

At Home

Couple wed on July 27

Mia Lucas became the bride of Christian Rainbolt in a lovely 4:30 afternoon service on July 27 at the First United Methodist Church in Goodland, Kan. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Tony Kafka and Rev. Janet Hernandez.

The bride is the daughter of Jack and Linda Lucas of Goodland and the groom is the son of Paul and Kathy Rainbolt of St. Francis.

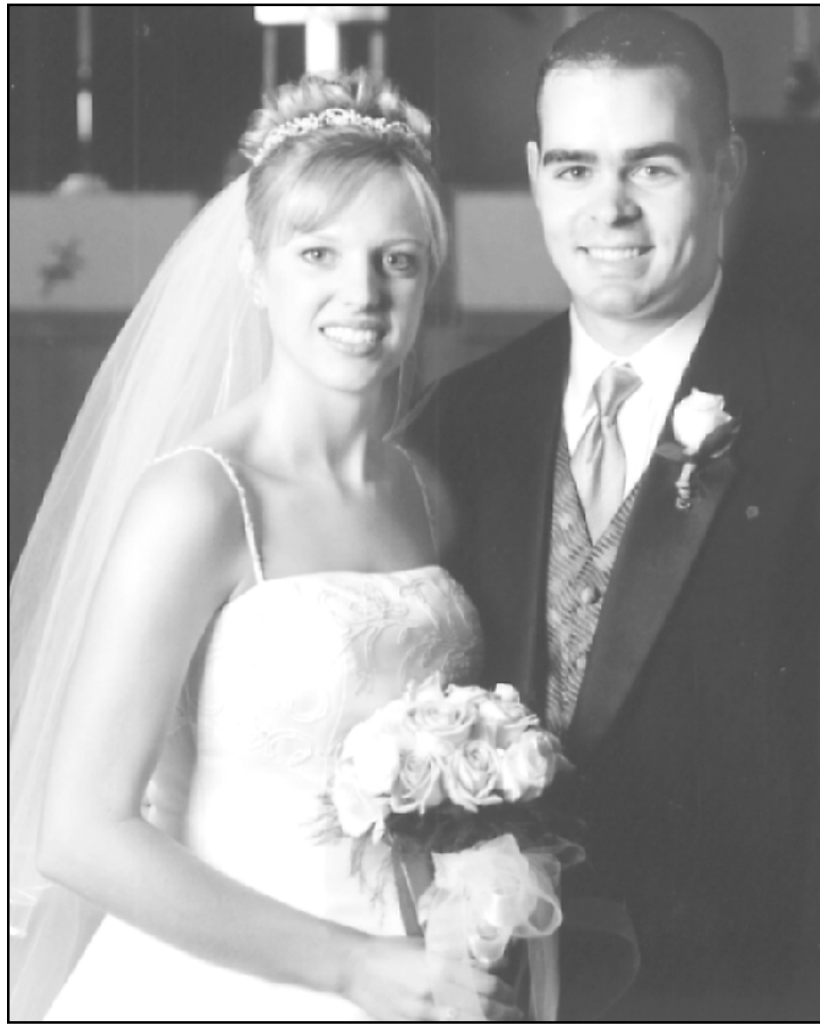
The church was decorated with garden-mix floral bouquets incorporating shades of pink roses down the center aisle. Mixed floral bouquets also adorned the three candelabras around the altar and two large mixed floral bouquets were in front of each pulpit.

Organist Carol Guyer, Goodland, played "Canon in D" as the bridal party came to the altar. "Trumpet Voluntary" was played as the bride and her father came down the aisle. "Wedding March" was played during the recessional.

Vocalists were Katey Sampson, Stacy Arndt and Amber Thompson of Fort Collins, Colo., and Rachel McBride of Boulder, Colo. They sang "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," "I Surrender," and "How Beautiful."

The bride's gown had beaded spaghetti straps with an A-line empire waist, lace beading, open back and chapel train of matte ivory satin with platinum and gold beaded accents.

The maid of honor was Cortney Lucas, sister of the bride, Kansas City. Bridesmaids were Jocelyn Lucas, sister of the bride, Goodland; Lori Adams, Columbus, Ohio; Leigh Ann Dull, Orlando, Fla.; Angie Thompson, Beaver Creek, Ohio; Ashley Lucas, cousin of the bride, Overland Park; and Emily Barger, Kansas City. They wore celadon green satin gowns with ivory underlay. The bodice had spaghetti straps and the overlay was accented with three rhinestone buttons at the start of the A-line waist.



Rainbolt-Lucas

The groom was handsome in a black tuxedo. Bobby Rainbolt, brother of the groom, St. Francis, was best man.

Groomsmen were Justin Miller, Dodge City; Dustin Adams, Columbus, Ohio; Jim Keller, Odgen, Utah; Tyler Ross, Hays; Cash Stricker, cousin of the groom, Scottsbluff, Neb.; and Nick Bergquist, Vail, Colo. The best man and groomsmen were also attired in black tuxedos.

The best man and groomsmen served as ushers. Following the wedding, a reception was held at the Elks Lodge in Goodland and included a full-dinner buffet. There were candles with floral bouquets adding to the atmosphere. A five-tier ivory fondant cake was served by Tahnee Schields and Heather Generali. They earlier had presided at the guest book and gift table.

Honored guests attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Vankooten, grandparents of the bride,

Concordia; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Stricker, Scottsbluff, Neb.; and Mr. David E. Rainbolt, Minatare, Neb., grandparents of the groom. Other guests came from Nebraska, Michigan, Oregon, Texas, California, Colorado, Iowa, Florida, Oklahoma, Kansas, Ohio, Tennessee and Virginia.

The bride graduated from Goodland High School and went on to the University of Kansas, Lawrence, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in education in 1999.

The groom graduated from St. Francis Community High School and then earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Fort Hays State University in 2001.

Following a wedding trip to Breckenridge and Redstone, Colo., the couple is at home in Fort Collins, Colo., where they will be campus missionaries with Campus Crusade for Christ at Colorado State University.

Wedding vows exchanged

Brandi Elizabeth Gabel and John Leslie Jones Jr. were united in marriage on March 9, 2002, at the Wesleyan Church in Colby. Pastor Wade Hatfield and Pastor John F. Abendschan, grandfather of the bride, received their vows.

Parents of the couple are Larry and Beth Gabel, St. Francis, and John and Karen Jones, Mingo. Grandparents of the bride of John J. and Mary Lou Abendschan, Big Springs, Texas. Grandparents of the groom are Lester and Alta Jones, Iowa and Ethel Frantz, Mingo.

Maid of honor was Karah (Dankenbring) Maloley. Bridesmaids were Lyn Ann Bowman of Wichita and Kay Ann Jones, sister of the groom, Kansas City.

Best men were Ryan Anderson, Kearney, Neb., and Jamie Franz, Mingo, cousin of the groom. Groomsmen were Billy Gabel of Colorado Springs and Kelly Gabel, Hays, both brothers of the bride.

The flower girl was Maddie Gabel, cousin of the bride, Colorado Springs. Brock and Brennon Ziegelmeier, Colby, were ring bearers.

David Morrow, St. Francis, served as both usher and candlelighter.

Honored guest of the bride were Nettie Hamala and Velma Zimelman, both of St. Francis.

The bride's mother sang "Butterfly Kisses" as the wedding party entered the sanctuary. Billy Gabel sang "Listen to My Heart" written by him to his sister; and Kelly Gabel, sang "Brano" written by Kelly to his sister.

Kathy Meyers of Colby was the pianist who replaced Brandi's aunt Vi Procter of Fort Collins who had a stroke two days before the wedding.

Attending the guest book was Tiffany Locke, Colby. The wedding wheat basket attendants were Dara Loyd, Elizabeth Gienger and Taryn Richard, all of St. Francis. The videographer was Arnold Schrag and gift attendants were Summer Stephens, Breann Hart, Colby, and Erin Amrelin of Hays.

Hosts and hostesses were Steve and



Jones-Gabel

Connie Jenkins of St. Francis, and Shane and Kim Franz, Colby. Reception hosts were Susan Focke, Janice Jacobs of Colby, Vickie Schliep, Sandi Murray and Teri Richard, St. Francis.

The bride is a graduate of St. Francis Community High School, Colby Community College and Fort Hays State

University. She teaches third grade at the Colby Elementary School.

The groom is a graduate of Colby Community High School and is presently attending Colby Community College full time.

The couple resides in Colby.

Introducing

Mia Corrin Forrester

Ian and Mindy Forrester wish to announce the birth of their daughter Mia Corrin on Aug 16th at West Boca Medical Center in Boca Raton Florida. She weighed 7 lbs 1 oz and was 20" long. Proud grandparents are Moira Forrester of Null England and Troy and Teresa Porter of St. Francis. Great grandparent are Bernita Most of Atwood and Warren and Pat Cook of St. Francis.



Mia Forrester

Service News

Chad A. Weems has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty prior to being assigned to their first permanent duty station.

Weems, a 1999 graduate of St. Francis High School, Kans., has reported to Fort Jackson, Columbus,

S.C., for basic training.

He is the son of Patricia A. Leiker and Bryan W. Weems of St. Francis.



Club Clip

Christian Women's Fellowship

The Christian Women's Fellowship of the First Christian Church met Sept. 4, 2002 at 6:00 P.M. in the fellowship hall with all enjoying a wonderful salad supper. President Margaret Poling called the meeting to order with the Christian Women's Fellowship prayer. The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Bonnie Stuart. Old Business was that we hadn't had the workday at the parsonage. No specific date was set but that we would do the yard work this fall. Under new business we discussed doing some stenciling in the fellowship hall. We are encouraged to think of appropriate Scriptures to paint on the walls.

The 2002-2003 year books were handed out and are available to all women of the church. Margaret Poling presented the lesson which was entitled, "Harry Potter-Witchcraft Repackaged". She presented a Video

which describes that the underlying theme of the Harry Potter books is witchcraft and that we should be very careful as to what our children are reading. It was a very interesting and informative video which Margaret will share.

The meeting closed with the Christian Women's Fellowship prayer.

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