



German Rivas

LAKES CHURCH

About the Family

My wife and I will celebrate our 47th wedding anniversary on November 19, 2024. We have five grown children, four daughters and one son. We have 12 grandchildren. I have pastored churches in Louisiana and Georgia. Now, my wife and I have started a plant in Auburndale, Fla., as part of Lakes Church.

My wife and I came to central Florida to help my youngest daughter get through nursing school. She is also the mother of two of our grandchildren and is a staff sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. We still maintain a residence in north Georgia and did not plan to make Florida our residence. God had other plans and called us to start a church plant in Auburndale, Fla. Auburndale is between Tampa and Orlando.

I am also a retired captain from the Canton Police Department and a retired sergeant with the Cherokee County School Police in Georgia.

About My Church Plant

On Sunday, August 11, 2024, we had our first worship service. On Wednesday, August 14, we started an English as a Second Language program for the Hispanic community, as well as an adult Bible study class. We started our first worship service with about 20 in attendance. Auburndale is a rapidly growing city with quite a large number of the population being of Hispanic/Latino origin. There are no other Baptist Latino churches in the area, and we are looking forward to minister to that population.

Find out how you can
Pray.
Participate.
Provide.

PRAY.

Pray for boldness to share the gospel and reach the hearts among the Latino community that is rapidly growing in central Florida.

Pray that through this ministry, more people would come to saving faith and live on mission.

Pray for my wife and I that God grant us His vision for this community.

PARTICIPATE

Build relationships with missionaries and their families.

Send notes of encouragement.

Learn birthdays and anniversaries, so you can send gifts and cards.

PROVIDE

Learn the ministry strategy and context, so you can provide relevant resources.

Support a missionary financially.