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GREATER IS COMING

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## DESTINY CALL TO ACTION: STAND UP TO SPEAK UP



August brings excitement and relaxation. There's the excitement of taking a much needed vacation, or a visit with family and friends. We may choose to relax on a beach, at a lake, by a stream or rest quietly by a cabin in the woods. Even if we chose a staycation, it still counts as a restful retreat.

While August may bring vacations, it also provides opportunities for us to bring Jesus with us by thinking WWJD (*What Would Jesus Do*). Yes, as we pack our summer clothes and toiletries, we can also pack our mindset to share our Christian walk with others. And we can plan how to stand up and speak up by incorporating Christ into our interaction with other vacationers. How can we stand up and speak up as vacationing Christians using vacation time to be more like Jesus? How would Jesus use His time of relaxation to get others to know God and to be the positive "salt" and the "light" in a dark decaying world?

Our stand up and speak up gestures could be very simple or more engaging. They could be as subtle as identifying ourselves as a Christian, or more involved by telling someone why we believe in God. They could go even deeper by inviting someone to accept Christ as their personal savior. Finally, we could go deep and be fully committed by offering the ultimate gesture of baptizing someone in a nearby swimming pool, lake, or in the ocean at the beach. It's your choice, but don't let the opportunity slip away. Your standing up and speaking up could change someone's life.

### Challenge

Fight the fear.  
Be courageous.  
Live for Jesus.  
Speak up for Jesus.

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## WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES



### **Matthew 5:13-16**

*Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

### **Philippians 2:5**

*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus.*

### **Acts 19:5-6**

*On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.*



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As schools begin to reopen and parents prepare to open their wallets, issues of financial responsibility in higher education has grown steadily. Specifically in HBCU's, where discord of financial decisions has taken place on multiple social media platforms. College students that have/are attending these schools are becoming disillusioned by the glitz and glam, and are seeking out transparency, honesty, and accountability. While HBCUs history was to educate the underprivileged and marginalized, the passion that was once there has somewhat fallen on deaf ears. In recent years the HBCU lifestyle has shifted to becoming a symbol of exclusivity and elitism rather than the refuge and uplifting community it once was. While two things can be true, these pathways of higher education are culturally vital to the upkeep of African American culture. However, the lack of concern for the needs of the student bodies these schools serve, and the mismanagement that plagued many of these schools, has caused more damage than good.

Students and families are demanding to know: Where is our money going? From unreliable transportation to inadequate housing, the concerns are not just about comfort, they're about dignity and survival. Institutions like Howard, for example, often appear more focused on protecting their image and meeting quotas than listening to the lived experiences of their student body. Adhering to student and family concerns could alleviate some of the stress of going into college. Financial clarity and institutional accountability shouldn't be optional, they should be a standard.

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## 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](mailto:abidinglovedeliverancecenter@gmail.com)



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## TRIVIA QUESTION...

What's the opposite of Eros or Romantic love.

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(Answer on last page)



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## **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.

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**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>



## **RESOURCES**

- ▶ **Sun., August 3rd, 10:30am - 12:30pm / Community Health Partnership Clinic**  
Community of Compassion, 6150 Cedar Avenue, Philadelphia., PA 19143  
Free haircuts, Free stuffed bookbags, Sports physicals, Resources for the whole family
- ▶ **Mon., August 4th, 10am - 2pm / Philadelphia School District Back-to-School Bus Tour**  
Martin Luther King High School, 6100 Stenton Avenue, Phila., PA 19138  
Free backpacks, Back to school tips & info, Snacks and frozen treats, Educational activities, Enrollment support, Sign-up for Parent Portal account, Fun games, raffles and prizes  
for more info: [philasd.org/ringthebell](http://philasd.org/ringthebell) or call 215-400-4000
- ▶ **Wed., August 6th, 10am - 2pm / Philadelphia School District Back-to-School Bus Tour**  
George Washington High School Football Field, 10175 Bustleton Avenue, Phila., PA 19116  
Free backpacks, Back to school tips & info, Snacks and frozen treats, Educational activities, Enrollment support, Sign-up for Parent Portal account, Fun games, raffles and prizes  
for more info: [philasd.org/ringthebell](http://philasd.org/ringthebell) or call 215-400-4000
- ▶ **Sat., August 9th, 10am - 2pm / Philadelphia School District Back-to-School Bus Tour**  
Citizens Bank Park, 1 Citizens Bank Way, Phila., PA 19148  
Free backpacks, Back to school tips & info, Snacks and frozen treats, Educational activities, Enrollment support, Sign-up for Parent Portal account, Fun games, raffles and prizes  
for more info: [philasd.org/ringthebell](http://philasd.org/ringthebell) or call 215-400-4000
- ▶ **Sat., August 9th, 1pm - 4pm / Back to School Community Fair / Motivated Community Resource Center**  
56th and Cedar Avenue, Phila., PA 19143 / 215.921.6263 / [www.motivatedcrc.org](http://www.motivatedcrc.org)  
Entertainment, School supplies, Free clothing, Eagles Mobile & Book Bazaar, Fun games and much more
- ▶ **Tue., August 12th, 10am - 2pm / Philadelphia School District Back-to-School Bus Tour**  
Marcus Foster Memorial Stadium (Gratz Supersite), 1627 W. Huntingdon Park Ave, Phila., PA 19140  
Free backpacks, Back to school tips & info, Snacks and frozen treats, Educational activities, Enrollment support, Sign-up for Parent Portal account, Fun games, raffles and prizes  
for more info: [philasd.org/ringthebell](http://philasd.org/ringthebell) or call 215-400-4000
- ▶ **Fri., August 15th, 10am - 2pm / Philadelphia School District Back-to-School Bus Tour**  
Roosevelt Mall, 2329 Cottman Avenue, Phila., PA 19149  
Free backpacks, Back to school tips & info, Snacks and frozen treats, Educational activities, Enrollment support, Sign-up for Parent Portal account, Fun games, raffles and prizes  
for more info: [philasd.org/ringthebell](http://philasd.org/ringthebell) or call 215-400-4000
- ▶ **Fri., August 29th, 3pm until supplies run out / Back to School Giveaway 2025**  
The Vine Street Community Center, 6135 Vine Street, Phila., PA 19139  
Food giveaways, Free cuts, and Fun for the whole family  
Sponsored by: The Isaiah Turner foundation, The Vine Street Community Center and Teenagers in Charge  
for more information call 215.518.6878

## **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 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](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-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](https://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 "RELAXATION". The Bible strongly encourages rest and relaxation as part of a healthy spiritual life. It emphasizes that taking time to rest is not laziness but rather a way to find peace, renew strength, and connect with God.

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

**3rd Thing** - Last Month's word was FREEDOM. Our Google search says there are over 110 words that can be found in FREEDOM. Here's our top 45. How many did you come up with?

1. deem	10. dome	19. fore	28. mere	37. reed
2. deer	11. dorm	20. form	29. mod	38. reef
3. def	12. erode	21. formed	30. mode	39. ref
4. defer	13. fed	22. free	31. mor	40. refed
5. deform	14. fee	23. freed	32. more	41. rem
6. demo	15. feed	24. fro	33. ode	42. rod
7. derm	16. foe	25. froe	34. ore	43. rode
8. doe	17. for	26. from	35. red	44. roe
9. doer	18. ford	27. med	36. redo	45. rom

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

- ▶ Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival – Now through August 31st  
<https://phillychineselanternfestival.com/> or [CLICK HERE](#)
- ▶ Free Places to Take The Kids in and around Philadelphia (PLUS Summer Camp Listings)  
<https://philly.kidsoutandabout.com/content/free-places-take-kids-and-around-philadelphia>
- ▶ Best Free Things to do in Philadelphia:  
[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g60795-Activities-zft11292-Philadelphia\\_Pennsylvania.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g60795-Activities-zft11292-Philadelphia_Pennsylvania.html)
- ▶ **AAMP Family Fun Days** / African American Museum in Philadelphia, 701 Arch Street, Phila PA 215-574-0308  
[CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ 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 - August 2025 Events: <https://www.myguidephiladelphia.com/events/august-2025>
- ▶ Visit Philadelphia - Summer 2025: <https://www.visitphilly.com/events/summer-events/>
- ▶ Free Library of Philadelphia calendar of events for the whole family: <https://libwww.freelibrary.org/calendar/>

# DISCOVERY



Education, according to the Bible, is not just about acquiring information, but also about developing character, understanding God's word, and applying the knowledge to live a righteous life.

## WORD LIST

Accountable  
August  
Back to School  
College  
Decision  
Education  
Excitement  
Finance  
Focus  
HBCU  
Jesus Christ  
Opportunity  
Quota  
Rest  
Social Media  
Speak  
Stand  
Standard  
Staycation  
Vacation

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A	J	E	S	U	S	C	H	R	I	S	T	G
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C	E	X	C	I	T	E	M	E	N	T	I	H
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## TRIVIA QUESTION...

What's the opposite of Eros or Romantic love?

## THE ANSWER...

Agape Love (Christ's Love) - Not hate which like love, is a strong intense feeling. However, when you truly fall out of romantic love, you have no more intense emotions for the person and are indifferent towards them as if they were a friendly stranger, which is Agape love.

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