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GREATER IS COMING

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

DESTINY CALL TO ACTION ::: GO VOTE; STAYING HOME IS NOT AN OPTION



Rev. Linda Ivey

This fall marks the opportunity for all of us to exercise our privilege to elect officials who will protect our legal rights to access government services, medical care, legal protections, and protection from unequal treatment.

Some Christians don't vote because they believe God will provide everything they need; this is true. Although, we as Christians believe God will provide, but we still use and follow the laws of the land. We pay taxes, we go to the hospital when we're sick, we call the fire department if there's a fire, and we call the police when we're being victimized. Yes, the bible speaks of God expecting us to follow Him, but He also expects us to follow the laws and rules of the land: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and

He will make your paths straight." Jesus further encourages us to support the laws of the land, while still understanding that God has the ultimate power: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

Voting hasn't always been a right for all Americans: white women got the right to vote in 1920, it took another 45 years, (1965 Voting Rights Amendment), before African American men and women won the right to vote. The 1965 Voting Rights Amendment was the result of centuries of social protest and well-earned progress. Many of us take voting for granted, but before we earned the right to vote, we had to depend on the temperament and attitude of the various state's leadership to treat us fairly, rather than viewing us as unworthy of equal treatment.

Nationally, our votes have created laws that allow us many privileges such as practicing our faith in our own churches. Our votes have created laws that allow us to live, shop, work, and relax in positive surroundings. And when treated unfairly, our votes have created laws that allow us to protest discrimination until we are treated fairly.

While our vote can feel hollow in federal elections, it has a huge impact within our communities: low cost or free health clinics, streetlights, trash and snow removal, removal of abandoned cars, summer jobs and free or low-cost summer camps. Despite our current administration, our vote still allows us to create change and move mountains. Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that it will happen, it will be done for them."

Finally, "This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life...."

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WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES



Matthew 22:21

"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

Proverbs 3:5-6

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Mark 11:23

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Deuteronomy 30:19

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with Ashanti Raysor :::

::: The Power of Your Vote

There are moments in life when we underestimate the power of our own decisions. We convince ourselves that one choice cannot make a difference, that our voice is too small to matter, or that the world will continue moving whether we participate or not. Voting is one of those moments.

It can be easy to look at an election and think, What difference does my one vote really make? But democracy has never been built on the voice of one person alone. It is built through millions of individual decisions—people choosing whether to participate, whether to learn, and whether to believe that the future is working having a say in. Your vote affects more than you.

It can affect the schools in your community, the roads you travel, the taxes you pay, the courts you encounter, the services available to families, and the policies that shape everyday life. Decisions made at the local, state, and national levels can reach far beyond the ballot box and into our homes, workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities. That is why being informed matters.

Voting should not simply be about choosing a familiar name, following someone else's opinion, or voting the way you always have. It is an opportunity to learn, question, research, and understand how candidates, policies, and decisions may affect the things you value. To know better is to be better, and change happens with you.

We cannot ask for better communities while refusing to understand the issues affecting them. We cannot demand change while convincing ourselves that our participation does not matter. And we cannot expect future generations to inherit a better world if we are unwilling to take responsibility for the world we are helping create today.

One person learns. One person speaks. One person votes. One person encourages another to care. Then another joins. Eventually, what began as an individual decision becomes collective action. So before asking whether your vote can change the world, consider this: What kind of world are you helping create when you choose to use your voice—and what kind are you helping create when you choose not to?

Change does not always begin with a crowd. Sometimes, it begins with you.



PLACES FOR SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

Looking to learn more about God and gain insight into His Word? Explore the list of resources below! If you have a recommendation for a place that provides spiritual enrichment, please let us know so we can add it to the list. Thank you!

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- ▶ **'Girl Talk'** | Every Sunday, 2pm – 3 pm on: Facebook: WTGB or online: click name above.
 - ▶ **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 - 9:30am & 11:30am | Pastor Dharius Daniels
 - ▶ **Dare to Imagine Church** | 6610 Anderson Street, Phila., PA 19119
Sunday morning worship - 9:00am and 11:00 am | Rev. James Scott, Jr.
 - ▶ **Ebenezer Baptist Church** | 2259 N. 10th Street, Phila., PA 19133
Sunday morning worship - 10:45am | Pastor Malcom Medley
 - ▶ **Faith Chapel Church** | 108 E Price St, Phila., PA 19144
Sunday morning worship - 10am | Pastor John H. Graves
 - ▶ **Mediator Lutheran Church** | 2832 N. 28th Street, Phila., PA 19132
Sunday morning worship - 11am | Pastor Regina Goodrich
 - ▶ **New Covenant Church of Philadelphia** - 7500 Germantown Avenue, Phila., PA 19119
Sunday morning worship - 9:30am - Executive Pastor Bob Oliver
 - ▶ **Polite Temple Baptist Church** - 38 E. Price Street, Phila., PA 19144
Sunday morning Worship - 10:00am - Pastor Bernadine Waterman
 - ▶ **Providence Baptist Church** - 87 E. Haines Street, Phila., PA 19144
Sunday morning worship - 10am - Pastor A. Gregory Jackson
 - ▶ **Temple of Divine Love Church** - 1518 W. Girard Avenue, Phila., PA 19130
Sunday morning worship - 11am - Reverend Phillip L. Hudson, Jr.
 - ▶ **Tindley Temple United Methodist Church** - 750-62 S. Broad Street, Phila., PA 19146 | (215) 735-0442
Sunday morning worship - 11am - Pastor John Brice
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TRIVIA QUESTION...

What were the 10 laws/Commandments God gave to Moses on the mountain top?

(Answer on last page)



RESOURCES IN PHILADELPHIA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

At the time of publication listed resources were available. Please contact to verify accessibility.

Feel free to share with friends, family, neighbors, social media and ministry groups, etc., or post on bulletin boards.

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

- ▶ Tue 8am - 1pm & Thu 1pm - 4pm - JeffCARES Community Pantry, 5587 Park Ave., Phila PA 19141
- ▶ 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>
- ▶ Philly Free Food and Meals Finder: [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#) 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](#) or insert the following URL in your browser: <https://www.sharefoodprogram.org/find-food/>
- ▶ The B.U.I.L.T. Community weekly community pantry distribution program. Every Wednesday, 1pm, 6702 Lebanon Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19151. Distribution times and available resources may vary based on inventory. Free food, household items, personal care products, clothing, and other donated resources for individuals and families in need. Bring your own bags. [CLICK HERE](#).

OTHER

- ▶ Clark Park Farmers Market: Saturdays 10 am- 2 pm - 4300-4398 Baltimore Ave., Phila. 19104, 215.686.1776 [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ East Falls Farmers' Market: Saturdays - 11 am - 1pm - 4100 Ridge Ave., 19129 Under the Twin Bridges [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](#)

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- ▶ **Community Legal Services**
Center City Office - 1424 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 | 215-981-3700
North Philadelphia Office - 1410 W. Erie Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19140 | 215-227-2400
Services: Public Benefits, Employment, Housing, Debt & Consumer Rights, Utilities, Family, Criminal Records, and help for Seniors.
- ▶ **The Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)** supports programs and services that help residents with home repairs. Free repairs to correct electrical, plumbing, heating, structural, and roofing emergencies in eligible owner-occupied homes in Philadelphia.
Philadelphia Land Bank, 1234 Market St., 17th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (215) 686-9749

Key Organizations Offering Household Assistance

Philadelphia residents can access a variety of free or low-cost household services through local non-profits, city programs, and community resources.

- ▶ **Family Promise of Philadelphia**
Supports families experiencing housing instability with temporary housing and case management.
7047 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19119, (215) 247-4663, Mon-Fri 9AM – 5PM
- ▶ **Broad Street Love**
Provides community support, including access to food, basic household assistance, and connection to other social programs. 315 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (215) 735-4847, Mon – Fri, 11:30AM – 3:00PM
- ▶ **NKCDC (New Kensington Community Development Corporation)**
Offers home repair programs, weatherization aid, and community development resources for lower-income residents.
2771 Ruth St., Ste 1, Philadelphia, PA 19134, (215) 427-0350, Mon – Fri, 9AM – 5PM
- ▶ **Community Legal Services**
Provides free legal assistance to low-income residents for housing issues, mortgage assistance, subsidized housing, and home repairs. 1410 W Erie Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19140, (215) 227-2400, Mon – Fri, 9AM – 5PM
- ▶ **Eviction Prevention Project 267.443.2500.** If you are at risk of being evicted from your rented apartment or house, the agencies listed below may be able to help. The Philadelphia Eviction Prevention Project offers resources for tenants. Learn more about the legal help they offer, or visit their website for information on direct negotiation. If you think you are the victim of unfair rental practices or unsafe housing conditions, contact the Fair Housing Commission. This list is maintained by the Office of Homeless Services (OHS).

Energy and Utility Assistance (via city programs)

- ▶ Energy Coordinating Agency: Free home repairs including heater repairs and weatherization.
106 W Clearfield St, Philadelphia, PA 19133, (215) 609-1000, Mon – Fri, 8AM – 5PM
- ▶ Utility Emergency Services Fund (UESF): Financial aid for residents facing utility shutoffs.
743 N 24th St 2nd fl., Philadelphia, PA 19130, (215) 972-5170, Mon – Fri, 9AM – 5PM
- ▶ Philadelphia Electric Company (PECO) is giving away free fans (while they last) through local senior centers to senior citizens 60 and older. Contact Philadelphia Corporation on Aging (pcacares.org) or PCA Heatline 215.765.9040.
- ▶ PECO Customer Relief Fund offers programs and services to help those in need, including energy assistance, help for customers with special needs, and ways for neighbors to help neighbors. CLICK HERE for more info.
- ▶ 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/>
- ▶ PGW – Beginning November 1, 2025 PGW will not disconnect service for residential customers who are participating in PGW's Customer Responsibility Program (CRP) or who have directed their LIHEAP grant to PGW this year in an early application with the Department of Human Services (DHS). To enroll in CRP call 215-235-1000 or CLICK HERE to Apply Online
- ▶ Smoke Alarms - <https://www.phila.gov/departments/philly311/>
Philadelphia residents can call 3-1-1 to receive a free smoke alarm installation.
You can also submit a request to Philly 311 online.

HEALTH & HEALING RESOURCES

- ▶ 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. Specialists will listen to your needs and provide information on programs in your community that might be able to help. Visit our search page to explore programs available in your community by category. Connect with a resource specialist via chat during business hours. CLICK HERE. NOTE: While the hotline provides critical support, individuals facing immediate danger should always contact 911.

► **Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** | dial 988

If you are experiencing mental health distress or if you are considering self-harm, the 988 Lifeline can help. Life's challenges can sometimes be difficult. Whether you're facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to, caring counselors are here for you. You are not alone.

[CLICK HERE for more info.](#)

- City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health ([city of Philadelphia health centers](#)) operates health clinics that offer free services regardless of your ability to pay. [CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS.](#)
- [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
- For COVID-19 vaccine locations near you [CLICK HERE](#)
- For COVID-19 testing site [CLICK HERE](#)
- For Mental Health help or support [CLICK HERE.](#)

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

- [Build Freedom.US](#) :: Build Your Future. Closing America's Skills gap. One scholarship at a time. The mikeroweWORKS Foundation, is on a mission to close America's growing skills gap by putting people on a path to essential, well-paying work. Through the largest trade scholarship program in the country, the Foundation has helped over 2,600 people train as electricians, welders, plumbers, HVAC technicians, and dozens of other in-demand trades – rewarding work ethic over GPA and proving you don't need a four-year degree to build a fulfilling, six-figure career. [CLICK HERE for more information.](#)
- [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. 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 student's 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/>
- [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](#)

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Children's Corner

1st Things First – The Word for this month is RESPONSIBLE which means having the duty to take care of something, being the cause of an event, or showing good judgment and reliability. Jesus taught that personal responsibility means being accountable for how we use our gifts, how we treat others, and how we respond to God's truth. Believers in Christ are encouraged to work with integrity, wholeheartedness, and to be responsible. How many common words can you make out of the word "RESPONSIBLE"? 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.)

2nd Thing - Last Month's word was **BLESSING**. Our Google search says there are approximately 125 or so words that can be made of **BLESSING**. Here's our top list of 34 words. How many words did you come up with?

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| 1. begins | 7. bilge | 14. gels | 21. leis | 28. signs |
| 2. begs | 8. bin | 15. gin | 22. lens | 29. sin |
| 3. being | 9. bing | 16. glen | 23. less | 30. sing |
| 4. big | 10. binge | 17. glib | 24. libs | 31. singe |
| 5. bigness | 11. bless | 18. glibness | 25. liens | 32. singles |
| 6. bile | 12. bling | 19. isle | 26. lies | 33. sis |
| | 13. bliss | 20. legs | 27. lines | 34. slings |

Now on to More Fun! (Click underlined links for details.)

- ▶ Visit Philadelphia in October [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Philadelphia Family events. [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Explore Historic Germantown. [CLICK HERE for details.](#)
- ▶ Philadelphia for Families: A Year-Round Guide to Kid-Friendly Activities. [CLICK HERE.](#)
- ▶ 50+ Free Things To Do In Philly. [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ 25+ Free and Budget-friendly Things To Do In Philly. [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ The 41 Essential Things to Do in Philadelphia (By a Local). [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Kids Out & About.com (includes the following)...[CLICK HERE](#)
 - Master Guide to Fall in the Philadelphia Area - [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Big List of Kid Friendly Museums in and around Philadelphia - [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Indoor Play Centers in and around Philadelphia - [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Escape Rooms in and around Philadelphia - [CLICK HERE](#)
 - Top 20 Places to Take Kids in and around Philadelphia - [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Mommy Poppins – All Events for All Ages: [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Free Library of Philadelphia calendar of events for the whole family: [CLICK HERE](#)

NOTICE::: NEW Medicaid Changes (click highlighted links for info)

Changes are coming to Medicaid beginning January 2027, and the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (PA DHS) is making sure Medicaid recipients and those who work with them are ready. [PA DHS has created a new video](#) to explain the changes that some Medicaid recipients can expect, how they can prepare, and how to get more information. The video is available on [PA DHS' YouTube channel](#) and on dhs.pa.gov/MedicaidChanges. Please share this video today and help fellow Pennsylvanians stay informed and keep their Medicaid coverage.

DISCOVERY...



Not voting is not a protest,
It's a surrender.

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WORD LIST

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Change	Vote
Choose	Work
Jesus	You

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THE ANSWER...

The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17, NIV)

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above, on the earth beneath, or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house, wife, servants, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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