



Biography of Pastor Chris Townsend

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Pastor Chris Townsend is an Apostolic preacher, teacher, pastor, and ministry leader committed to equipping, empowering, and encouraging people to live victorious lives in Christ. His ministry was formed at Mount Bethel Apostolic Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, the congregation founded by his late grandfather, Bishop James Z. Townsend.

Pastor Chris received the gift of the Holy Ghost at the age of 10 and began serving in ministry in 2012. Over the years, he has served faithfully across multiple areas of local-church ministry and was ordained an Elder in 2020 through the Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith International (PCAFI). He also served in leadership with the Indiana State Youth and Young Adults, including as President/Co-President, helping encourage and develop the next generation of Apostolic believers.

In 2026, Pastor Chris entered a new season of pastoral leadership at Mount Bethel Apostolic Church, carrying forward a rich spiritual legacy while embracing the responsibility to lead the church into its next chapter. His heart for ministry reaches beyond maintaining tradition: he is passionate about evangelism, discipleship, restoration, spiritual formation, and taking the Gospel wherever people can be reached.

His preaching and teaching are marked by a practical approach to Scripture, a strong emphasis on the presence and power of God, and a desire to help people apply biblical truth to everyday life. Whether preaching, teaching, mentoring, or serving in pastoral ministry, his aim remains simple: point people to Jesus Christ, strengthen the Church, and make room for lives to be transformed by the Gospel.

Pastor Chris is affiliated with the Pentecostal Churches of the Apostolic Faith International and continues to serve with a deep appreciation for the foundation laid before him, a commitment to Apostolic doctrine, and a forward-looking vision for Kingdom impact.

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