

Adairsville First Christian

FAMILY NEWS—JANUARY 2022

Little is Much When God is in it!

On December 19th, our dear friend and sister, Cris Garcia, Founder and Co-Administrator of Bethshean Mexico Mission went Home to be with our Lord. Our congregation has been a consistent supporter of this ministry through prayer and monthly mission support. The most visible activity as of late has been the Angel Bags. When I heard the news of her death it was a shock as it was to many. Much of this information comes from the Bethshean newsletter.

She was a beautiful example of a life dedicated to serving and loving the Lord; walking in faith and humble dependence on Him. Most of us have been encouraged and even mesmerized by Cris' many stories of how she depended on the Father for guidance, protection, and strength in her day-to-day life and how He always provided what was needed in the moment.

When Cris left Georgia fifty-two years ago (in January) to travel to Mexico in a used truck carrying all of her earthly possessions, she could not see into the many years that would follow. She could only see the immediate. While that position was a little frightening, her trust was in the Lord, and she obeyed. She gave what she had, something small like a mustard seed, and our great God and Father grew it into what we know today as Bethshean Mexico Mission. Her willingness to follow the Spirit's leading to go to the only place she asked Him not to send her resulted in many souls knowing the Lord and a fruitful ministry that will continue to share the Good News of Jesus in Mexico.

Cris' heart was for the Lord, and she wanted the people of Central Mexico to know Him. Bethshean came into being several years after Cris had already been working in Mexico when she relocated from San Luis Potosi to Estancia de Animas and saw the great need for a nursing home. Over the years, Cris followed God's lead and Bethshean grew from a Home for the Aged to encompassing a Family and Youth Camp, five churches, and a clinic with both medical and dental services.

Because Cris touched so many lives and had such a dynamic impact on those who knew her, a page has been created on the Bethshean website for those who want to share memories, thoughts, and/or pictures of Cris through the years. You will find the page at bethsheanmexicomission.org and clicking on the "Remembering Cris" tab under the "More" button. Please create an account to sign in using your email, Facebook, or Google account. Just click "Create New Post", and you will be prompted to Log In or Create Account.

There will be a service to celebrate the life and work of Cris in the United States. It will be held at Galilee Christian Church in Jefferson, GA at 1:00 pm on Saturday, January 22nd. This service will be live streamed for those unable to attend.

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THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER

Illness & Special Needs

Louise, Eddie Millwood
Colleen Shea
Taylon Waldon
Mary Abernathy
Wayne Abernathy
Wayne Self

Shut-Ins & Nursing Home

Ruth Pelfrey
Shane Pelfrey
James Alexander

Missionaries

Abdiel and Shannon Rocha
Dennis & Lynn Free
Jim Richter

DECEMBER ATTENDANCE

Dec 5th.....42
Dec 12th.....42
Dec 19th.....46
Dec 24th..... 38
Dec 26th.....36

BIRTHDAYS

1st-Kellie Dailey
3rd-Gary Blaylock,
Jordyn Garrett
4th-Chloe Gravitt
5th-John McPherson
10th-Tanner Boswell
11th – Kimi Edmunds
12th-Stacy Parker,
Chandler Pelfrey
16th-Randy Harris
20th-Jeremy Scott,
Karen Ross
21st-Penny Walker
23rd-Ash Miller
26th-Jill Brown,
Ryder Boswell



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CHRISTIAN SERVICE FOR JANUARY

Date	Communion Meditation	Lord's Table	Communion to the Sick	Toddler Nursery	Baby Nursery	Nursery Floater
2	John McPherson	Norris Gravitt, Richard Cowart, Connor New, Ronnie Self	John McPherson	TBA	TBA	TBA
9	Ron Marks	Norris Gravitt, Ronnie Self, Richard Cowart, Connor New	Ron Marks	TBA	TBA	TBA
16	John McPherson	Conner New, Richard Cowart, Norris Gravitt, Ronnie Self	Rodger Bailey	TBA	TBA	TBA
23	Danny Pelfrey	Norris Gravitt, Ronnie Self, Richard Cowart, Connor New	John McPherson	TBA	TBA	TBA
30	Rodger	Norris Gravitt, Richard Cowart, Connor New, Ronnie Self	Rodger Bailey	TBA	TBA	TBA

Communion Preparation
Wanda

Junior Church
Julie

Clean the Annex
Brandi

Clean the Baptistry
Michael

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The continuation of the Bethshean ministry was important to Cris. By God's providence, the Lord led Cris and the Board of Directors to offer Abdiel Rocha a position as Co-Administrator in 2015. Abdiel joined the ministry in 1995 and served in many capacities. He and his wife Shannon have a great heart for the work. Cris had confidence in Abdiel's heart for the mission. Abdiel will step into the position as Director of the Bethshean Mexico Mission. During this time of transition, pray for Abdiel, Shannon and their four daughters as well as the Bethshean ministry and its board of directors.

Her life is a reminder that we serve a great God and that *"little is much when God is in it."*

(Kittie L. Suffield, 1924)

2022 Service Opportunities

The sign up sheet for service opportunities is on the bulletin board. There are still openings for communion preparation, children's church and cleaning help. Thank you to all who served in these areas last year.

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<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
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Annual Meeting

On Sunday, February 6, 2022, the Annual Meeting of First Christian Church of Adairsville will be after the morning worship.

LOCAL MISSIONS

BackPack Buddies

We continue to collect for Backpack Buddies at the Elementary School. Please leave items in the fellowship hall.

North Bartow Community Services

Don't forget your oatmeal!

Bartow Family Resource Center

We are working to consolidate our gifts to the ministries we serve. January is the Sanctity of Life month. We will have a "Baby Shower" for the pregnancy center. We will be collecting clothes, diapers and baby items. For more information and volunteer opportunities, please call (770) 382-7224.

Calendar of Events

4th— Ladies Bible Study 10 am
 5th— FEAST & Wednesday Activities 6 pm
 8th— De decorate 9 am
 11th—Ladies Bible Study 10 am
 12th—FEAST & Wednesday Activities 6 pm
 18th—Ladies Bible Study 10 am
 19th—FEAST & Wednesday Activities 6 pm
 22nd—Memorial Service for Cris 1 pm
 25th—Ladies Bible Study 10 am
 26th—FEAST & Wednesday Activities 6 pm