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GREATER IS COMING

DESTINY CALL TO ACTION



As we have just completed the Thanksgiving holiday where we have hopefully assessed our many blessings of family and friends, and given God thanks for His grace, we now move into a tumultuous Christmas season.

This Christmas season is peppered with turmoil, agitation and messages about which retailer is worthy of our spending dollars. The country is still reeling over the presidential election and continues to be divided on various key issues. All these feelings and struggles if left unchecked can take our focus off the real reason for the season, which is Christ.

Yes, it's important that people voice their opinions and take action when they perceive they have been wronged, but remember God is *"the author and finisher of every good word and work in your life"*. Christ was born, suffered, died, and rose to save us so we could experience life more abundantly on earth as it is in heaven. This means that whatever God has promised you, it will come to pass. God is not a man that He should lie. If He said it, so shall He do it. Rest assured that no one can stop God's will.

Please don't let life's issues and problems distract you from celebrating the birth of the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Great I Am, our savior, our deliverer, our healer and the lover of our souls. We identified all our blessings during the Thanksgiving holiday, so let's remember to celebrate the birth of the giver of all those blessings, Jesus, the Christ.

WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES

**Isaiah 9:6**

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Psalms 92:2-3

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. 3 For the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods.

John 10:10

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly"

Matthew 6:10

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Numbers 23:19

"God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?"

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT



Looking for a place to learn about God and gain insight into His word?
Here are a few suggestions:

- ▶ 'Girl Talk' | Every Sunday, 2pm – 3 pm on :
Facebook: WTGB or online: <https://tgbtgb.org/girl-talk-2/>
- ▶ Ascension Church | Services held inside Tinley Temple Methodist Church
750-62 S. Broad Street, Phila., 19146 | Pastor John Brice
- ▶ Change Church | 895 Rancocas Road, Westhampton, NJ 08060
Sunday morning worship - 1130am | Pastor Dharius Daniels

- ▶ Ebenezer Baptist Church | 1002 N. 10th Street, Phila., 19133
Sunday morning worship – 11am | Pastor Malcom Medley
- ▶ Mediator Lutheran Church | 2845 N. 28th Street, Phila., 19132
Sunday morning worship – 11am | Pastor Regina Goodrich
- ▶ New Covenant Church of Philadelphia | 7500 Germantown Avenue, Phila., 19119
Sunday morning worship – 9:30am | Executive Pastor Bob Oliver
- ▶ Polite Temple Baptist Church | 38 E. Price Street, Phila., 19144
Morning Worship - 11:15am | Pastor Bernadine Waterman
- ▶ Providence Baptist Church | 87 E. Haines Street, Phila., 19144
Sunday morning worship – 10am | Pastor A. Gregory Jackson
- ▶ Apostle Tomy Jordan and Pastor Stephanie D. Jordan from Abiding Love Deliverance Center, NC are streaming live on Zoom every Saturday at noon. ID: 306 155 0388, Password: JESUSJOY
Dial 646-558-8656 to join them for Prayer on Tuesdays at 6pm and Wednesdays for Bible Study at 7 pm.
Contact information: 267-290-0654 or abidinglovedeliverancecenter@gmail.com



Trivia Question
What gifts did the three Wise Men
bring to the Baby Jesus?

(Answer on last page)





RESOURCES IN PHILADELPHIA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

At the time of publication, listed resources were available. Contact to verify that what you are interested in is still happening or available.

Please share the following with friends, family, neighbors, your social and ministry circles, etc.

Feel free to post on your personal social media and church bulletin boards.

FOOD RESOURCES

We are listing known food distributions, but you can also contact churches in your neighborhoods. Many of them hold weekly distributions. If you know of a resource not listed here, feel free to let us know and we will add them to future issues of the newsletter. Thank you.

- ▶ **Einstein Healthcare Network & Philabundance** | 11th St @ W. Clarkson St, Phila PA 19141
Tuesday mornings 9:30 - 10:30 am / On the Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia campus
A weekly produce market where fresh fruits and vegetables are distributed at no cost.
- ▶ **Gompers Free Food Distribution** | Samuel Gompers School, 5701 Wynnefield Ave, Phila PA, 19131
(267) 593-5590 | **Wednesdays** 11:30am - 1pm : December 11, 18, 25 and Jan 1.
- ▶ **Free Produce Distribution** | Mi Salud Wellness Center, 200 E Wyoming Ave, Phila PA, 19120
Mondays and Wednesdays at 6pm | first come first served until food runs out | 215.220.4421
<https://www.misaludwellness.org/>

FARMERS' MARKETS

- ▶ **Rittenhouse Saturday Farmers' Market** : 12/7, 12/14 and 12/21: 10 am - 2 pm
18th & Walnut Streets, Phila., PA 19107 / 215.733.9599
- ▶ **Chestnut Hill Farmers' Market** : **Saturdays** - Call for December dates
Winston Road between Germantown Avenue & Mermaid Lane, Phila., PA 19107 / 215.733.9599
- ▶ **Germantown Farmers Market** : **Bi-weekly Saturdays**, - Call for December dates
5501 Germantown Avenue, Phila., PA 19144
- ▶ **Fitler Square Farmers Market** : 2227 Pine St., Phila., PA 19103 / 215.575.0444 - Call for December dates.

To find more food resources go to the following food, meal and other public benefit finders:

- ▶ <https://www.phila.gov/food/>
- ▶ Share Food Program, Food Map by County:
https://www.sharefoodprogram.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Pantry-Sheet_61724.pdf
- ▶ PA Food Pantries: <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/resources/ending-hunger/food-pantries.html>
- ▶ The Food Trust: <https://thefoodtrust.org/what-we-do/farmers-markets/>

ALL AROUND RESOURCES & ASSISTANCE

▶ **Prevention Hotline** | dial 211

211 is a source for local social service info, providing all Pennsylvania residents access to customized health, housing and human services in one place 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Individuals can call 211, or send a text to 898-211, or enter a live chat at [pa211.org](https://www.pa211.org) or visit <https://www.pa211.org/> and get connected to trained personnel who will help with your request.

While the hotline provides critical support, individuals facing immediate danger should always contact 911.

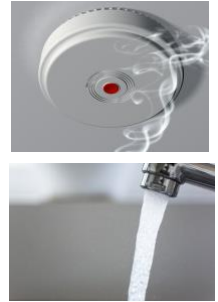
HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES

▶ **Smoke Alarms**

Philadelphia residents call 3-1-1 to receive a free smoke alarm installation. You can also [submit a request to Philly 311 online](#).

▶ **Philadelphia Water Department Financial Assistance Programs**

If you're having problems paying your water bill or maintaining your service, Philadelphia Water Department **has programs that may help you**. For a view of the options available visit: <https://water.phila.gov/financial-assistance/>



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ **Community Safety Project: The Village of Arts and Humanities** - info@villagearts.org 215-436-9750
Thu December 19, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., join our resident-led [Community Safety Project](#) designed to prevent violence without police involvement. It's a chance to connect with your neighbors and create a better future. [Register here](#).

▶ **Philadelphia School District Re-Engagement Center**

The School District of Philadelphia's Re-Engagement Center (REC) aims to provide students who have previously dropped out (or those in school and at risk of dropping out) with the chance to return to school by offering a range of "educational pathways". For more information call [215-400-6700](tel:215-400-6700) or go to: <https://www.philasd.org/opportunitynetwork/reengagement/>

▶ **DadLab** | Meetings held online with Zoom

Sponsored by Einstein Medical Center of Philadelphia

This is a group designed for new fathers to learn about being a dad. Transitioning to fatherhood can be overwhelming. Sharing your experiences and learning from others can help you build confidence and bond with your baby. You won't be lectured on the "right" way to father. You'll have an opportunity to share your fathering experiences, concerns and questions and connect with other dads. New moms and partners are also included because everyone benefits when co-parents communicate and coordinate their care. **For meeting times**, call or text DadLab Director Jay Cherney at 215-690-1029 or email him at cherney.jay@gmail.com. Or contact Co-facilitator Clarence B. Iszard at 484-471-7005 or iszardc@einstein.edu.



▶ **Project Home/Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs**

Check the website for FREE community events, adult learning classes, workshops, job fairs, wellness programs, volunteer opportunities, art shows: <https://www.projecthome.org/events>

- ▶ **Take A Free Class** - The Free Library of Philadelphia offers a wide variety of free classes at branches around the city. Additionally, the Office of Children and Families provides free adult education classes through a citywide network of community providers.

- [Adult education at the Free Library](#)
- [Other programs and services at the Free Library](#)
- [Adult education through the Office of Children and Families](#)

COVID & HEALING RESOURCES

Covid numbers are increasing again. Please be mindful about when/where you should wear a mask, whether or not to be in crowds of people, and testing (and isolating yourself if you feel ill).

▪ **COVID RELIEF FOR FUNERAL EXPENSES**

Philadelphians who have lost loved ones due to covid, can receive FEMA aid to cover funeral expenses, up to \$9,000 per person lost. To apply, call 844-684-6333 or visit <https://www.usa.gov/covid-funeral-assistance>

▪ **COVID-19 VACCINATIONS**

Covid-19 vaccinations and boosters are available in numerous locations throughout Philadelphia and its surrounding cities and counties.



To find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you:

- go to: <https://www.phila.gov/services/mental-physical-health/get-vaccinated/get-your-covid-19-vaccine-or-boosters/>
- Search [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov),
- Text your ZIP code to 438829, or
- Call 1-800-232-0233.
- Many neighborhood pharmacies continue to offer vaccines. Check with your local pharmacy.
- To request an in-home appointment, call 215-685-5488 (press 2 for Spanish or 3 for all other languages). Dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance.

▪ **COVID-19 TESTING**

There are many covid testing sites available. Go to: <https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/> or access the Testing Locator at testinglocator.cdc.gov.

Your Destiny is Here, Inc. provides resource information as a public service for persons in need. While we try to keep the information timely and accurate, we make no guarantees. Services provided by listed organizations and businesses are the sole responsibility of the organization or business.

Children's Corner

1st Things First – The Word for this month is "CHRISTMAS"

2nd Thing - How many common words can you make out of the word **CHRISTMAS**? Give it a try and come back next month to compare your list with ours.

3rd Thing - Last Month's word was GRATITUDE. There are over 200 words that can be found in gratitude. Here's our top 50. How does your list compare with ours?

1. adieu	11. dire	21. grit	31. read	41. tirade
2. aged	12. dirt	22. guard	32. ride	42. trade
3. aide	13. drag	23. guide	33. ridge	43. trait
4. argue	14. edit	24. guitar	34. rude	44. tread
5. attire	15. gait	25. gutted	35. target	45. treat
6. audit	16. gate	26. idea	36. tart	46. triage
7. dare	17. gear	27. irate	37. tide	47. tried
8. dart	18. grade	28. rage	38. tied	48. true
9. date	19. grate	29. raid	39. tier	49. urge
10. dear	20. great	30. rate	40. tiger	50. utter

Now on to some fun activities!

- ▶ 101 Happy Holiday Fun Ideas
<https://philly.kidsoutandabout.com/content/101-ideas-holiday-family-fun-philadelphia-area-2024>
- ▶ 101 Family Day Trips and Staycations Around Philadelphia
<https://philly.kidsoutandabout.com/content/101-family-day-trips-philadelphia>
- ▶ AAMP Family Fun Days / Saturday December 14, 10 am to 5 pm
African American Museum in Philadelphia, 701 Arch Street, Philadelphia PA 215-574-0308
- ▶ Philadelphia Zoo, 3400 W Girard Ave, Phila., PA 19104
<https://www.philadelphiapark.org/events/>
- ▶ Science History Institute, 315 Chestnut St., Phila., PA 19106
<https://www.sciencehistory.org/visit/events/>
- ▶ Mommy Poppins Philly Holiday Event Guide:
<https://mommypoppins.com/philadelphia-family/christmashanukkah/philadelphia-holiday-guide-christmas-hanukkah-events>

FAMILY EVENTS

- ▶ For live and/or virtual holiday merriment in your neighborhood, Google: "holiday events in <name of your city> 2024", and you're bound to find great holiday events and activities to make memorable family time out of.
- ▶ Christmas Celebration at Please Touch Museum / Saturday December 14, 9:30 - 4pm
4231 Avenue of the Republic, Philadelphia, PA, 19131
- ▶ December 2024 in Philly: The 85 Biggest Events, Fests & Exhibitions
<https://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/top-things-to-do-in-philadelphia-in-december/>
- ▶ Metro To Do Events for December
https://events.metrophiladelphia.com/?start_date=2024-12-14&end_date=2024-12-31

To find more activities and events:

- ▶ <https://philly.kidsoutandabout.com/>
- ▶ <https://www.visitphilly.com/uwishunu/things-to-do-in-philadelphia-this-week-weekend/>
- ▶ <https://www.phila.gov/the-latest/all-events/?category=Philadelphia%20Parks%20%26%20Recreation>

DISCOVERY



For unto us a Child is born...

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WORD LIST

Celebration
Christmas
Counselor
Wonderful
Deliverer
Finisher
God
Healer
Heaven
Jesus
Joseph
Joy
King of Kings
Lord of Lords
Love
Mary
Prince of Peace
Savior



TRIVIA QUESTION & ANSWER

What gifts did the three Wise Men
bring to the Baby Jesus?

Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh

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