

ATLANTA WEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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HEALTHY HOMES





How healthy is your home? The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reminds us that our homes can be dangerous places. You may not know it, but your home may be toxic with mold, radon, or allergens. Your drinking water may not be as safe as you expect. Your home may have other significant safety risks, such as improperly stored food or medications that are not kept out of the reach of children. Because you love your family, these and other home health concerns should not go ignored. No one wants an unsafe home for their family. Likewise, as Christians, we know that, to have healthy families, we must identify and address spiritual and relational "threats" in our homes.

The home is the foundation of our society and the church. The health of our homes is of great concern because, as goes the home, so also goes the church and the nation. I thank the Lord for the many healthy homes that make up the Atlanta West Pentecostal Church family. However, each of us has room for improvement. Strengthening our homes must be a priority. When our homes are strong, our church and our culture are strengthened as well.

As a means of assessing the health of your home, please ask yourself the following questions:

- Is our home built around the Lordship of Jesus Christ?
- Is our home a place of peace or turmoil?
- Is there a balance of love and respect displayed in our home?
- Is our home polluted with toxic media, or does the presence of Jesus Christ abide there?
- Do we make time for devotions and discussions that build a Christ-centered worldview in our family?
- Do we take adequate, quality time for our family?
- Do we faithfully support the church with our time, talent, and treasure?
- Is our family engaged in meaningful ministry at our church?
- Does our family live out the Great Commission by connecting with lost people?

While I am referring to the home as designed and instituted by God, it is understood that homes in our society are not all traditional homes in terms of family composition. Some homes consist of blended families, and some are led by a single parent. Widows and orphans also constitute households. Our church is blessed by many deeply committed single adults.

All these types of homes are represented in the Bible by people who demonstrated faith in God. You can have a

healthy home even if you do not have an ideal situation. Having this understanding, I want to describe a healthy home with the components originally ordained by God.

A healthy home is built on obedience to the Bible. A healthy home is led by a loving, sacrificial husband/father who loves his wife as Christ loved the church (Ephesians 5:25). A godly wife is submitted to the Lord and her husband but is also protected and honored as an equal heir of the grace of God (Ephesians 5:22-24, 1 Peter 3:7). The children are disciplined and obedient (Ephesians 6:4). They honor their parents and grow up to walk in the way in which they were trained (Ephesians 6:1-3, Proverbs 22:6). This is all scripturally sound. As idealistic as this seems, we should not discard this biblical model for a family.

The purpose of the Christian home extends beyond the positive effect on the people in the home or the local church. The home plays an important role in shining the light of the Gospel to the world. The Lord established the home to demonstrate His relationship to His people. For that reason, the example set in the home becomes a model of the relationship between Christ and His church (Ephesians 5:32).

When husbands love their wives as Christ loves the church, their example becomes a powerful witness of the sacrificial love of God for humanity. When wives properly respect and submit to their husbands, the world sees the relationship between Christ and His bride, the church. When children obey and honor their parents, they mirror the obedience we should have as the children of God.

We are ambassadors of Jesus Christ in the world. Perhaps the reason our society has such a distorted view of God is that they have not seen Him or His church modeled in family relationships. The traditional healthy home is an "endangered species."

If we build and maintain healthy homes, our relationally broken and morally dark world will find hope for their families by seeing the effect of the Gospel on ours. We can find personal and relational wholeness through Jesus Christ. It will change us, and our families and our healthy homes will be a witness to the world.

February Birthdays

1 Alexia Edwards Obinna Onuoha Rhonda Landry	13 Chad Evens Isaiah Johnson Saul Johnson	21 Terrell Johnson Christian Onuoha
2 John Franzen Pam Nixon	14 Jace Derickson Joshua Mercier Hope Igboebisi	22 Keith Wood
4 Hyacinth Swaby Elowynn Johns	15 Thea Norris	23 Jared Jones
5 Sis. Shanita Derrick Kynslie Davis Ava Brock Hadley Thorne Komlan Ahovi	16 Roger Carder Raden Schell Caleb Nixon Shalene Mariona	25 Khloe Franzen Bro. Joel Johns Ingrid Beckles Amelia Brock
6 Stephanie Douglas Sis. Tessa Turner Sis. Jackie Miller	17 Jennifer Strahan Shelly Gill Mark Brandon Sis. Rhonda VanWinkle	26 Joanie Camden
7 Vicky Lane Alyza Austin Marie Rodene Maya Russell	18 Patrick Boyd LaVerne Townsend Althea Bryan Andrea Manley Shannon Crabtree	27 Beau Johnson Zoey Frazier Abidemi Adebawo
8 Owen Blish	19 Deborah Reid	28 Kelly Floyd Tim Cheek Jacob Puckett
9 Bob Neumann	20 Tyler Brock Rodney Johnson Emily Douglas Jane Hardley Bethany Hernandez Samara Hernandez Wanda Stevenson	
10 Tonya Adams Ava Jo Plunkett		
11 Kolin Dollar Warren Johns Juanita Jackson		
12 Emileigh McElroy Shernette Cole Esther Cottrell		

February Anniversaries

2	Andrew & Ishimae Barnett
2	Joel & Sylvia Harrylal
2	Herbert & Jewel Martin
5	James & LaVerne Townsend
10	Arlin & Sarah Blackwell II
11	Glen & Althea Bryan
13	Naddy & Kathryn Esuzor
14	Bro. Richard & Patti Hall
17	Joshua & Rayla Coleman
18	John & Charlotte Franzen
19	Shawn & Marion Scott
20	Paul & Angela Stewart
21	Bryce & Shay Rowland
25	Errol & Hyacinth Swaby
27	Ryan & Emileigh McElroy

What's With the Party?
December 22 - January 19

Baptized in Jesus' Name

Charles Baah	Ginny Ivie
Brandon Bright	Ashton Jones
Donald Colem	Blakely Perez
Daniel Grady	Malayla Presley
Kristin Hall	Kassia Wade

Filled with the Holy Ghost

Charles Baah
Corin Evens
Blakely Perez
Malayla Presley
Eva Richardson



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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Ch.I.P.Z. - Children in the Power Zone

<p>1</p> <p>Missions Sunday</p> <p>Ch.I.P.Z.</p> <p>Small Group Semester Begins</p> <p>9 am Welcome to the Family Class</p> <p>12 pm BREAD Banquet</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 pm 301 Meeting Online</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:30 pm Ch.I.P.Z.</p> <p>7:30 pm CrossOver</p> <p>7:30 pm CROWD</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>GA District Statewide Youth Event</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 am HOPE</p> <p>9 am Bible Quizzing Tournament</p> <p>7:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Partners 1</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Bro. Rema Duncan</p> <p>Ch.I.P.Z.</p> <p>9 am Welcome to the Family Class</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:30 pm CROWD</p> <p>7:30 pm HYPHEN</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 am HOPE</p> <p>9 am Bible Quizzing Tournament</p> <p>7:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Partners 2</p>
<p>15</p> <p>IMAGINE Sunday</p> <p>Ch.I.P.Z.</p> <p>9 am Welcome to the Family Class</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Presidents' Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 pm Ladies Prayer</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:30 pm Ch.I.P.Z.</p> <p>7:30 pm CrossOver</p> <p>7:30 pm CROWD</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:30 pm Youth Revival</p> <p>Guest Speaker: Bro. Cole Beebe</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30 am HOPE</p> <p>7:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Partners 3</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Youth Revival Guest Speaker: Bro. Cole Beebe</p> <p>Ch.I.P.Z.</p> <p>9 am Welcome to the Family Class</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:30 pm CROWD</p> <p>7:30 pm HYPHEN</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30 am HOPE</p> <p>7:30 pm Pastor's Prayer Partners 4</p>