

ATLANTA WEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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Atlanta West Pentecostal Church is a multicultural, multigenerational church, reaching for the next generation.

We are blessed to be a multicultural church where “whosoever will” may come and find salvation from sin, become a new creation in Jesus Christ, and have the hope of eternal life (Revelation 22:17; 2 Corinthians 5:17).

The church on earth should reflect the church that will gather in Heaven, which is described as “a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues” (Revelation 7:9). Regardless of one’s past or present spiritual state, when a person comes to Jesus, they come to His church—our church. At Atlanta West, we sincerely mean it when we say, “welcome to the family,” and “there is a place for you.”

We are also blessed to be a multigenerational church. Our church was established in 1961, making our congregation 64 years old this year. By the numbers, we have a balanced spectrum of ages from children to elders. We are grateful to have a founding member of our church, still attending as an active, voting member... at the age of 101! God bless Sis. Louise Harper and her late husband, Myrl, for starting our church in the basement of their home.

The beauty of a lively legacy church is that mature members know their purpose. They are prayerfully and actively reaching for the next generation. Unlike churches that devour their future by consuming most of the resources, our church is aligned with the biblical example of preserving and propagating truth to the next generation.

The psalmist expressed the sentiment of our senior members well:

“O God, you have taught me from my earliest childhood, and I constantly tell others about the wonderful things you do. Now that I am old and gray, do not abandon me, O God. Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me” (Psalm 71:17-18 NLT).

How are we reaching for the next generation?

- We place high value on our young people and children.
- We pray for them and teach them to pray.
- We teach the Bible to our children.
- We emphasize salvation to our children, seeing many of them experience the New Birth in our ministries.

- We invest financial resources through allocations to youth and children’s ministries.
- We invest human resources through our 122 children’s ministry volunteers, a dedicated administrator, and with pastoral oversight.
- We invest in Bible Quizzing with finances and dedicated coaches and parents.
- We have an effective pre-teen ministry, Crossover, which prepares our children for their teen years.
- We have a dedicated youth staff and a full-time youth pastor. We support youth events that build faith and community. For example, over 115 people from our church attended North American Youth Congress. We assisted in transportation costs for the 91 people who traveled on the buses we leased.
- We minister to young adults as they move from youth to adulthood with our Hyphen ministry.
- We train the next generation of volunteers and leaders by encouraging teenagers to complete our discipleship processes and then engage in the ministries of the church. For example, there are currently 26 Crowd-aged young people (Ages 14-18) serving in our children’s ministry (Ch.I.P.Z.) as well as other ministries of the church.
- We show and tell our children that they are valuable to God and to us and that there is a place for them in the Kingdom of God.

In Psalm 78 we see the desire of an adult generation to declare truth to the next generation. The psalmist, speaking of truth, said:

“We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments” (Psalm 78:4-7).

It is incumbent on generations of mature Christians to establish the next generation in truth. We are a multigenerational church, and we must continue to be intentional about reaching for the next generation.

August Birthdays

1

Sarah Blackwell
Tommie Washington
Lyssa Nunn
Chloe Cagle
Brooklyn Perez

2

Merritt Burdett
Kristy Grant
Maya Nnah

3

Nich Davie
Daniel Johnson
CJ Wilson

4

Victoria Puckett
Matthew Fennell

5

Gina Burley

7

Lauren Clark
Tara Allen
Phyllis Shand

8

Roseanne Sims
Sheri Grant

9

Adelina Austin
Zara Johns
Regina Machowski
Sion Strahan

10

Anthony Minnick

11

Rick Nixon
Natalie Austin
Shereida Austin
Maurice Brandon
Michael Brandon
Keziah Bryan

12

Justin Austin
Teresa Infinger

13

Sis. Holly Jury
Zara Okoli
Annecia Cole

14

Samuel Johnson
Connie Leseueur

15

Christina Duncan

16

Adlai Cole
Sobany King
Danielle Fain

17

Troy Nixon
Mira Douglas
Missy Stubelt
Gabriel Ahudey
David Perez

18

Brad Nixon
Gabrielle Arwood
Janet Crabtree

19

Natalie Campbell

20

Andrew Marsh
Sis. Martha Hudgens
Carmen Puckett
Ellis Taylor
Rhett Johns
Deborah Banza

21

Gene Sykes

22

Bro. James Turner
Reagan Nunn
Cynthia Nixon
Aubrey Barker

23

Jackson Island

24

Ethyn Cole
Danae Richardson
Karen Dunks
Lynn Horn

25

Andy Sims
Annalia Hudgens
Rosemary Reyes
Nikki Sweeney
Marcus Tucker Jr.

26

Paxton Floyd
Graham Livingston

27

Becca Austin

28

Hunter Derickson
Bro. Kevin Hudgens
Glen Campbell
Ezra Fain
Cheryl Talbot
Jessica Leung

29

Cynthia Hampton

31

Desyl Domingo
Casandra Gardner
Annett Richards

August Anniversaries

3

Bro. Brad & Dana Fain

5

Donald & Deborah Walburn

6

Keith & Enjoli Dollar

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Greg & Deanna Puckett

9

Bro. Calvin & Sis. Tereaoon Fisher

14

Lionell & Dyneice King

22

Gary & Kelly Floyd Jr.

22

Gary & Wanda Stevenson

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Bro. Kevin & Martha Hudgens

24

John & Keren Oshogbor

25

Bro. Justin & Theresa Johns

27

Theo & Jennifer Davis

30

Don & Joanie Camden

31

Mark & Nardia Haight



Baptized in Jesus' Name

Gabriel Ahudey	Doris Kromah
Jenna BiSalla	Keegan Madden
Milancia Delorme	Gladys Merugumalla
Mariah Hardy	Ava Jo Plunkett
Pamela Igodan	Perthenia Smith
Keyonna Jones	Daniel Waltson

Filled with the Holy Ghost

CJ Baisden	Aaron Mims
Jenna BiSalla	Perthenia Smith
Milancia Delorme	Arianna Stubelt
Pamela Igodan	Dequabis Terry
Denise Lathan	Silas Turner
Keegan Madden	
Azariah Menera	



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>August 2025</h1>					1	2 6:30 am HOPE 7:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Partners Team 1
					8 7:30 pm Children's Revival Guest Speakers: The Rimmers	9 6:30 am HOPE 7:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Partners Team 2
3 Guest Speaker: Bro. Jerry Jones Missions Sunday Ch.I.P.Z. Meet & Greet 9 am & 11:30 am Ch.I.P.Z.	4	5 7 pm 301 Meeting	6 7:30 pm Ch.I.P.Z. 7:30 pm CrossOver 7:30 pm CROWD 7:30 pm Prayer Service	7	Week of Prayer & Fasting	
10 Children's Revival Guest Speakers: The Rimmers 9:15 am Welcome to the Family	11	12	13 7:30 pm CROWD 7:30 pm Hyphen	14	15	16 6:30 am HOPE 12 pm Ladies' Event <i>Pre-Registration Required</i> 7:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Partners Team 3
17 IMAGINE 9:15 am Welcome to the Family 9 am & 11:30 am Ch.I.P.Z.	18	19 7 pm Ladies' Prayer	20 7:30 pm Ch.I.P.Z. 7:30 pm CrossOver 7:30 pm CROWD	21	22	23 6:30 am HOPE 7:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Partners Team 4
					GDYM Youth Extreme	
24 MTM Sacrificial Offering Guest Speaker: Bro. Cody Updegrave 9 am & 11:30 am Ch.I.P.Z. 9:15 am Welcome to the Family	25	26	27 7:30 pm CROWD 7:30 pm Hyphen	28	29	30 6:30 am HOPE
31 Small Group Fair Guest Speaker: Braden Andersen No Ch.I.P.Z. 9:15 am Welcome to the Family	Ch.I.P.Z. - Children in the Power Zone MTM - Move the Mission					