

ATLANTA WEST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
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WHO WILL
GO?



There is a familiar line of reasoning about our involvement in missions: "Some give by going and others go by giving. We give so others can go."

There is truth in that statement. Missions requires generosity. Churches give so missionaries can cross borders, plant churches, preach the gospel, train leaders, translate materials, and reach places most of us may never see. Our giving makes ministry possible in cities and nations where we may never personally go.

But we must not miss another truth: Giving does not relieve us of the responsibility to go. Not everyone will go overseas. Not everyone will become a career missionary. Not everyone will relocate to another city to plant a church. But every follower of Jesus Christ is included in His mission.

The question is not simply, **"Who will give?"** The question is also, **"Who will go?"**

The Question God Asked

Isaiah 6 records one of Scripture's most dramatic calls to ministry. Isaiah saw the Lord "high and lifted up," with His glory filling the temple. Confronted by the holiness of God, Isaiah became painfully aware of his own condition. "Woe is me! for I am undone," he cried, "because I am a man of unclean lips" (Isaiah 6:5).

Then something happened. A seraph took a live coal from the altar and touched Isaiah's lips. His sin was purged. His life was changed. Then Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" (Isaiah 6:8).

Isaiah answered, "Here am I; send me." Notice the progression: Isaiah saw. Isaiah was convicted. Isaiah was cleansed. Isaiah heard. Isaiah responded. Isaiah was sent. The man who encountered God became a man willing to go.

Centuries later, Jesus stood before His disciples and issued another call:

- "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matthew 28:19).
- "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).
- Luke records that repentance and remission of sins were to be preached "among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47).

Then, just before His ascension, Jesus declared: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Isaiah heard, "Go, and tell." The disciples heard, "Go ye." And so do we.

God Still Needs Messengers

The Great Commission was not given only to full-time missionaries. It was given to the church. That means missions is not merely something we support. Missions is something we do—it is part of who we are.

We should give generously to those who carry the gospel across North America and around the world. We should help send missionaries where we cannot personally go. But while we are giving to send someone across an ocean, there may be someone across the street we are supposed to reach.

While we support someone preaching the gospel in another nation, there may be someone at work who needs our witness. There are people in our neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, families, restaurants, stores, and everyday routines who need Jesus. You may never need a passport to fulfill your Great Commission responsibility. Your mission field begins at home and extends beyond your front door.

Jesus described an expanding circle: Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and the uttermost part of the earth. We have a gospel that reaches here and there, near and far, home and abroad. We give so others can go. And we give as we go.

The God Who Sends Also Empowers

Perhaps we hesitate because we feel inadequate. Isaiah did. When he saw the Lord, he did not say, "I am exactly the person You need." He became aware of his weakness. But God did not merely expose Isaiah's inadequacy. God supplied what Isaiah lacked.

The disciples also needed something beyond themselves. Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem until they were "endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). Then He promised, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8).

The God Who Sends Also Supplies

We are not commissioned to go in our own ability. We go with His message, His authority, His power, and His presence. Jesus concluded the Great Commission in Matthew with this promise: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). We are never sent away from God. We are sent by God, with God.

Who Will Go?

This month during our World Missions Conference, we will hear about the needs of the world. We will be challenged to pray, and we will be challenged to give. We should do both. But we must also respond to the question Isaiah heard: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

Who will go to the neighbor? Who will reach the coworker? Who will teach the Bible study? Who will invite the family? Who will pray with the hurting person? Who will speak to the lost on behalf of Jesus Christ? Who will cross the street—and, if God calls, cross the ocean?

The Great Commission is too large for any one of us, but it belongs to all of us. Some will go farther than others. Some will cross cultures and continents. Some will plant churches in distant cities. All of us can help send them. But none of us should allow our giving to become a substitute for our going. God is looking for people who will hear His voice and respond. "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" May our answer be the answer of Isaiah: "Here am I; send me."

October Birthdays

1 Virginia Pye Bowden Austin	12 Patricia Sykes Shannon Nails Aiden Landry	22 Joy Norris Natalie Donaldson Darrell Hester
2 Terrence Talbot Sis. Yongmi Clark Kaleb Strouse Gabriel Carter Ellasyn Phillips Arianna Stubelt Jason Brown Ellie Sharp	13 Naomi Billups Cheryl Hester Daniel Wade	23 Brian Miller Cecilia Gales Wallace Smith
3 Andre Cole Jr Araseli Menera	14 Liam Crabtree Tina Stakley	24 Cameron Jackson Kinsie Johns
4 Tristan Evans	15 Veda Sharp Hezekiah Bryan Kaolin Carnes Adam Mosley Amelia Hayes Caleb Island Gabriel Rodriguez	25 Amanda Quinn Charlotte Franzen Ellie Sweeney
5 Asher Jones Kevin Bailey Brynlee Davis	16 JaMya Williams Laurie Kufchak Ja'Miyah Rodgers	26 Tracy Crooks Blakely Perez Angela Bennett
6 Wendy Barker Sandra Gay	17 Greg Boyd Tony Cagle	28 Glenda Boone Georgia Jones Emmalynn Whaley Enjoli Dollar Keely-Jo Banks
7 Rick Evens Jake Hobbs Germar Ladouceur Deborah Walburn Margery Tamas Khloe Henry	Pastor Darrell Johns Julie Taylor Tyler Bennett	29 Brad Sartin Alex Honeycutt Dave Nickens
8 Corban Norris Parker Dollar Briggs Hardigree Nathan Carnes Matthew Waldron	18 Kunle Adebola	30 Cindy Barnett Celeste Lewis Jermaine Campbell Donald Walburn Vivian Douglas Dejaun Marriott Madison Small
9 Michelle Mosley Bro. Jimmy VanWinkle Jose Moreno	19 Bridgett Rowland Ronald Taylor Paul Richardson Sophia Stakley Malayla Presley	31 Kandace Forrest Kiela Davis Kassia Grady
10 Bro. John Turner Easton Blish	20 Bro. Calvin Fisher	
11 Stephanie Harbuck Theodore Willey	21 Stacey Holbrook Bro. John Wolfram Mason Obergon	

October Anniversaries

2	Xoese & Crystal Sapari
6	Patrick & Tiffany Shope
9	Richard & Orlivia Coca
12	Gene & Patricia Sykes
12	Bro. Alex & Laurissa Hvass
14	Mack & Jill Walden
20	Jason & Melissa Austin
21	Richard & Lisa LaPrade
22	Bro. David & Shanita Derrick
23	Patrick & Rachel Boyd
25	Gary & Linda Radford
28	Janet & Preston Crabtree
30	Karl & Jennifer Franzen



What's With the Party?
August 24 - September 20

Filled with the Holy Ghost

Gracie Cabigal
Scottie Caldwell
Ayden AJ Goode
Ashley Netto
Ryker Rowland
Brandon Taylor
Kay Tyler

Baptized in Jesus' Name

Gracie Cabigal
Ashley Netto
Charlie Bell Puckett
Isabella Stubelt
Brandon Taylor
Kay Tyler



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
OCTOBER 2026 Ch.I.P.Z. - Children in the Power Zone				1	2	3 6 am HOPE 7 pm Pastor's Prayer Partners 1
					GA District Youth Worker Training	
4 Guest Speaker: Bro. Greg Albritton Missions Sunday Baby Dedication Ch.I.P.Z. 9 am Welcome to the Family Class	5	6 7 pm 301 Meeting Online	7 7:30 pm Ch.I.P.Z. 7:30 pm CrossOver 7:30 pm CROWD	8	9	10 6 am HOPE 7 pm Pastor's Prayer Partners 2
Week of Prayer and Fasting						
11 Ch.I.P.Z. 9 am Welcome to the Family Class	12	13	14 7:30 pm CROWD 7:30 pm HYPHEN	15	16	17 6 am HOPE 7 pm Pastor's Prayer Partners 3
18 IMAGINE Sunday Ch.I.P.Z. 9 am Welcome to the Family Class	19	20 7 pm Ladies Prayer	21 World Missions Conference Guest Speaker: Bro. Santy Jiminez 7:30 pm Ch.I.P.Z. 7:30 pm CrossOver CROWD Canceled	22 3 pm Trustee Board Meeting	23	24 6 am HOPE 5 pm HYPHEN Fall Party 7 pm Pastor's Prayer Partners 4
25 World Missions Conference Guest Speaker: Bro. Allan Shalm No Ch.I.P.Z. 9 am Welcome to the Family Class	26	27	28 7:30 pm CROWD 7:30 pm HYPHEN	29	30	31 6 am HOPE 11 am Fall Festival 7 pm Family Prayer