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Helping Us Honor Your Loved Ones
We are deeply grateful for every gift made in honor or memory of a loved one. These tributes mean so much to our Artesia Christian Home community, and we consider it a privilege to recognize them in our quarterly newsletter.

To ensure we honor your loved one accurately and respectfully, we kindly ask that tribute donations include clearly printed or typed information, including:

- The full name of the person being honored or remembered
- Any title you would like included (for example, Rev., Dr., Mr., or Mrs.)
- Whether the gift is "In Honor of" or "In Memory of"

Providing complete and legible information helps us avoid unintended errors and ensures your loved one is recognized exactly as you wish.

Thank you for your generosity and for allowing us to share in remembering those who hold a special place in your heart.



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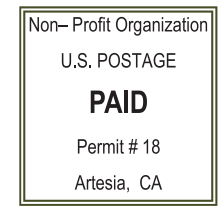
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EVENT HOST **FREE ENTRY**

FROM CONFUSION TO CLARITY: ESTATE PLANNING 101

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June 9, 2026
Doors open 5:15pm

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Bridging Generations in Song & Prayers



When the Berean Christian School choir from Walnut Creek, California came for their annual visit with Artesia Christian Home, the atmosphere shifted in a way that was both joyful and deeply meaningful. Their visit was more than a performance. It became a moment of connection, reflection, and shared faith between two generations who might otherwise rarely have the opportunity to spend time together.

The students arrived with energy and warmth, quickly filling the room with music that many residents recognized and loved. Familiar hymns and uplifting songs brought smiles, quiet tears, and even gentle singing along from residents. For many older adults, music is closely tied to memory, and the choir's voices seemed to open doors to moments from their past that were both comforting and emotional.



What made the experience especially powerful was what happened after the singing. The students took time to pray with the residents, offering words of encouragement, gratitude, and hope. These moments were simple but meaningful. A hand held, a quiet prayer shared, and a few words of kindness created a sense of peace and spiritual connection that lingered long after the visit ended.



Beyond the music and prayer, the visit highlighted something important about intergenerational relationships. Older adults and students often live in very different worlds, shaped by different experiences, routines, and challenges. Yet when they come together in shared spaces like this, those differences fade into the background. What remains is shared humanity, mutual respect, and a sense of belonging.



For the students, the experience offered an opportunity to step into a setting where their presence mattered beyond the classroom. They were not just performers, but encouragers and companions in a moment of connection. For the residents, the visit provided a reminder that they are seen, valued, and remembered by the next generation.

Moments like these bridge more than just age gaps. They bridge understanding, compassion, and faith. The visit from the Berean Christian School Choir was a reminder that when generations come together through music and prayer, both sides are enriched in ways that last far beyond the final note.

Meet Our Newest Residents in Assisted Living



Antonio Fernandez was born in Cuba. Antonio attends church at Saint Hedwig's in Los Alamitos. Antonio served in the Army before working as a foreman in the City of Commerce. He volunteered with youth softball in Cypress and is a proud family man with two children and five grandchildren. One of his favorite memories is attending the Olympics to watch his youngest daughter represent the United States. Today, he enjoys spending time with family, watching sports, and relaxing with a soft drink and a sweet baked good. It is a joy to have you with us.



Charlotte Van Kekerix was born in Los Angeles. Charlotte spent most of her life in Bellflower, building a life centered on faith, family, and friendship. She graduated from Valley Christian, is a devoted member of Bethany CRC, and is the proud mother of one daughter. She worked in the office at Mid Cities Electric and is remembered for her kind, steady presence. She finds joy in simple pleasures: flower gardens, time with friends, coffee with chocolate cookies, singing old hymns, and watching nature programs. We are excited to have you as part of our community!



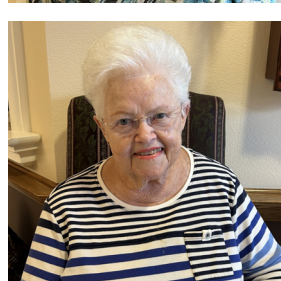
James and Sharon Zoetewey have built a life centered on faith, family, and community. They are devoted members of Bethany CRC and share a strong legacy of service, love, and dedication. Sharon worked as a teacher and enjoys reading, watching sports, relaxing with a diet soda and chips, and listening to Christian music. James proudly served in the Air Force and worked as an accountant at Zoetewey and Dykstra. Jim and Sharon have been married for 64 years. They have three children. He enjoys simple pleasures like sunshine, the Dodgers, good jokes, and classic World War II films. We are happy to have you join the community.



Larry Bowen was born in Washington and earned his master's degree from a local university, building a strong foundation of learning and service. He attended Anaheim CRC and values his faith and community connections. He has a large and loving family, including two children, 18 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. He enjoys theater performances, television shows, and watching football games. If you ever get the chance, be sure to ask him about the 1962 World's Fair in Seattle he has great stories to share. Welcome to the community!

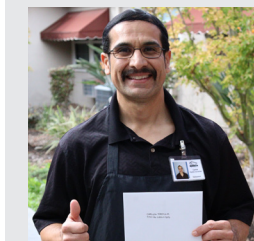


Adriana VanHeyningen was born and raised in Artesia and has lived a full and meaningful life centered on faith, family, and service. She is a proud mother of four children, with eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren who bring her great joy. She served as a Calvinette leader and had a diverse career, always staying active and engaged. Her favorite memories come from her many travels, which she loves to share with others. Today, she enjoys staying busy with family visits, working on puzzles, going for walks, enjoying Dutch cookies, and watching her favorite Hallmark movies. We are so glad you have joined us!



Dorothy Dantuma was born and raised in Artesia and was a proud alum of Valley Christian. She was deeply rooted in her faith and a devoted member of 1st Artesia CRC. Dorothy served as a school secretary and was a loving mother of four, and was Mammy to seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She found joy in thinking about God, meeting new people, and listening to music. She loved sharing stories about her trips to Yosemite and enjoyed reading with a Pepsi and donut close by. As this newsletter goes to print, we honor Dorothy's life and the legacy she leaves behind. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

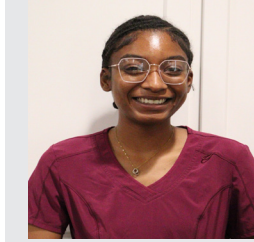
You've Been Caught ... Going Above and Beyond & Then Some!



Carlos Padilla – Dining Services
Carlos recently demonstrated what it truly means to go above and beyond at ACH. He noticed that the kitchen ceiling needed cleaning and, without being asked or waiting for direction, took the initiative to gather supplies and complete the task. When a co worker asked about it, Carlos simply shared that the ceiling was dirty, so he cleaned it. His proactive mindset and sense of ownership reflect a positive, can do attitude that supports his team and contributes to a better environment for everyone at ACH. His dedication and initiative are truly appreciated.



Karen Riel – SNF RN
Karen is recognized for the exceptional care and communication she provides to residents and their families. A family recently expressed their gratitude for the way she kept them informed and supported while caring for their mother. They shared that her presence created a strong sense of safety, trust, and reassurance during an important time. Karen's successful transition into her RN role and her commitment to going above and beyond reflect the heart of ACH's mission. Her compassion and professionalism are deeply valued.



Zaraye Austin – SNF CNA
Zaraye has been recognized by a resident's family member for going above and beyond in her care. The family member shared deep appreciation for Zaraye's kindness and the compassion she consistently shows to their loved one. They spoke highly of the outstanding attention and care she provides, noting the meaningful impact she has made. Zaraye's ability to truly see and care for residents reflects the heart of ACH's mission. Her dedication makes a difference not only for residents, but also for their families and her fellow team members. She is sincerely appreciated.



Javier Estrada – Dining Services
Javier was recently recognized by a resident who shared her heartfelt appreciation for the care and service he provides during mealtimes. She recalled a particularly busy service when Javier stepped in to support his teammates while continuing to ensure residents were well attended to. She spoke highly of his positive attitude, kindness, and consistent willingness to help, noting the lasting impression it made. Javier's attentiveness and dependable nature reflect a genuine commitment to both residents and his team. His contributions are truly valued.



Gayle Biava was born and raised in Harvey, Illinois and graduated from the University of Illinois. She built a meaningful career in education as both a teacher and principal. She is a devoted member of Our Savior Lutheran Church. Family is central to her life as she has two children, four grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. She enjoys classical music and a good game of bridge. We are so glad you are here with us.

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