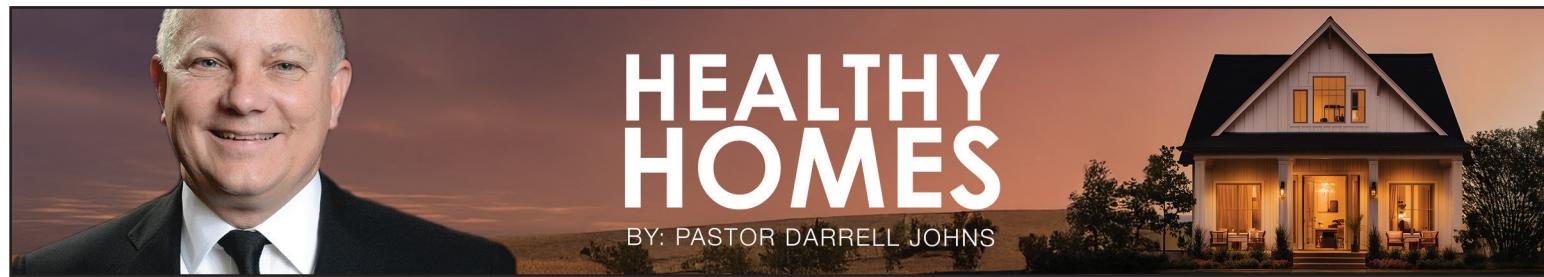


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How healthy is your home? The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reminds us that our homes can be dangerous places. You may not know it, but your home may be toxic with mold, radon, or allergens. Your drinking water may not be as 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  
**2**  
John Franzen  
Pam Nixon  
**4**  
Hyacinth Swaby  
Elowynn Johns  
**5**  
Sis. Shanita Derrick  
Kynslie Davis  
Ava Brock  
Hadley Thorne  
Komlan Ahovi  
**6**  
Stephanie Douglas  
Sis. Tessa Turner  
Sis. Jackie Miller  
**7**  
Vicky Lane  
Alyza Austin  
Marie Rodene  
Maya Russell  
**8**  
Owen Blish  
**9**  
Bob Neumann  
**10**  
Tonya Adams  
Ava Jo Plunkett  
**11**  
Kolin Dollar  
Warren Johns  
Juanita Jackson  
**12**  
Emileigh McElroy  
Shernette Cole  
Esther Cottrell

**13**  
Chad Evens  
Isaiah Johnson  
Saul Johnson  
**14**  
Jace Derickson  
Joshua Mercier  
Hope Igboebisi  
Thea Norris  
**15**  
Roger Carder  
Raden Schell  
Caleb Nixon  
Shalene Marionna  
**16**  
Arlin Blackwell, II  
Jim Gill  
Sharon Donnell  
Nick Mancuso  
**17**  
Jennifer Strahan  
Shelly Gill  
Mark Brandon  
Sis. Rhonda VanWinkle  
**18**  
Patrick Boyd  
LaVerne Townsend  
Althea Bryan  
Andrea Manley  
Shannon Crabtree  
**19**  
Deborah Reid  
**20**  
Tyler Brock  
Rodney Johnson  
Emily Douglas  
Jane Hardley  
Bethany Hernandez  
Samara Hernandez  
Wanda Stevenson

**21**  
Terrell Johnson  
Christian Onuoha  
**22**  
Keith Wood  
**23**  
Jared Jones  
**25**  
Khloe Franzen  
Bro. Joel Johns  
Ingrid Beckles  
Amelia Brock  
**26**  
Joanie Camden  
**27**  
Beau Johnson  
Zoey Frazier  
Abidemi Adebanwo  
**28**  
Kelly Floyd  
Tim Cheek  
Jacob Puckett

## 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



### 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



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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

# FEBRUARY 2026

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

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