



YOUR DESTINY IS HERE INC

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GREATER IS COMING

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## DESTINY CALL TO ACTION ::: GIVE THANKS BY SHOWING THANKS



God's Word declares that we should love one another as God loves us and by doing this, everyone will know that we are followers of Christ.

Thanksgiving is the highest traveled holiday of the year; more than summer vacation season. Thanksgiving is a holiday filled with a tradition that focuses on food, family, and fun. Thanksgiving is the time when we yearn to connect with family and to catch up with old friends. It's the holiday when we eat good food and share stories about the good old days.

This year let's expand our Thanksgiving traditions of giving thanks by showing thanks and demonstrating love to one another. This year, extend yourself and your resources farther than you ever have before. Allow people to see Christ in your heart by how you listen to others, show compassion, give support and demonstrate empathy.

Show thanks by either making a small or large significant gesture that will impact someone's life. Listen to friends and neighbors' as they discuss their Thanksgiving plans and offer to make them better. It could be as simple as offering them a ride to their destination or as big as inviting them to share your Thanksgiving celebration. It could be an even larger gesture, such as offering to provide them with a "cooked" Thanksgiving turkey or paying the travel expenses to bring a loved one home to celebrate with their family. You could involve your church by organizing members of your adult or children's choir to sing at a local facility's holiday program or have your ushers volunteer to serve at the facility's Thanksgiving day lunch.

Whatever you choose to do, whether it's a small or larger gesture, do it to show God's love. By doing this, you are demonstrating to others that Christ lives and that it was His love that sent you to show others a real reason to be thankful.

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## WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES



### **John 13:34 - 35**

*A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

### **Luke 6:38**

*Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

### **2 Corinthians 9:7**

*So, let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver*



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### **A Season of Gratitude: Celebrating Six Years of Connection**

As we enter the month of giving thanks, I find myself reflecting on how much we have to be grateful for—both individually and as a community. Gratitude is more than a moment of acknowledgment; it is a practice that grounds us, reminds us of our growth, and strengthens the bonds we share with one another. It fuels our actions and inspires us to embrace the shared human experience, no matter which path we take.

This year marks the sixth anniversary of our “Your Destiny Is Here, Inc.” newsletter—a milestone that fills me with both pride and deep appreciation. YDH has grown into a platform that connects passionate individuals who believe in the power of purpose, community, and change.

Over the past six years, we’ve celebrated countless stories of resilience, advocacy, and transformation. I also want to take a moment to acknowledge Your Destiny Is Here, Inc. for being recognized by Northwest Victim Services—an honor that highlights the impact of our ongoing outreach throughout the Philadelphia region. This accomplishment could not go without a special thank you to the members and supporters of this organization. This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication of our members, supporters, and community partners. Together, we continue to fulfill our mission of leading and advocating through the guiding principles of Christ.

Additionally, as we celebrate this anniversary, let us give thanks not only for what we have accomplished but also for the road ahead. Each new edition of this newsletter is a reminder that our voices matter, our stories inspire, and our unity makes a difference.

Thank you for continuing to read, engage, and believe in the mission of “Your Destiny Is Here, Inc.” Here’s to six years of purpose—and to many more seasons of gratitude, growth, and community.

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## A SPECIAL TRIBUTE



As we celebrate another year for the Your Destiny is Here, Inc. newsletter, we would be remiss if we did not take a minute to pay tribute to Cynthia Ford-Davis, who turned Rev. Ivey's dream of a newsletter into something real. Cynthia put her heart and soul into creating and assembling information that proved to be vital and essential for the communities we serve. Since her passing last year, we have done our best to carry on with the same care, flair and zeal that Cynthia did. As we enter year #6, we'll continue to use her spirit, template and words as a guide to keep the newsletter relatable, updated and a source of fundamental information for everyone hoping to fulfill their destiny.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

On Thursday, October 23, 2025 Melany P. Nelson, Executive Director of Northwest Victims Services (NWVS) honored Rev. Linda Ivey and YDH with a "Good Faith Community Award" for their work helping individuals and families in the community. The award took place during NWSV's Annual Fundraiser.



Melany Nelson, Executive Director, NWVS and  
Rev. Linda Ivey, Founder, Your Destiny is Here, Inc



YDH Advisory Board Members: Rosalyn Jackson, Rev. Betsy Ivey,  
Ashanti Raysor, (Melany Nelson), Rev. Linda Ivey, Tiffanie Ballou,  
and Dr. Bernadine Waterman

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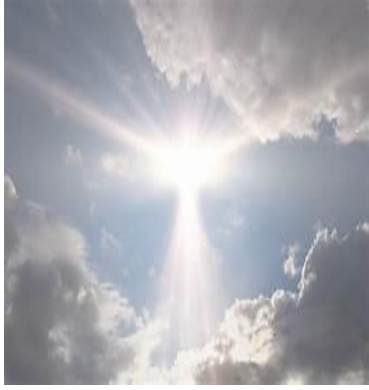
## OCTOBER COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On October 16, 2025, YDH donated hygiene products to Penrose Elementary School.

Pictured are Dana Horiwitz, Penrose Counselor;  
Rev. Linda J. Ivey, YDH founder; and  
Dr. Casciato, Penrose Principal.



## 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
- ▶ Abiding Love Deliverance Center | 1520 West Blvd. Suite 1, Charlotte, NC 28208  
Sabbath Worship Experience Saturday 11am - Live Streaming via Zoom  
Password: JESUSJOY / Apostles Tomy and Stephanie D. Jordan
- ▶ Change Church | 895 Rancocas Road, Westhampton, NJ 08060  
Sunday morning worship - 11:30am | 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
- ▶ Faith Chapel Church | 108 E Price St, Phila., 19144  
Sunday morning worship - 10am | Pastor John H. Graves
- ▶ 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
- ▶ Temple of Divine Love Church - 1518 W. Girard Avenue, Phila., 19130  
Sunday morning worship - 11am - Reverend Phillip L. Hudson, Jr.



### TRIVIA QUESTION...

What was the original product Amazon was created to sell?

(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. 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**

- ▶ \$40 Thanksgiving Feast for 10 - **CLICK STORE LOGO** (Aldi or Walmart) for more information:  
- ▶ **Mon & Wed 6pm - Mi Salud Wellness Center**, 200 E Wyoming Ave, Phila PA 19120 - 215.220.4421  
First come first served until food runs out | [CLICK HERE for INFO](https://www.misaludwellness.org/) or place the following in your browser:  
<https://www.misaludwellness.org/>
- ▶ **Tue 8am - 1pm & Thu 1pm-4pm - JeffCARES Community Pantry**, 5587 Park Ave., Phila PA 19141
- ▶ **Thu 10am - 12 noon - Faith Chapel Church Food Distribution**, 108 E Price St, Philadelphia, PA 19144
- ▶ **2nd & 4th Thu of each month, 12 noon until supplies run out - Councilmember Jamie Gautier**  
606 S. 52nd Street, Phila PA 19139 Grocery giveaway open to all local residents; No pre-registration required.  
First come, first served basis. Attendees advised to bring their own bags to carry the items.
- ▶ **Sat at 1pm on Nov 22nd & Dec 13th - 2 Fish 5 Loaves Food Pantry, New Covenant Church of Philadelphia**  
7500 Germantown Ave., Phila PA 19119, 215.247.7500
- ▶ **LemonTree Free Food in Wynnefield PA** Helpline: [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](https://www.foodhelpline.org/directory/locations/wynnefield) or place the following in your browser: <https://www.foodhelpline.org/directory/locations/wynnefield>
- ▶ **Philly Free Food and Meals Finder:** [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](https://www.phila.gov/food/#/) or place the following in your browser:  
<https://www.phila.gov/food/#/>
- ▶ **PA Food Pantries:** <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/resources/ending-hunger/food-pantries.html>
- ▶ **Share Food Program, Find Food:** Call 215-223-2220 or [CLICK HERE](https://www.sharefoodprogram.org/find-food/) or insert the following URL in your browser:  
<https://www.sharefoodprogram.org/find-food/>
- ▶ **Share Food Program, Food Map by County:** <https://www.sharefoodprogram.org/>

### **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 - 4300-4398 Baltimore Ave., Phila. 19104, 215.686.1776
- ▶ **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 Finder:** <https://www.phila.gov/farmers-markets/> - [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ **The Food Trust:** Includes info for several neighborhoods in Philadelphia. [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](https://thefoodtrust.org/what-we-do/farmers-markets/) or place the following URL in your browser: <https://thefoodtrust.org/what-we-do/farmers-markets/>

## **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*

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## **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/>



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## **EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES**

### ► **Philadelphia School District Relaunches Parent and Family University**

Philadelphia school leaders are reinvesting in parent education to improve student outcomes and build trust between families and the district. They've announced the relaunch of the district's **Parent and Family University** program...fulfilling a longstanding promise from Superintendent Tony Watlington to help parents and families engage with their children, schools, and communities. Parents will be able to access new resources, like online classes, physical and mental health information, and tools to support their children's learning. In-person sessions will feature free babysitting and childcare services, food, and other resources. [CLICK HERE for more information](#).

### ► **Philadelphia School District Re-Engagement Center**

The School District of Philadelphia understands that every student has unique needs. So, they are offering alternative schools and programs tailored to support students success, ensuring graduates are ready for college or a career. 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. 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](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**

### ■ **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 [CLICK HERE](#) or place the following URL in your browser:

- go to: <https://www.phila.gov/services/mental-physical-health/get-vaccinated/get-your-covid-19-vaccine-or-boosters/>
- Search [vaccines.gov](https://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. Dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance.

### ■ **COVID-19 TESTING**

To find a testing site [CLICK HERE](#) or use the following URL in your browser:

<https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/>.

### ■ **North Philadelphia Resource Hub** at Mi Salud Wellness Center, 200 E Wyoming Ave, Phila PA 19120, <https://www.misaludwellness.org>, **offering the following services and much more:**

- **Free At-Home Covid-19 & HIV Test Kits** Mon - Thu 9am - 4pm Fri - 8:30 - 3:30
- **Free Walk-in Health Screenings** - No ID or insurance needed (Entrance on A Street)  
Second and Third Tuesday of every month 1-4pm



### **Have you heard about the 52 WEEKS OF FIRSTS?**

It's Philly's way of celebrating America's 250th anniversary with a yearlong event featuring a new "Saturday First-ival" each week. Organized by the Philadelphia Historic District, "52 Weeks" honors Philly's achievements and traditions, such as the first hot air balloon flight, the first professional basketball league, Girl Scout cookie sale, public protest against slavery in America, Women's Medical College, Postmaster, Zoo, Ronald McDonald's House and so much more, including cultural milestones and locations like *Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church*. Each celebration occurs at the original location of the event and includes speakers, storytelling, live performances, and family-friendly activities. Click the logo for more info and let's get ready to celebrate!



## Children's Corner

**1st Things First** – The Word for this month is "**ANNIVERSARY**". The significance of anniversaries is in celebrating milestones and offering a chance to reflect, recommit, and appreciate relationships and history. The Bible does not mention anniversaries specifically, but it does support the principles of commemoration and remembrance.

**2nd Thing** - How many common words can you make out of the word **ANNIVERSARY**? 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 HARVEST. Our Google search says there are over 200 words that can be found in HARVEST. Here's our top 3-letter words. How many words did you come up with?

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|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 1. are   | 11. hare  | 21. her   | 31. sea    | 41. stave |
| 2. art   | 12. has   | 22. het   | 32. seat   | 42. tar   |
| 3. ash   | 13. haste | 23. rah   | 33. set    | 43. tea   |
| 4. ate   | 14. hate  | 24. rash  | 34. share  | 44. tear  |
| 5. avert | 15. hater | 25. rates | 35. shave  | 45. teas  |
| 6. ear   | 16. hats  | 26. rath  | 36. she    | 46. the   |
| 7. earth | 17. have  | 27. rave  | 37. shear  | 47. trash |
| 8. east  | 18. hear  | 28. rest  | 38. star   | 48. vase  |
| 9. eats  | 19. heart | 29. sat   | 39. stare  | 49. vast  |
| 10. era  | 20. heat  | 30. save  | 40. starve | 50. vet   |

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

- ▶ **Visit Philly's 40+ Free Things To Do in Philly** - [CLICK HERE](https://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/top-things-to-do-in-philadelphia-in-november/) or use the URL below in your browser: <https://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/top-things-to-do-in-philadelphia-in-november/>
- ▶ **Kids Out & About's Free Places to Take The Kids in and around Philadelphia**, including a Guide to Everything for Kids, Teens & Families; Master Guide to Fall Fun; 101 Family Day Trips; - [CLICK HERE](https://philly.kidsoutandabout.com/content/free-places-take-kids-and-around-philadelphia) or use the URL below in your browser. <https://philly.kidsoutandabout.com/content/free-places-take-kids-and-around-philadelphia>
- ▶ **Philadelphia for Families: A Year-Round Guide to Kid Friendly Activities:** [CLICK HERE](https://www.visitphilly.com/for-kids-families-in-philadelphia/) or use the URL below in your browser: <https://www.visitphilly.com/for-kids-families-in-philadelphia/>
- ▶ **Philadelphia Family/Fall Family Fun Guide:** [CLICK HERE](https://phillyfamily.com/fall/) or use the URL below in your browser: <https://phillyfamily.com/fall/>

## 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 - October 2025 Events: <https://www.myguidephiladelphia.com/events/november-2025>
- ▶ Free Library of Philadelphia calendar of events for the whole family: <https://libwww.freelibrary.org/calendar/>
- ▶ Get a head start on Philly's best holiday fun: <https://www.visitphilly.com/holidays-in-philadelphia/>



# DISCOVERY



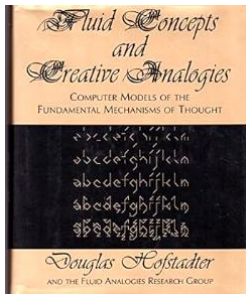
## What does the Bible say about being thankful?

1Thessalonians 5:15-18 :: *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

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## WORD LIST

Achieve	Grow
Anniversary	Holiday
Appreciate	Honor
Award	Lead
Celebrate	Love
Christ	Outreach
Community	Power
Embrace	Pride
Family	Share
Feast	Thankful
Gratitude	Thanksgiving



## TRIVIA QUESTION...

What was the original product Amazon was created to sell?

## THE ANSWER...

Books

(Pictured: Fluid Concepts and Creative Analogies, the first book Amazon sold.)

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