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GREATER IS COMING

DESTINY – ALREADY PROVIDED FOR



As we celebrate **Easter Sunday** also known as **Resurrection Sunday**, the Bible's Old Testament foretells the prophecy of the life and death of Jesus Christ, while the New Testament reveals His birth and walks us through His life into His destiny. Jesus' destiny was to come into the world to redeem all of mankind.

John 3:16 provides a glimpse of Jesus' destiny. *"For God so loved the world (everyone in it) that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ) that whosoever believeth in Him, would have everlasting life."*

Therefore, use this Easter celebration to review your goals and how they are connected to your life's destiny. Let your desires and dreams drive you to be resurrected and revived. Remember what God told you about your future, how you were and are destined for "Greater", and how your latter days will be better than your former days. Don't allow life's minor challenges to distract you from that destiny. This Easter Sunday live renewed, reborn, and resurrected.

SCRIPTURE TO HELP YOU WALK IN YOUR DESTINY



He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. *Matthew 28:6*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
1 Peter 1:3

He was buried, and He was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.
1 Corinthians 15:4

And Jesus Christ our Lord was shown to be the Son of God when God powerfully raised Him from the dead by means of the Holy Spirit. *Romans 1:4*

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
Romans 8:11

For as by a man came death, by a man has come the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. *1 Corinthians 15:21-22*

He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. *Romans 4:25*

DESTINY
SPOTLIGHT
ON:



Pastor
A Gregory Jackson

This month's Destiny Spotlight is on Your Destiny is Here Advisory Board Member **Reverend A. Gregory Jackson**. Reverend Jackson is the lead over YDH's **Bringing Christ to the Community Project**. He is also the Pastor of Providence Baptist Church of Germantown. Described as hardworking and compassionate, Pastor Jackson has a strong work ethic, and is passionate about bringing Christ into the community. He is one of Philadelphia's most sought after speakers who encourages his audiences to embrace their purpose and pursue their destiny. Pastor Jackson believes people should live their life as they are called to, and that serving others will help them reach their calling. Pastor Jackson shared the following insights on his life, family, and God.

Destiny is the pursuit of your sweet spot in life by following what makes you come alive. We are always striving toward our destiny. Just being able to wake up every day is a blessing. However, when our lives here on earth are over, we will finally reach our true destiny.

My individual professions tie into my destiny of someone who serves people in different capacities and who seeks to show God in every facet of life. Most people would be surprised to know that I am a true introvert, quiet and observant. I find joy in life, my family, and my children. I enjoy people and nature; they're beautiful. I also enjoy food and movies.

I wear multiple professional hats: Ordained Minister, Church Pastor, Entrepreneur, Maintenance Technician, and Mortician. While I've had many mentors in all of my fields of work, my life skills have led me to my life's work. I was always interested in construction. As a child there was a handyman named Mike who was doing work in our home. He hired me to work with him in my house, which eventually led to my interest in construction. I was also curious about the dead and providing comfort to grieving families which ultimately led to my interest in mortician science.

God called me into the ministry at the age of 14, which was when I gave my first sermon. This allowed me to serve in the church from the back pew to the pulpit. I was an usher, I sang in the choir, and then God commissioned me to preach. I faced difficulties, challenges, and plenty of obstacles along the way. Some were bad personal choices, some directional challenges, some were political oppositions, peer pressure, and some were people who were just mean and wanted to get in my way. Through it all, God always provided and confirmed His Word to me about what He had anointed me to do.

In my work, I seek to bring Christ into communities by identifying needs in targeted areas and helping fulfill them by connecting people with their desired resources. My mission is having people walk in the boldness of who they are, and as they see their needs being met, their faith in God will grow and hopefully they will have a renewed view of Christians and of the church.

Black Lives Matter, and now we understand how people will treat us the same way we treat ourselves. As a mortician and pastor, I've seen how gun violence has impacted our families and our communities. We all have a responsibility with the gun violence in this city. There is no reason why our kids should have guns. Parents, we need to raise our children. When there is no accountability in our homes, our kids will do whatever they want to do.

While I look forward to a day when we can all just get along, we need to isolate to get ourselves together, and to understand ourselves better as to why we treat each other the way we do. Next, we have to govern ourselves, to look and think of a better way to treat each other. One of the things that is needed in the world today is self-awareness. People who love themselves make a difference. To anyone who is discouraged or who has lost their way, my advice is to stop where you are, take a deep introspective look into yourself, then seek God for redirection, and come to peace with what you find. Finally, we need to strive to sustain ourselves, valuing ourselves first, and to take ownership for our lives. Then it won't make a difference what others think about us.

CALL TO ACTION

FORGIVE YOURSELF FOR YOUR PAST MISTAKES, AND LEARN FROM THEM

One of the things that keeps us from moving forward, is looking back at our past mistakes with unforgiveness. If you are a driver, you know at times there is a need to look back or behind you, but you can't drive that way! You need to spend the majority of your time driving looking ahead. So it is with your daily walk. In order to move forward we must keep our eyes on our destiny that is ahead of us.



We cannot change our past mistakes, but we can decide how we are going to deal with them. Are we going to let them haunt us forever, or are we going to use them as steppingstones on our way to reaching our destiny? First, look at what happened and take ownership of your part in the situation. Examine the mistake by re-evaluating your poor choices. What did you learn from the experience to make sure it doesn't happen again? **THEN, FORGIVE YOURSELF.** If you haven't experienced self-forgiveness, you'll be surprised at the 'weightlifting peace' that comes off your shoulder when you forgive yourself as well as others.

If your mistake caused you to hurt someone, you may need to ask for forgiveness. You may even have to pay restitution for any damage(s) you caused. But remember, when you are able to look at what happened from a better perspective and take ownership for it, you'll be better equipped to deal with the repercussions of what happened. Most importantly, you will have learned from the experience and be better prepared to move into your destiny.

Although you should not erase your responsibility for the past, when you make the past your jailer, you destroy your future. It is such a great moment of liberation when you learn to forgive yourself, let the burden go, and walk out into a new path of promise and possibility. John O'Donohue



TRIVIA QUESTION - What is the only edible food that never expires?



POLITICAL CALL TO ACTION – KEEPING OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE

Since the November election, an astounding 253 bills **designed to create barriers** to voting have been introduced in 43 states across the nation, including **Pennsylvania**. We cannot let these bills take away our voting power. We must speak out against this tidal wave of voter suppression laws throughout the country. **Nothing should stand in the way of us as Americans and the ballot box.**

Republicans at the state level have moved swiftly to either roll back some easy access to voting or put new obstacles in the way. These new measures are likely to disproportionately affect those in cities and Black voters in particular who overwhelmingly vote Democratic – laying bare, critics say, the GOP's true intent: gaining electoral advantage.

Voting is one of the best ways to shift power and improve the lives of people in our communities. It's a right that many of our ancestors died for and we must continue to fight for. We must continue to:

1. Make sure you are **registered** to vote in all elections, not just during presidential elections.
2. Advocate for your friends and family to register too.
3. VOTE every time elections come up, to prevent voting on important issues
4. Keep up to date with what's happening. To track voter legislation information, check out: <https://www.brennancenter.org/> and <https://www.vote.org/>
5. Click on the link to see a list of all constituents; click on your state to select your local persons: <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/current#> Let your legislators know we cannot go backwards. Ask them how are they fighting these new "Voter Suppression" legislations. Remind them - they are expected to continue to move us forward for the betterment of all.





JUST FOR FUN

In John 14:6, Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life". Search for other words that describe Jesus.

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**Please share these resources with friends, family,
 and within your social and ministry circles.
 Also post them on your personal and church bulletin boards;
 These resources could help someone in need.**

RESOURCES (In Philadelphia and the surrounding areas)

At the time of the newsletter distribution, the following resources were operational. We advise you to call before visiting to ensure the resources you are interested in are still in service.

COVID-19 VACCINE



- In the city of Philadelphia, you can register on the [city's vaccine interest form](#), which will enable the city to contact you once it's your turn to receive the vaccine. People without internet access can call the city's hotline at 215-685-5488 to get on the list.
- Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid and Kroger are among the pharmacy and drugstore chains that are giving out Covid-19 vaccines. The free vaccines are part of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program, a state and federal partnership that targets immunizations in underserved areas. Call your local store for more information.
- **Black Doctors Covid-19 Consortium** is administering Covid-19 Vaccines for Philadelphia residents only. Register at www.blackdoctorsconsortium.com.

COVID-19 TESTING



1. **Black Doctors Consortium** provides free Covid-19 testing and flu shots. Visit their website for a weekly schedule of locations and dates: www.blackdoctorsconsortium.com. They can also be contacted by phone, 484-270-6200 or email: info@blackdoctorsconsortium.com.
2. **CVS and Rite Aid** have free testing sites. Check their websites for more information:
 - cvshealth.com/covid-19/testing-locations
 - riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing
3. **Esperanza Health Center at Rock Ministries**
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. No appointment necessary. Testing is provided for free to those who are uninsured. Average turnaround time for results – 7 – 14 days.
2751 Kensington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134 – 215- 807-8620
4. **Murrell Dobbins High School**, 2150 Lehigh Ave., Phila., PA 19132, 267-436-3126. Test For All Tuesdays - Free Covid-19 testing on Tuesdays for all residents. No appointments required, walk-ups welcome. 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.
5. **New Journey Christian Center** - Testing every Monday. 1001 E. Chelton, Philadelphia PA. 19138 (enter on Ardleigh Street side of church)
6. **Sayre Health Center** (in partnership with Penn Medicine)
Testing Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. No appointment necessary, but you are strongly encouraged to pre-register by calling first. Testing is provided for free to those who are uninsured. Average turnaround time for test results: 2-4 days.
227 S. 59th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139. 215- 474-4444
7. **Stephen and Sandra Sheller 11th Street Family Health Services of Drexel University** (in partnership with The Family Practice & Counseling Network) Testing Hours: Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. No appointment necessary, but calling ahead to schedule is strongly encouraged. Testing provided for free to those who are uninsured. Average turnaround time for test results: 3 to 5 days. 850 N. 11th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123, 215-769-1100, ext. 2
8. **Vybe Pop-Up Clinic**. Testing provided for free for those who are uninsured. Visit <https://www.vybe.care/mobile-pop-up-clinic-for-covid-19-testing/> for locations, dates and time, and additional information. 3 – 10 day turnaround time.

Faithfully Well: A Conversation for People of Faith About the COVID-19 Vaccine | April 12, 2021 - 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Hear from faith leaders, physicians, and public health experts about how having faith and fighting COVID-19 can happen simultaneously. Register at: <http://bit.ly/vaxfaithPHL>



IF YOU NEED FOOD



1. **Monday starting at 12:30PM - New Journey Christian Center**, 1001 E. Chelton, Philadelphia PA. 191318, 267-331-8761 or 267-440-7499
 2. **Tuesday mornings, starting at 9:30 – 10:30 am: Einstein Healthcare Network and Philabundance** provide a weekly produce market where fresh fruits and vegetables are distributed at no cost. At the corner of 11th Street @W. Clarkson Street. Philadelphia, PA, 19141, on the Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia campus.
 3. **Fresh For All Wednesdays – Distribution begins at 12:30 pm** until supplies run out. This weekly produce stand is free to all and runs weather dependent. Location is outside of **the Greater Enon Missionary Baptist Church**, 1854 N. 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121; 215-765-3135. Operated by Philabundance.
 4. **Every Wednesday @ 2 pm – First Baptist Church – Crestmont** | Drive or walk thru 1678 Fairview Ave, Willow Grove, PA 19090 | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. 215-243-0300
 5. **Every Friday @ 2 pm – Chosen 300-West Philadelphia** | Drive or walk thru 3959 Lancaster Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19104 | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. 215-243-0300
 6. **Every Friday @ 3 pm – First Millcreek Baptist Church** | Drive or walk thru 641 N. Preston St., Philadelphia, PA 19104 | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. 215-243-0300
 7. **Every Friday @ 3:30 pm – Christ Haven Worship Center** | Drive or walk thru 6800 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19142 | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. 215-243-0300
 8. **Every Saturday @ 9 am – Ambler Church of the Brethren** | Drive or walk thru 351 E. Butler Ave., Ambler PA 19002 | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. 215-243-0300
 9. **Every Saturday @ 10 am – First AME Church – Sharon Hill** | Drive or walk thru 1201 Hook Road, Sharon Hill, PA 19079 | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. 215-243-0300
 10. **Every Saturday @ 12 pm – Zion Baptist Church - Reading** | Drive or walk thru 224 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601 | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. 215-243-0300
 11. **Saturdays at 1 pm**, until supplies last, free groceries are distributed at **New Covenant Church of Philadelphia**, 7500 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19119.
 12. **Every Saturday @ 2 pm – Love Zion Baptist Church** | Drive or walk thru 2521 N. 23rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19132 | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. 215-243-0300
 13. **Saturday, March 20th - Food Giveaway** – Every 3rd Saturday of the month at 1:30 pm until supplies are gone. **Christ Center C.O.G.**, 1615-19 W. Chelton Avenue, Phila., PA 19126 | 215-548-7483
 14. **Catholic Social Services, Archdiocese of Philadelphia**, offers Covid-19 Emergency Food and Diapers. Go to <https://cssphiladelphia.org/covid-19-emergency-food-diapers/> to find a location near you. Please call service center ahead of time to schedule an appointment if applicable and to ensure availability of resources. 267-331-2490
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Youth Housing Assistance

The Older Youth Rental Assistance program is in partnership with [Valley Youth House](#), an organization that helps connect vulnerable youth to housing. The program will support 20 and 21 year-olds who are aging out of DHS services like foster care or congregate homes or who were previously under DHS care.



The program will cover a percentage of each participant's rent and utility costs, which DHS will determine on a case-by-case basis. Services include: finding housing, move-in assistance, temporary rental and utility payments, budgeting support, education and employment assistance, life skills training, social support and relationship development guidance, and referrals to community resources.

Youth who are currently in or have aged out of DHS care can apply for a spot by emailing DHS.Housing@phila.gov. You can also make a referral by contacting the same email and listing the person's name, DHS number, and contact information. Interested youth are encouraged to apply immediately.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Know Engineering Grads/Seniors interested in working at **PWD**? Civil and Environmental Engineering graduates and graduating students interested in a career with the Philadelphia Water Department should RSVP for 'Working With Water 2021,' a career and networking event.
 - When: April 7th and April 13th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - Where: The events will take place virtually via Zoom



This is a unique opportunity to hear from and network with staff. All attendees will be guided through the Graduate Environmental and Graduate Civil Engineering position application process.

You must RSVP and fill out the application to attend!

[RSVP Now](#)

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2. **US Postal Service** is hiring. The hiring process is the same for all entry level jobs. **No experience is necessary** and all hiring decisions are based on how well you perform in the hiring process, not how well you have done in past. [APPLY NOW](#)

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3. Within the state, there are many jobs available within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and they include internships for students. For the listing, go to:
<https://www.employment.pa.gov/Pages/jobopportunities.aspx>

FINANCIAL RESOURCE

Create or Grow Your Business presented by Operation Hope
April Show Me the Money Monday™ on April 5th from 6:00pm-7:00pm

The event is **free-free-free-free-free-free**, but you must register. Go to myfinancialinstitute.org and click on the Events button or click [here](#).

FITNESS:

1. **Physical** - Virtual Get Fit Saturdays April 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th - 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM



Get Fit Saturdays are back! Join your Dobbins community virtually every Saturday for Zumba, line dancing, parenting classes, and more! Email Charles Reyes at Charles.Reyes@phila.gov to get your Zoom code and get ready to have fun!

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2. **Spiritual** - Prayer Pause for Philadelphia | April 5, 19, 2021 - 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM



First and third Monday of each month
For those who find grounding and hope in faith and spirituality, this unprecedented moment in history is an invitation to be encouraged through prayer and meditation. Join the **Office of Public Engagement's Director of Faith-Based & Interfaith Affairs**, Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart, on Facebook Live.

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