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GREATER IS COMING

DESTINY CALL TO ACTION: FALL INTO SELF-IMPROVEMENT EDUCATION



As we say good-bye to summer and hello to fall, we welcome our children returning to school. We're excited when our young adults go back to college and move closer to their degrees, which will turn into well-paying careers. We should also be excited about the new experiences and challenges that will grow us by expanding our lives. God's Word says, "*Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life*".

Yes, our children will take on new learning when they return to school. We will also encounter new learning through our daily activities. Allow this fall to remind us that we are never too old to grow and improve our minds, bodies, and spirits. Every day is another opportunity to connect with our destiny or to help someone else to connect with theirs.

This month don't underestimate the growth that comes with challenges or the development that is created by an annoying person. If we are to be the light in dark places, God has to put us in dark places so that our light will shine and glorify Him. While light attracts light and dark attracts dark, all dark and challenging situations are not attacks on your spirit, but possibly ministry to show God's love, through your meekness, patience, and kindness.

Use this month to be either a student or a teacher. You can be a student by learning to walk into the plans God has for you. He has plans of peace, not of evil, and will bring you to an expected end. You can be a teacher by demonstrating to others God's omnipotence by how you face your personal challenges. Rather than panic, you can have blessed assurance that God will keep His word of never leaving or forsaking you.

Finally, sit and do your homework with your children. While they have their lessons from school, they can see you doing your spiritual lessons of praying, reading the bible and journaling God's grace in your life.

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WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES



Proverbs 4:13:

Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.

Galatians 5:22-23:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control; against such things there is no law.

Jeremiah 32:17:

Nothing is too hard for you.

Matthew 19:26:

With God all things are possible.



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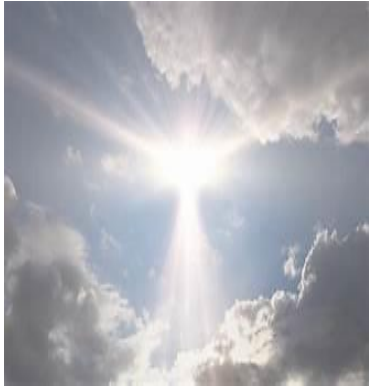
As our children and young adults start to head back to school, SEPTA is rolling back its public service efforts. For decades, SEPTA has served the region, appealing to the everyday man, woman, and child. However, beginning August 24th, adjustments to routes and schedules have led many feeling frustrated and overlooked. This raises an urgent question: *How does this lack of support affect the education, futures, and current lifestyles of Philadelphia's inner city youth?*

Over the past few weeks, many residents have expressed discontent over SEPTA cutting or consolidating bus routes, unpredictable wait times, and in some cases buses not showing up at all. If students and parents, alike, cannot figure out the new changes many adolescents risk being left behind.

From a sociological and criminal justice perspective, the consequences go beyond missed buses. If schools respond through punitive actions, i.e., detention or suspension due to strict tardiness policies, students are more likely to become negative statistics. Students may face academic decline which can begin the process of negative labeling. Research shows that repeated discipline can contribute to lower GPAs, school disengagement, and even higher dropout rates.

For students already struggling with literacy, math, critical thinking, etc. this disruption may widen the gap. Picking them up from this point may be more difficult than anticipated. And while we are still carrying out the “no child left behind” notion, we are knowingly so failing many. Moreover, while we hope the City of Philadelphia prioritizes the needs of its residents, citizens also have power. We can demand better: call representatives, get involved with groups in the city, stay abreast of the issues that matter. Ultimately the only people that can help us is us! And who better to do it?

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT



If you're looking for a place to learn more about God and gain insight into His word see the list of suggestions below. If you know a place that provides spiritual enrichment let us know so we can add them to the list.

- ▶ '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

- ▶ Dare to Imagine Church | 6610 Anderson Street, Phila., 19119
Sunday morning worship - 9:00am and 11:00 am | Rev. James Scott, Jr.
- ▶ 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 - 10:00am | 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 was the location of the oldest and thereby the first
sign of life on the earth?

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(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 accessible.
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.

FREE FOOD & PRODUCE

- ▶ Mi Salud Wellness Center, 200 E Wyoming Ave, Phila PA, 19120 | [CLICK HERE for INFO](#)
or place the following in your browser: <https://www.misaludwellness.org/>
Mondays and Wednesdays at 6pm - first come first served until food runs out - 215.220.4421
- ▶ JeffCARES Community Pantry - 5587 Park Ave., Phila PA 19141 - Tues 8am-1pm and Thu 1pm-4pm
- ▶ LemonTree Free Food in Wynnefield PA Helpline: [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#) or place the following in your browser: <https://www.foodhelpline.org/directory/locations/wynnefield>
- ▶ Councilmember Jamie Gautier, 606 S. 52nd Street, 19139 grocery giveaway open to all local residents; 2nd and 3rd Thursday of each month; no pre-registration required. First come, first served basis. Attendees advised to bring their own bags to carry the items.
- ▶ New Covenant Church of Philadelphia - 7500 Germantown Ave. Phila PA 19119 - 215.247.7500
2 Fish 5 Loaves Food Pantry serves on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays of the month until food runs out.
Closed during inclement weather and holidays.
- ▶ Philly Free Food and Meals: [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#) or place the following in your browser:
<https://www.phila.gov/food/#/>
- ▶ Faith Chapel Church Food Distribution, 108 E Price St, Philadelphia, PA 19144, Saturday at 10:30

OTHER

- ▶ Chestnut Hill Farmers' Market : Saturdays - 10 am - 12 pm / [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
Winston Road between Germantown Avenue & Mermaid Lane, 19107 / 215.733.9599
- ▶ Clark Park Farmers Market: Saturdays 10 am- 2 pm - 43rd & Chester Ave., Phila. 19104
- ▶ East Falls Farmers' Market : Saturdays - 10 am - 1pm - 4100 Ridge Ave., 19129 Under the Twin Bridges
[CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ Rittenhouse Farmers' Market : Saturday's 10 am - 2 pm : 18th & Walnut Streets, 19107 / 215.733.9599
[CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ Philly Farmers Markets <https://www.phila.gov/farmers-markets/> - [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ Share Food Program, Food Map by County: <https://www.sharefoodprogram.org/>
- ▶ The Food Trust: <https://thefoodtrust.org/what-we-do/farmers-markets/>
Includes info for several neighborhoods in Philadelphia. [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ PA Food Pantries: <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/resources/ending-hunger/food-pantries.html>

ALL AROUND RESOURCES & ASSISTANCE

▶ **Prevention Hotline** | dial 211

If you need to connect with resources in your community, but don't know where to look, PA 211 is a great place to start. From help with a utilities bill, to housing assistance, after-school programs for kids, and more, you can dial 211 or text your zip code to 898-211 to talk with a resource specialist for free. Our specialists will listen to your needs and give you information on programs in your community that might be able to help. Visit our [search page](#) to explore programs available in your community by categories such as financial assistance, housing, and food. You can also connect with a resource specialist via [chat](#) during business hours.

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

HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES

▶ **Smoke Alarms** - <https://www.phila.gov/departments/philly311/>

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

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

The School District of Philadelphia understands that every student has unique needs. For some, life outside of school makes traditional education challenging. So, they are offering alternative schools and programs tailored to support students success, ensuring graduates are ready for college or a career. Resources include the Re-engagement Center; Programs: Accelerated, Continuation, Gateway to College and Transition; Adult Education Programs: Diploma Programs and Educational Options. For more information call [215-400-4000](tel:215-400-4000) or go to: <https://www.philasd.org/backontrack/>

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

This is a group of fathers-to-be, new fathers, and their partners who come together to share and learn what it means to be a new parent and how to build a strong bond with their baby. There are no lectures prescribing the "right" way to father. The aim of Dad Lab is to help participants get off to a good start in their new role as parent. The group is a peer community with participants who have life experiences in common and share their parenting questions, concerns and successes. It's a safe space where members learn from each other and support each other on their parenthood journey.



Click and page through the link below for meeting dates or contact co-facilitator Clarence B. Iszard at 484-471-7005 or https://academiccommons.jefferson.edu/ext/parent_education/index.cfm?cat=all

▶ **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 and fundraisers: <https://www.projecthome.org/events>

- ▶ **FREE CLASSES** - The Free Library of Philadelphia offers a wide variety of free classes at branches around the city. Additionally, the City of Philadelphia works with community partners to give adult learners access to education, digital skills training, and a path to job readiness. CLICK the links below for info...
 - [Adult education at the Free Library](#)
 - [Other programs and services at the Free Library](#)
 - [Adult education through the Office of Children and Families](#)
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COVID & HEALTH/HEALING RESOURCES

▪ **RELIEF FOR COVID RELATED FUNERAL EXPENSES**

Philadelphians who have lost loved ones due to covid, can receive FEMA aid to cover funeral expenses, available until September 2025. 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-booster/>
- 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.

- **North Philadelphia Resource Hub** at Mi Salud Wellness Center, 200 E Wyoming Ave, 19120
<https://www.misaludwellness.org/>

- **Free and Confidential Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Screenings**

Every Monday and 3rd Tuesday 10am - 3:30pm

- **Free Walk-in Health Screenings** - No ID or insurance needed (Entrance on A Street)
Second and Third Tuesday of every month 1-4pm
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Children's Corner

1st Things First - The Word for this month is "UNDERSTANDING". In the Bible, understanding is primarily seen as a God-given ability to see the truth, apply wisdom, and is often described as a gift from God.

2nd Thing - How many common words can you make out of the word **UNDERSTANDING**? Give it a try and come back next month to compare your list with ours. (It's not cheating if you use the dictionary, in fact we encourage you to.)

3rd Thing - Last Month's word was RELAXATION. Our Google search says there are over 450 words that can be found in RELAXATION. Here's our top 50. How many did you come up with?

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| 1. aerial | 11. atone | 21. learnt | 31. ratio | 41. talon |
| 2. alert | 12. exalt | 22. linear | 32. ration | 42. taxer |
| 3. alien | 13. extra | 23. liner | 33. relax | 43. tenor |
| 4. alone | 14. inlet | 24. liter | 34. reliant | 44. tiara |
| 5. altar | 15. intro | 25. loaner | 35. rental | 45. toenail |
| 6. alter | 16. irate | 26. loiter | 36. retail | 46. toner |
| 7. antler | 17. later | 27. nitro | 37. retain | 47. toxin |
| 8. aorta | 18. latex | 28. oiler | 38. retina | 48. trail |
| 9. arena | 19. leant | 29. orient | 39. retinol | 49. train |
| 10. ariel | 20. learn | 30. oxtail | 40. tailor | 50. trial |

Now on to some fun for the kids, teens and everyone!

In Philadelphia this September, you can take the kids for free to **explore Independence National Historical Park, including the Liberty Bell Center and Independence Hall**, or **visit outdoor spots like Spruce Street Harbor Park and the Smith Memorial Playground**. **Enjoy public art like the Rocky Statue and the LOVE sculpture, discover the United States Mint or the Wagner Free Institute of Science.**

- ▶ 8 Free Things To Do This September in Philly - [CLICK HERE or on the link below](https://www.thenormentschool.org/post/8-things-to-do-in-philly-for-free-in-september-with-kids)
<https://www.thenormentschool.org/post/8-things-to-do-in-philly-for-free-in-september-with-kids>
- ▶ September 2025 in Philly: The Biggest Events, Fests & Exhibitions - [CLICK HERE or on the link below](https://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/top-things-to-do-in-philadelphia-in-september/)
<https://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/top-things-to-do-in-philadelphia-in-september/>
- ▶ Free Places to Take The Kids in and around Philadelphia
<https://philly.kidsoutandabout.com/content/free-places-take-kids-and-around-philadelphia>
- ▶ Philadelphia for Families: A Year-Round Guide to Kid Friendly Activities:
<https://www.visitphilly.com/for-kids-families-in-philadelphia/>
- ▶ Saturday Free Boating at Bartram Gardens, **every Saturday through October 4, 2025**, when weather permits.
5400 Lindbergh Avenue, Phila PA 19143 <https://phillyfamily.com/event/free-boating-at-bartrams-garden/2025-08-23/>

More Events for the Family... (click the underlined links below for more info)

- ▶ Mommy Poppins - Find Daily Events in Philadelphia : [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ City of Philadelphia - All Events: <https://www.phila.gov/the-latest/all-events/>
- ▶ My Guide Philadelphia - September 2025 Events: <https://www.myguidephiladelphia.com/events/september-2025>
- ▶ Free Library of Philadelphia calendar of events for the whole family: <https://libwww.freelibrary.org/calendar/>

DISCOVERY



Joshua 1:9 - "Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

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WORD LIST

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College
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Elementary
Freshman
Grade
Grasp
Guide
Junior
Knowledge
Learning
Primary
Promotion
Recall
Retain
School
Scholar
Senior
Sophomore
Study
Teach
Train
Tutor



TRIVIA QUESTION...

What was the location of the oldest and thereby the first sign of life on the earth?

THE ANSWER...

Africa.

The oldest human fossils were found at Jebel Irhoud in Morocco, dating back approximately 315,000 years, which means the oldest known human ancestor fossils come from Africa.

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