with. Her manner is kind and gentle; she maintains a strong conviction, that hand in hand with the Lord, she will confidently overcome whatever comes her way. She is truly a Titus 2 woman.

When Norma's not helping others, she enjoys memorizing scripture, listening to classical music, singing hymns, deciphering word jumbles, or playing Solitaire. She also enjoys a good mystery drama from the BBC. "I wish I had learned to waltz or polka ... but I have two left feet." And yet, she *emphasizes*, "The best thing in life is to KNOW GOD!"

What may be most striking about Norma - and the greatest evidence of Christ in her life - is her faithful reliance on God from day to day, year to year, and decade to decade. It is doubtful that there was a day more challenging - a day when God would lovingly carry her - than when her lifetime love, Hugh, went to be with the Lord just one year ago -



Norma with Lenora Marker in the FBC Library. "The longer you walk with God, the greater you see His faithfulness." Picture by Linda Arroyo

after 59 years of marriage. And carry her He did, with grace and mercy ... She adds that her confidence and faith were strengthened many times with yet another favorite verse:

**"Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass."** - I Thessalonians 5:24. There is no doubt that our faithful God - *has* called, and will *continue* to bring to pass - His reassuring promises in the life of Norma Crawford.

# FBC Summer Events

**Father-Son  
Fishing  
Trip**  
June 18-22

*Pictures  
taken  
by Mike  
Robbins*



*Jim & Christopher Kercheval*



*Cooking for the hungry campers. Rey Thorne,  
Don Robbins*



*Crowley Lake*



*Tuff Campground*



**FBC Young Married BBQ, June 28**  
*Cindy Behnke, Gabrielle Nicotra, Ruthie Braun,  
Heather Welday, Zara Plakakis*



**Golf Tournament Winning Team, June 26**  
*Chris Kercheval, Jim Kercheval, Jeff Farrar,  
David Baxter*  
*Picture by Gabe Ruiz*



**ONE28 Swim Party, June 24**  
*Picture by Micah Lugg*

## Blessings and Benefits: An Introduction to Hospice

By Jill Milosch

In realization that **many in the FBC family actively care for loved ones approaching the end of their earthly journeys**, the deacons invited member Alvin Luna, a hospice care director, to present perspectives and answer questions about hospice care at a luncheon in May. Mr. Luna defined hospice, identified some common misconceptions, and described some of the benefits of hospice for both patients and their families. Ultimately, hospice presents the opportunity for one to make choices about how to live the last days or months of one's life.

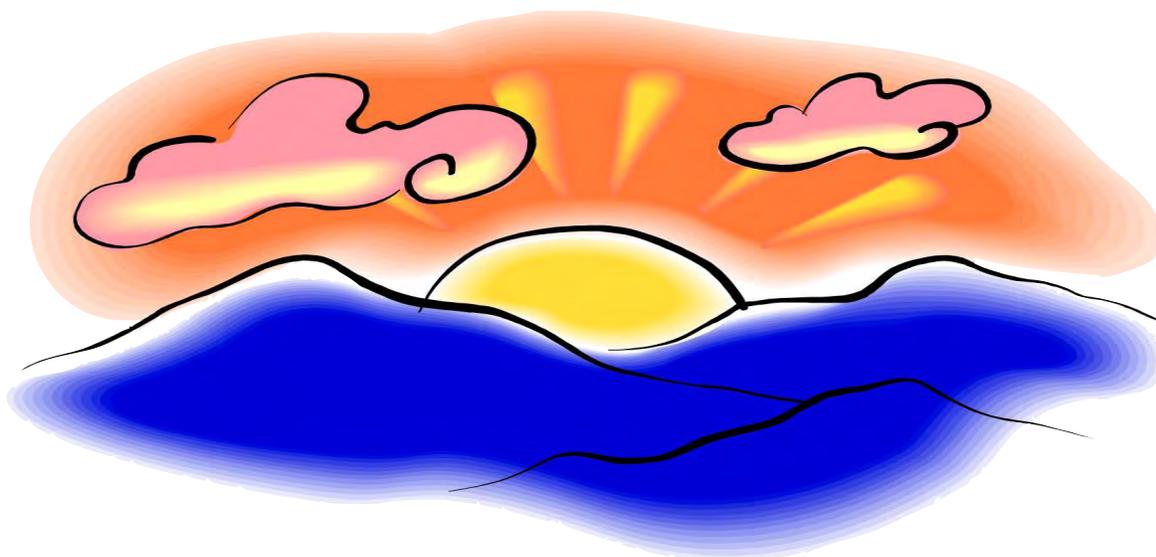
Families once cared for aged and ill loved ones in their homes until death. Death was viewed by most as a spiritually significant part of life, the reality of God's sovereignty and man's mortality. As medicine advanced there came a relentless pursuit of cures and interventions to forestall death. The result has been that most Americans for the past several decades have died in hospitals or other facilities. Surveys indicate that upward of 70% would prefer to die at home, while only about 25% are able to do so. In recent years, caregivers and hospice have made it possible for more families to fulfill this desire for their loved ones. More people are making the decision to limit the extent of curative medical care near the end of life. They have recognized that continued medical intervention is not always the best course. Hospice grants them the choice to live out their days more simply and peacefully.

**Hospice care is a team approach to caring for patients and their families through the latter stages of life-limiting illness.** A patient's doctor usually make the recommendation and attests to the patient's qualification for hospice. Once qualified, the cost of care is covered by Medicare, Medicaid, insurance, private funding or some combination of sources. Care can be provided in any comfortable setting appropriate to the patient's unique needs, be it home, assisted living, skilled nursing facility, or hospital. **Hospice provides palliative care focused on life quality, comfort, and pain relief, rather than curative medical care.** It is life affirming in that it neither delays nor hastens death. The interdisciplinary approach coordinates medical professionals, medical equipment, pharmacy and supplies, social workers, counselors, and clergy. Each patient's team is assembled for the specific needs of the patient and his or her family.

**Hospice is not a last resort; it is not giving up; nor is it a "death sentence" as some may be tempted to think.** Neither is it a binding contract. Hospice may be discontinued should the patient desire to pursue another treatment or seek another opinion. Hospice is the gift of choice to say, "All is well. We've done enough." For the believer, it is the recognition that life is in God's sovereign hands.

**Hospice assists patients and their families in the pursuit of dying well.** It provides for loving, appropriate, restful care; quiet time for necessary meditation, contemplation and prayer to be at peace with God; opportunities to bless and be blessed by those who will remain; and time to celebrate and remember life, then say farewell until we meet again at Jesus' feet. May the Lord grant His wisdom, love, and grace as we minister to our loved ones, and encourage one another in the journey. He is faithful indeed!

FBC now have audio CD copies available if you missed the seminar and would like to hear it. Please contact the church office or fill out a CD request form on Sunday, located at the back of the Worship Center on the sound booth.



## Hope Overflowing

by Eliza Cobb

Joni and Friends Family Retreat up in Wonder Valley is where “families affected by physical and invisible disabilities receive encouragement



*Lily hugging her sister Autumn!*

and care in the comfort of a safe and accessible family camp environment. They enjoy fun and fully-accessible, age-appropriate activities, along with meaningful conversations with families who understand the challenges of life with disability.” (<http://www.joniandfriends.org/family-retreats/>) It is an extraordinary ministry that I was privileged to be a part of.

The theme of this year’s retreat was “Hope Overflowing”, with the theme verse being Romans 15:13: Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. The concept was that when we poured out



*Eliza and Lily chalk artists!*

encouragement and kindness in others, God poured them into us as well. Each morning, we started the day off right in prayer to God with other STMs (Short Term Missionaries). Placed all

around the campus were prayer boxes in which to place your requests. Prayer was a main component of the week, and it was amazing to see the endless positive results to our prayers.

My buddy, Lily, is a sibling, which means that she herself does not have any disabilities, but her sister, Autumn, does. Lily is super cute and I had a really awesome time serving her and her family. She cares so much for her sister! One day, during an afternoon carnival where the children could win prizes and candy, she chose out a little paddle ball toy after winning a game. She went on to another station and then picked out the same toy. I asked her, “Oh, do you want to choose something else? You already picked one of those...” She replied, “This one’s for Autumn.” The love that she showed to her sister was quite moving. Through something as simple as giving a toy to her sister, she really not only spoke her love, but showed it as well.

Serving at Joni and Friends was an indescribable *Mila and Emily* experience. It was unlike any type of serving one can do at church. Greatly consider giving up not only your time, but also yourself to one of these families and serving at the retreat next year! You will be changed and will be strengthened in your walk with Christ.

## The Hands and Feet of Christ

by Emily Cobb

This past April, I had the privilege to attend Joni & Friends Family Retreat in Wonder Valley, CA. It was my first year, and I was thoroughly blessed by fellow STM’s (Short Term Missionaries) and my camper’s family. From the first moment of arrival till the last minute of departure, I saw the love and exuberance of every STM wanting to serve and totally offer themselves up to the families.

I had the opportunity to be a short term missionary to a sweet 8-year-old girl

named Mila. She has cerebral palsy and brain damage, but she is fully mobile and was able to communicate with me. She has three siblings, and two caring parents. Mila loves to sing songs and read books. She enjoys sitting on a blanket flipping through a *Curious George* alphabet book for hours being fully content. After I spent the first full day with Mila, I got a little disheartened, because Mila didn’t want to go swimming, trolley riding, or canoeing like some of the other children; she just enjoyed reading a book or sitting lakeside singing songs. I was thinking and asking God, “How do I serve Mila? She doesn’t want to participate in any activities.” As the week flew by, my eyes were opened to how God was answering my prayers.



I actually **was** serving Mila by just singing or flipping through books with her. I was being a friend to her, and doing everything she wanted to do. I don’t know of any other camp

where one can devote yourself wholly to another individual for an entire week. This week was designed for Mila, for her to be taught bible stories, played with, and loved by me.



*Beautiful Mila*

I greatly encourage anyone, especially teenagers, who have a desire to go to one of these special retreats to not hesitate! It is a life-changing experience and a time to give of yourself to serve these families, but also to be the “hands and feet” of Christ.

# Joni & Friends



Joni and Friends Short Term Missionary Team: Hannah Sutton, Jazz Johnson, Deborah Sutton, Eliza Cobb, Sharon Betsch, Linda Arroyo, Vicki Best, and Emily Cobb. Picture collage by Linda Arroyo

# A visit with Promise in PNG



## Friday in the Village

by Valerie Vaughan

Watching the plane fly away all we could think was, "Wow, we are REALLY here!" There was no way out and nowhere to go. During the short flight over the rainforest from Goroka to Promise's village, we could see the vastness of the country and realized the difficulties in reaching the lost for Christ here.

Now that we were here, about 100 people were waiting to greet us. They gathered all the boxes and bundles we had brought from America, and we started walking to the

river. Once we got there we crowded into the motorboat, crossed to the other side and started the long trek up to Promise's house.

One day in the village...

I heard Promise's alarm go off at 6am. Really? I thought village life was laid back. I heard her jump out of bed and then it got quiet. Morning devotions. After that it was time to wash down all the counters and table with bleach (you're never sure what was running across them at night) and then laundry. The laundry bucket conveniently sits on the porch so after things are washed and rinsed, they are hung out. (Promise told us, "We don't air our dirty laundry here, only our clean laundry.") Then we ate our breakfast of bush crackers and peanut butter.

After packing our *bilums* with water bottles, recorders, and cameras we headed out the door. As I awkwardly slid down the first hill by her house, I understood why it was going to take at least thirty minutes to walk the half mile to school.



With Promise's friend in her garden

"Montegra!" I heard a voice call out to Promise. She stopped and talked to the small child who ran out to greet her. This was repeated numerous times on our walk. From the smallest child to the village chief it was clear they were all her friends, and Promise explained to each one where we were going and what we were doing. We arrived just in time for the opening and PNG National Anthem.

Kelly, Promise's coworker, had requested that I bring recorders to teach the students to play so they could practice learning from a different teacher. I had brought 14 recorders with me. "1, 2, 3..." I started counting to see if I had enough recorders for everyone. There were 13 total and I needed one to teach. The exact number! God knew when I packed them!

After school we headed for the barrett (where people cross the river) to visit Promise's language helper, Ella. When I saw the log I had to cross I stopped timidly. A teenage girl walked up to me, took my hand, and helped me to the other side.

We met one of the church elders as we walked along the river. "Promise is becoming Ina. She is becoming one of us," he told Robert and me. He wanted to make sure we knew that they were taking care of her.

Ella was standing over her fire cooking when we arrived at the end of the village (two miles from Promise's house). We were her honored guests and she fed us, presented us a gift, and gave me flowers. It was overwhelming to be given so much by someone who had so little. It was easy to feel the love this lady had for Jesus.

When I saw little toes by mine, I started "this little piggy" and soon I had a new friend. The little eyes that had been looking at me suspiciously gave way to delight as Joy, Ella's daughter, threw her arms around my neck.

Ella gave us a *bilum* full of yams to take with us as we left. Passing another home we received more yams, and Promise started struggling with the load. Another girl came and took them

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Nate, the pilot with us before we leave the village.

# Women's Spring Brunch

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from Promise to carry back up to her house.

There are two seasons in the village: rainy and dry. If you go during the rainy season (like we did), you get to experience tropical downpours. That afternoon we had one. Soon the hill beside Promise's house was a slippery, muddy mess. Noah and Micah, Promise's coworkers' boys, slid down the 60 foot slope hollering all the way, "Did you get my picture? Did you take a video?" It was a great day to be a fearless boy living in the rainforest ☺

Our final morning greeted us with fog. As we headed

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for the airstrip we wondered if the plane would be able to land. We stopped to say "good-bye" and "thank you" to the chief and those at school. Before we finished the 45 minute walk to the airstrip, we heard it: the plane had landed.

I thought back to the day we arrived. We knew we were safe, but when the plane took off, the reality of being completely at God's mercy (and the villagers) for five days hit hard. Now, getting ready to board the plane we wanted to stay, not just to spend more time with our daughter, but also as a team member in reaching the next village over the mountain for Christ.



Jessica Garcia with her mom, Virginia.



This year the theme for our Ladies Brunch was "Bloom Where You Are Planted". All enjoyed a morning of food in abundance that was provided by the women who attended, fellowship of over 150 ladies and fun with lots of laughs and door prizes too! We sat among flower blossoms, umbrellas, garden tools and just about anything that had to do with a garden, a true gardener's delight.

Our speaker, Lynda Young, shared a message that was based on Psalm 1:1-3. The message was encouraging and inspiring. She asked the question, "How can we be a beautiful blossom for God?"

- We are to be separated. We are to be separated from the world and its ways; don't let the world dull our bloom.
- We are to be saturated. The things we delight in influence our decisions. What we delight in directs us. When we delight in the Lord and His Word, we then meditate on Him and His Word. Our lives then become saturated in Him.
- We are also to be situated. We are to be rooted or positioned in the Lord. When our "roots" are firmly planted



into the Lord, those "roots" draw up the nutrients they need to survive. When we put down our roots deep in the Lord, we then can bloom for Him, wherever He may plant us.

A special thank you goes out to the ladies who attended the brunch and provided all of the delicious food. Also, a big thank you to the planning committee: Donna Becker, Laurie Bryant, Fran Cobb, Shelly Costello & Lynnette Fulton; the Worship Team: Sheila Sutton and Brittanie Bravo and everyone who had a part in decorating, set-up, check-in and clean-up. It took many hands working together to make this event happen and for it to be a success. We are a blessed church to have so many willing ladies to serve the way they do.

Blessed and grateful!

*Kathy Proctor*

Ladies Brunch Chairperson

# Memorial Day Picnic

**And the winners are.....**

**3 Legged Race:**  
Mark and Emily Cobb

**Cherry Pit Spit:**  
12 and under -  
Brycesyn Harstad

12 and over women -  
Paula Rollins

12 and over men -  
Hien Quoc

**Dizzy Izzy:**  
Team Diversity -  
Jaymin Allen, Trevor  
Crowl, Paul Molina, and  
Nathan Bugbee

**Balloon Toss:**  
Corey and Ruthie Braun  
James and  
Jaelyn Wilson

**Bake Contest:**

11 and over

1st place:  
Fran Cobb -  
Fruity, Creamy, Pretzel  
Flag (recipe available on  
page 16)

2<sup>nd</sup> place:  
Kimberly Broadwell -  
Fudge Oatmeal Bars

3<sup>rd</sup> place:  
Emily Cobb -  
Peach Cobbler

10 and under

1st place: Sara Milosch -  
Ozark Mountain Berry  
Pie (recipe available on  
page 14)

2<sup>nd</sup> place:  
Sierra Broadwell -  
Lemon Poke Cake

3<sup>rd</sup> place:  
Lillian and Elsie Burrow -  
Strawberry Rice Krispie  
Treats

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Picture by Micah Lugg

**Remembering  
our  
Military Members**



Picture by Luc Roybal

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Picture by John Sutton



Picture by Micah Lugg

# Memorial Day Picnic



The baking contest judges: Kenny Allison, Chris Johnson, Alvin Luna. *Picture by John Sutton*



Jaelyn and James Wilson with the winning water balloon. *Picture by John Sutton*



MC of games, Wayne Burrow. *Picture by Micah Lugg*



Tug of War! *Picture by Micah Lugg*



Pastor Vince Nicotra painting Penelope while her dad, Hien Quoc, watches. *Picture by John Sutton*



Nathan Bugbee and Emily Nakamura in charge of snow cones. *Picture by Micah Lugg*

# College & Military Graduates



## Stephanie Nicole Wilson

The Master's College

Stephanie Nicole Wilson, the daughter of Steve and Karen Hydanus, graduated Magna Cum Laude from The Master's College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science on May 9, 2014. Stephanie and her husband Daniel, whom she met while

attending The Master's College, attend the Young Marrieds Sunday School class. Foothill Bible Church has been instrumental in Stephanie's growth as a believer, through Awana and Sunday School when she was young, and as she became older through the teaching of the pastors and the godly examples from many people in the church of the love, hospitality, generosity, and love for the Scriptures that should characterize believers. For Stephanie, college was a time of seeing God's guidance and blessings first-hand. Her husband desires to do Bible translation work internationally; Computer Science is a perfect compliment to that ministry due to the extensive work that is still needed on software tools to help Bible translators. One of Stephanie's favorite Bible passages is Philippians 3:7-14, a portion of which reads, "But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him...Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own." (ESV).



## Jenna Wilson

UC Santa Barbara

Jenna Wilson, the daughter of James and Fonda Wilson, graduated from the University of California Santa Barbara on June 15, 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and a minor in Education. Jenna says that FBC has given

her a solid foundation in the truths of Jesus Christ and the Scriptures, as well as teaching her to turn to God and the Bible for spiritual wisdom and for answers to things she goes through in life. Jenna says that while in college, she was blessed to be part of the Cru ministry called Real Life. This allowed her to be surrounded by many other students who desired to walk with Christ and glorify him daily. She says that she used to think that merely knowing about God was all we could get as believers, but that God met her in a deeper way while she was in college. One of Jenna's favorite Bible passages is 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. "That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever." (NLT) These verses are important to Jenna because they help her have the right perspective; that the difficult things we go through now won't last forever but that time spent dwelling on spiritual things does have eternal value. Next year, Jenna plans to attend the Graduate School of Education at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, Tennessee as part of her efforts towards becoming a teacher.

Not pictured:

## Jimmy Andrews

California State Polytechnic University, Class of 2014  
B.S. in Finance

After graduation from Boot Camp, Great Lakes, Illinois on June 6, 2014, Kyle arrived at the base in Goose Creek, South Carolina on June 8 to begin "A" School. His present rank is FN ("Fireman") and he has begun his studies for the Nuclear Program; he is hoping to move up in rank to ELT ("Engineering Laboratory Technician"). Kyle reports favorably about being in the Navy and has made friends with Christian men in his division. Even though he is very busy with classes and studying, he recently was able to run in a competitive 5K where he placed 11th out of 130. His new address is:

FN KYLE KENNEDY  
1438A  
101 NNPTC CIRCLE  
GOOSE CREEK, SC 29445

## Kyle Kennedy

Navy Boot Camp



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## Nicholas Collins

Upland High



Nicholas Collins graduated from Upland High School on June 3, 2014. His parents are Scott and Janice Collins. Nicholas' small group leaders in ONE28 were Ryan Tanksley in 9th-10th grade, and Mark Hetzel in 11th-12th grade. One of the biggest things that Nicholas has taken away from ONE28 is an understanding of the importance of making his relationship with Christ his own, and not just going through the motions because his parents want him to. Nicholas says that Micah Lugg and Jim Kercheval have both had a big impact on his walk with the Lord, at times by listening and being supportive when he needed it, and at other times by selflessly taking the time to pray for him. Nicholas says he greatly appreciates what these men have done for him. Romans 8:18 has helped Nicholas through tough times in high school and has served as a reminder that all trials are fleeting, just like our lives on earth. "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us." (NASB) Nicholas' plan is to attend Citrus Community College, and later on to transfer to a 4 year university to major in Business and minor in Theater. Afterwards, he plans to start working on his goal of starting his own improvisational theater company.

## Matthew Kercheval

Bonita High



Matthew Kercheval graduated from Bonita High School in La Verne on June 5, 2014. His plan is to attend UCLA to major in mechanical engineering. A Bible verse that reminds him on what thoughts are best to dwell on is Philippians 4:8 -- "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (ESV). Matthew credits his parents, Jim and Kristie Kercheval, as being the most influential spiritual role models in his life. Mark Hetzel was his ONE28 leader in 7th-8th grade, and Chris Harris was his ONE28 leader in 9th-12th grade. Matthew says that ONE28 gave him the chance to grow spiritually, in addition to providing a place in which he could discuss theology and learn doctrine. He enjoyed his fellowship and interactions with both believers and non-believers which were facilitated by ONE28.

Jeremy Christian Valenzuela graduated from Rancho Cucamonga High School. His mother is Kristiann Valenzuela and his father is Gino Valenzuela. Jeremy says that ONE28 has been significant in guiding him towards having a real personal relationship with

## Jeremy Christian Valenzuela

Rancho Cucamonga High

Jesus Christ. He truly appreciates Micah Lugg, his small group leader Chris Harris, and Andy Valenzuela. All three of them have given Jeremy their time to answer his questions and to help him gain knowledge about the Bible and increase his confidence in his faith. Jeremy also says that ONE28 has helped him build strong friendships that he is certain will be life-long. Jeremy's favorite verse, Romans 1:16, motivates



him to defend his faith and to discuss the gospel with unbelievers. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who

believes." (NKJV) Jeremy plans to go to Citrus Community College to receive his associate's degree and then transfer to Biola University to study video production.

Tyler Parker Nance graduated from San Dimas High School on June 4th, 2014. His parents are Jack and Jennifer Nance. ONE28 has helped Tyler grow closer to Christ, and has also given him discernment in how he should live as a believer. Tyler says that his small group leader, Chris Harris, has helped him prepare for the "real world." Additionally, Micah Lugg has readily answered all of Tyler's questions and has always been available for him. One of Tyler's favorite Bible verses is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (NKJV) Tyler hopes to attend trade school to become an electrical lineman.

## Tyler Parker Nance

San Dimas High



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## Daniel Nakamura

Upland High

Daniel Nakamura graduated from Upland High School on June 3, 2014. His parents are Art and Kim Nakamura. Daniel says that ONE28 nurtured his love for God's Word, in addition to increasing his desire to serve God and the church and to show love for the body of Christ. Chris Harris, who was Daniel's small group leader in ONE28, has been a mentor and a constant source of wisdom and guidance throughout Daniel's time

in high school. Daniel says that Chris helped him to grow into more of a man of God by showing him the importance of meekness, humility, and service. Micah Lugg has also set an example for Daniel in having a love for the lost and for the Bible, and has always been willing to give Daniel counsel and encouragement in his spiritual walk. Daniel's father, Art, has taught him how to be a spiritual leader, to serve humbly, to develop his convictions, and to be disciplined in his Bible reading.

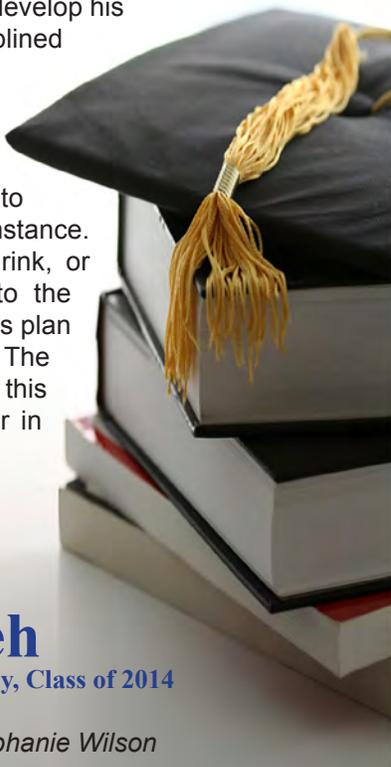
1 Corinthians 10:31 reminds Daniel that his thoughts, actions, and words need to be bringing glory to God regardless of circumstance. "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (ESV) Daniel's plan is to study Kinesiology at The Master's College starting this fall, and to pursue a career in the Fire Department.

Not pictured:

## Elizabeth Grace Hsieh

Dikaio Christian Academy, Class of 2014

Interviews written by Stephanie Wilson



## Memorial Day Picnic Award Winning Recipe



### OZARK MOUNTAIN BERRY PIE

From the kitchen of Sara Milosch

#### Pie Crust

3 cups unbleached flour  
1 cup cold butter  
1 teaspoon salt  
7-8 tablespoons ice water

Mix salt and flour together in large bowl. Cut in butter until well incorporated with flour. It should look like flakes and little crumbs/balls. Add water one tablespoon at a time by sprinkling over the surface, using a fork to lightly mix. Mix each tablespoon thoroughly. Add only enough water to cause dough to hold together. Divide dough into two balls. Flatten into disks, then refrigerate for about half an hour to rechill the butter.

Assemble the pie filling during this time. Crust may be rolled out between stirring pie filling as it heats.

#### Pie filling

Mix in large saucepan:  
2/3 cup sugar  
Dash of salt  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 cup cornstarch

Wash and prepare the following:

1 cup blueberries  
1 cup strawberries, large berries cut in half  
3/4 cup blackberries  
3/4 cup raspberries

Stir berries into sauce pan, coating with the sugar/spice mixture.

Add, and stir to mix:

1/2 cup water  
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Heat berry mixture over medium heat just to the boiling point while gently stirring frequently. Pour into dough lined pie dish. Dot with 2 tablespoons butter. Top with lattice style top crust; or cut out small shapes with cookie cutters from rolled out top crust; or cut larger cookie cutter shapes and place by overlapping. Lots of openings allow the filling to thicken up well. Brush top crust with a bit of milk, then lightly dust with granulated sugar.

Bake at 350 degrees F about 45 minutes until crust is golden.



Deacons, left to right: Brent Miller, Mark Anderson, Richard Johnson, Jeff Letherer, Pastor Art Nakamura, David Garcia (deacon-in-training)

## Meeting the Physical Needs of our Body

by Mark Anderson

I have been asked by friends and members, “What do you deacons do?”

Here is a partial list of what we do. We visit shut-ins who otherwise may not have the opportunity for any other fellowship, we pray for these members and other needs of the church, we identify and secure resources to provide medical equipment and services for elderly members who otherwise could not afford it, we plan workshops on family finances or care for older family members, we allocate funds provided by the body to help families and individuals during hard seasons of need, we study to train ourselves to better love and serve the body.

A church body has many needs. Elders have the huge responsibility of taking care of the many and heavy spiritual needs of the flock by praying, by being available to teach and by executing other administrative tasks. Foothill Bible Church formed the Deacon board to focus more on physical needs. This was based partly on the following scriptures: In James 1:27 the encouragement to “visit orphans and widows” was given, Acts 6:1-7 explained what the early church did to

look out for the physical needs of older folks and 1 Timothy 3:8 described the qualifications of “deacons”.

While we deacons strive to serve, here is an example of how the blessing of serving is ours. One of the more frequent tasks and greatest blessings is the visiting of our older folks. They have lived life, had many experiences and gained great wisdom. They are now burdened by physical infirmities, perhaps still mourning the loss of their best friend, their spouse, and maybe having financial hardship. And yet they praise God and give great testimony of the love and blessing He has bestowed on them throughout life. While departing the visitation my brothers and I are the ones with smiles, joy and strength having been encouraged by the faith of our honorable older members.

I would also like to note that being a deacon gives us a greater inside look at what other members of our body do for each other. We are certainly not the only ones looking out for the physical needs of others. Specifically there is a large group of men and women who, out of their own initiative and out of request from the elders and deacons, commit hours and hours to making meals for others, visiting others, transporting others, praying for others, and completing handyman needs for others.

Please pray for us, that God would be glorified in our service to you and the community. If you feel the Lord is calling you to serve alongside the deacons by ministering to our church family, please contact one of the deacons.

## Wedding Anniversaries

July 6 Lee & Linda Mawby	Aug 2 Mark & Fran Cobb	Sept 5 Al & Susan Guerrero
July 7 Garey & Carolyn Chambliss	Aug 4 Jaymin & Emily Allen	Sept 6 Kristian & Kristina Hultgren
July 8 Vince & Debby Gottuso	Aug 8 Blair & Laurie Bryant	Sept 10 Roy & Jane Moore
July 8 Art & Kim Nakamura	Aug 9 Cliff & Becky Bates	Sept 12 Andy & Jill Milosch
July 10 Matt & Carol Bugbee	Aug 10 Bruce & Charlotte Robbins	Sept 15 Jeff & Gina Farrar
July 15 Ron & Judy Holdridge	Aug 12 Bud & Jean Smith	Sept 15 Paul & Cori Roybal
July 16 Mike & Julie Difatta	Aug 15 Steve & Trish Feaster	Sept 22 Matt & Nicole Wrye
July 16 Micah & Audrey Lugg	Aug 21 Michael & Cinda Nauertz	Sept 24 Mark & Sandy Anderson
July 21 Mark & Elsa DeShazo	Aug 22 Jim & Kristie Kercheval	Sept 24 Carlos & Ericka Flores
July 23 Jim & Kathy Johnson	Aug 23 Scott & Julia Buehl	Sept 26 John & Liza Fisher
July 31 Oliver & Mary Burrows	Aug 25 David & Carol Forsyth	Sept 27 Kenny & Rebecca Allison
	Aug 26 James & Fonda Wilson	Sept 27 Billy & Carolyn Smith

### FBC Connection Purpose

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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## Birthdays: 80+ years

August 5, 1932  
Betty Granger  
82 years

August 5, 1933  
Nina Shwetz  
81 years

August 7, 1921  
Peggy Bryan  
93 years

August 27, 1933  
Betty Billings  
81 years

September 17, 1927  
Barbara Maddox  
87 years

## Memorial Day Picnic Award Winning Recipe

**FRUITY, CREAMY, PRETZEL FLAG\***  
from the kitchen of Fran Cobb



### Ingredients

2 cups crushed pretzels  
¾ cup butter, melted  
3 tablespoons white sugar  
1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened  
1 cup white sugar  
1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed  
6 ounce packages strawberry flavored Jell-O®  
2 cups boiling water  
2 (10 ounce) packages frozen strawberries OR 4 cups fresh strawberries

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
2. Stir together crushed pretzels, melted butter and 3 tablespoons sugar; mix well and press mixture into the bottom of a 9x13 inch baking dish.
3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes, until set. Set aside to cool.
4. In a large mixing bowl cream together cream cheese and 1 cup sugar. Fold in whipped topping. Spread mixture evenly onto cooled crust. Make sure to touch the edges of the pan with creamy mixture.
5. Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in still frozen strawberries (or fresh strawberries) and allow to set briefly. When mixture is about the consistency of egg whites, pour and spread over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate until set.

\*<https://allrecipes.com/recipe/strawberry-pretzel-salad-2>