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GREATER IS COMING

## DESTINY – FRIENDSHIPS



Friendship - we all want and need Friendships.

Do you remember when you were little, and you had a childhood friend? We'd come home from school, talking about our friend and of course, we had to say both their first and last name when we talked about them.

We thought things would always be that way, but as time went on some of our friendships changed: our feelings got hurt, our ego's got bruise and our trusts got betrayed. We were expecting our friends to be our ride or die partners, and now we believe we can never trust anyone. We're suspicious when we meet new friends

because we have trust issues. We're looking at everyone differently: asking ourselves can I trust them with my secrets, will they respect me once they learn my faults? Some of us may declare in frustration, "I don't have friends anymore, just associates."

I challenge you to become a friend of God and learn how much Jesus loves you and the depths He will go to get you and bring you back from your hurt and disappointment and into His love. Having positive, fruitful friendships with others is part of the destiny God has for us. Allow Jesus to be the new standard for your friendships: love like Jesus loves, teach like Jesus teaches, withhold judgment as Jesus withholds judgment, and forgive like Jesus forgives. Allow Jesus to show you how to have loving and lasting friendships.

Finally, encourage your family and friends to model their friendships after Jesus. If they have never accepted Jesus as their Savior, you can offer Him to them right now, today. They only need to ask Jesus to forgive them of their sins and to come into their hearts. If they've already accepted Jesus, don't let things end with salvation. There is a whole plan of 'better' waiting, just walk in it.

Trust Christ and allow Him to show you to your destiny.

## WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." *Jeremiah 29:11*

For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. *Habakkuk 2:3*

It is the Lord who directs your life, for each step you take is ordained by God to bring you closer to your destiny. *Proverbs 20:24*

Lord, I have chosen you alone as my inheritance. You are my prize, my pleasure, and my portion. I leave my destiny and its timing in your hands. *Psalms 16:5*

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." *John 16:33*

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## DESTINY SPOTLIGHT



## Pastor Tomy Jordan

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*This month's Destiny Spotlight is on Your Destiny is Here Advisory Board Member, **Pastor Tomy Jordan**. Pastor Tomy Jordan is responsible for YDH Urban Ministry Advocacy Projects. Pastor Jordan originates from New Jersey, but now resides in Charlotte, NC. The following is our interview with Pastor Tomy Jordan.*

I am a fourth generation preacher with the mind of a servant who understood I was to serve in this office in truth. Being a Pastor brings me so much satisfaction. I enjoy serving and teaching the congregation in church as well as in social settings. I also sing, record, compose music and play nine musical instruments. People would be surprised to know I am shy and reserved. I am very much the introvert who enjoys being in the background. I was always different, and I knew from the age of 9 that this was my calling. I had temperance, loved the poor, and I loved being in the presence of God and His community. Our world needs more love and respect for God's people and their differences. Imagine the transformation when we see everyone as our family. God built the church to be a family. An unhealthy church family leads to a poor gospel, but a healthy, vital church family leads to a rich, preached gospel filled with love.

I grew up in Newark NJ where we didn't have much. We were impoverished, but we always shared what we had. Life happens to us all, but you have to maintain hope and your focus. We were taught we had each other and to rely on The Word of God for comfort. We were rich with love and community. I am now a chef by trade, and I love cooking fine foods. I also love reading, good coffee, and cleaning. As a father and husband, I enjoy my family. As a pastor, patience and the ability to love others unconditionally have become my strongest characteristics.

Outside of my family members, Nathaniel Simmons was my mentor. He founded the Sounds of Praise Movement, which was birthed out of Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God of the Americas. I teach that destiny is that marked place in our lives, not just a path. Destiny is what we all have to go through. It is an exact location locked into God's will. Remember, everything different isn't always demonic. Many of the detours on our paths are results of our poor decision-making. Be encouraged, our end is not the end of life; ours is everlasting.

Thank God, the world still has many beautiful opportunities available for everyone. Because the Lord would have none to perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16, 2 Peter 3:9). We all have a plethora of opportunities at our fingertips.

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## CALL TO ACTION

### ACTING ON THE GOLDEN RULE

The Golden Rule is – “Do unto others as you would have others do unto you”. Living the golden rule means our focus isn’t always on ourselves. It means we are considering the feelings of others, and living life in a way that is pleasing to God as in *Matthew 7:12*, “In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.”



How do we act on the Golden Rule? If we gossip, hold grudges, lie when we overspend, cut others off in traffic, avoid needy people - turn those behaviors around. Make a conscious effort to only tell the good about others, choose to speak the truth even when a lie will get you out of trouble, and yield to others in need.

What would our community look like if each of us treated everyone else the way we wanted to be treated? Our neighbors, friends, family, and enemies, would respond with love, kindness, and self-control.



### TRIVIA QUESTION

What is the fastest muscle in the body?



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## ACCOUNTABILITY FOCUS

### 1. Win Against Human Trafficking in PA

Legislation to deal with human trafficking was signed into law in July, thanks to the efforts of three State Representatives:

- HB 246, sponsored by Rep. Natalie Mihalek (R-Allegheny), prohibits defendants from introducing evidence of a victim's past sexual victimization in any prosecution.
- HB 843, sponsored by Rep. David Rowe (R-Union), requires human trafficking offenses to be considered in a parent's bid for child custody.
- HB 1147, sponsored by Rep. Valerie Gaydos (R-Allegheny), requires those convicted of human trafficking to participate in sex offender treatment programs.

Let's continue to advocate and pray for children and women, that they will stop being victimized and preyed upon. May legislation continue to support and protect women and children.

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### 2. VIOLENCE

#### Mental notes:

- As of August 2, 2021, in the city of Philadelphia, there have been 321 homicides (and 1,083 other violent crimes committed - rape, robbery, and aggravated assault).
- Statewide, more than 90,130 guns were sold in July; 62,056 of those were handguns.  
*Statistics from Phila. Police crime stats and thetrace.org*

- ▶ The budget passed in June by the Wolf administration will dedicate more than \$150 million to reduce violence through strategies focused on: community empowerment, employment and careers, healing, prevention, and safe havens for children and youth.

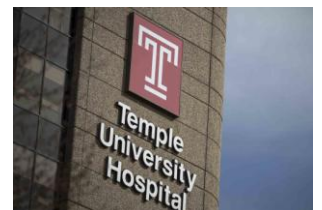


- ▶ Don't forget – if you have a gun in your home along with children, you can request a free gun lock at any time from the "Safe Bet" program. Temple University Hospital's *Safe Bet* program offers free cable gun locks – no questions asked – to Philadelphia families who have small children and firearms. To find out the location of the next community gun lock giveaway, please check [templesafetynet.org](http://templesafetynet.org) for upcoming events.



You can also **[REQUEST A GUN LOCK HERE!](#)**

- ▶ As the trauma center that treats the most gun victims of any hospital in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Temple University Hospital finds itself on the front lines of a public health crisis that has wounded more than 25,000 Philadelphians during the past 17 years. As such, TUH has created a series of innovative outreach efforts – from violence prevention programs to first aid training to gun safety education – that aim to reduce the number of Philadelphians who suffer firearm injury. Together, these initiatives make up the **Temple Safety Net**. Go to [templesafetynet.org](http://templesafetynet.org) for more information or call 215-707-8398.



- ▶ For a comprehensive list of resources for victims of gun violence and other crimes visit [UpTheBlock](#).



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### 3. Public Safety | from July 2021

Currently in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania there are 1,063 municipal law enforcement agencies with more than 22,000 officers. In July, Gov. Wolf's Administration, along with the PA State Police, announced the launch of a law enforcement reform tool to enhance hiring practices. The new electronic police misconduct database will be used by law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth to help identify candidates with potential red flags. It is considered to be a step toward police reform, accountability and transparency.



Also for the first time in the state's history, law enforcement agencies are required to maintain and provide all employment records, including performance evaluations and reasons for separation, pertaining to a previously employed law enforcement officer to a prospective hiring agency.

*The database was developed by the MPOETC (Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission).*

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4. **Education Funding** - From Gov. Wolf re the PA budget passed in June - "This is a budget that invests in Pennsylvanians," said Gov. Wolf. "It is a budget that will help those hit hardest by the pandemic get the support they need, while at the same time making crucial investments in our future by supporting the students and workers who will drive our economy forward in the years to come." The budget outlined in House Bill 1348 makes a **historic \$416 million increase in state funding for public education.**



The budget makes crucial investments to support the needs of schools and students, including a \$200 million increase in the Fair Funding Formula, \$100 million to support underfunded school districts through the Level Up initiative, \$50 million in special education funding, \$30 million for early education, \$20 million for Ready to Learn, \$11 million for preschool Early Intervention and \$5 million for community colleges. **Let's be attentive that the money is spent appropriately.**

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### 5. VOTING

#### ► Voter Legislation

From Gov. Wolf – July 13<sup>th</sup> - "I am proud to join President Biden in Philadelphia, the birthplace of our nation, to stand up for the freedom to vote and the sacred right to have your voice heard in our elections. Not only will I stand against any efforts to roll back our freedoms, I will continue to push for changes to take down the barriers to voting that still exist. This is a critical moment for our democracy. Some bad actors in the state legislature and across the country are spewing lies and debunked conspiracy theories to make people question the results of the November election. These are the same lies they used to try to throw out every vote cast in the November 2020 election and ultimately caused the January 6 insurrection which shocked our nation with images of horrendous violence and destruction as a mob invaded the U.S. Capitol. Pennsylvanians believe in freedom and fairness, and I share President Biden's commitment to protecting our elections and the sacred right to vote. That is why I recently vetoed a bill that was disguised as election reform but was really about creating barriers to voting. All of us must stand united to defend the core values of our country and protect our democracy. Future generations are depending on us to rise to the moment."



- There are less than 100 days left to sign up to vote by mail ballot for the November 2 municipal election. [Sign up for a mail ballot](#) or [register to vote](#).
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## JUST FOR FUN

*In good times friends know you and in bad times you know them.*

*African Proverb*

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What do scientists use  
to freshen their breath?

Experi-mints!





## **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.

**Please share the following with friends, family, and within your social and ministry circles.**  
**And feel free to post on your personal and church bulletin boards;**  
**these resources could help someone in need.**

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**COVID-19** is still with us. And if you haven't heard, a variant of covid-19, the Delta variant, is spreading rapidly nationally. Many of us were hopefully when the vaccine became available. With the variant floating around, and many people vying not to get the vaccine, it make you wonder how safe we are in public and wonder what the implications will be from opening things back up in the city. Also, it's been a little over a month since the city dropped its mask mandate, and Philly health officials are now recommending even fully vaccinated people start wearing masks again indoors.

These are times to pray and take all that is being said into consideration. Then be your own advocate and be mindful of what you need to do to keep you and your family healthy. Be conscious that our decisions may not be the decision of others, so plan accordingly and not let our differences cause friction or conflict with others.

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## **COVID RELIEF**

Philadelphians whose loved ones died from covid can receive FEMA aid to cover funeral expenses, up to \$9,000 per person lost. Call 844-684-6333 to apply.

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## COVID-19 VACCINES



As of July 31, 2021, In Philadelphia, at least 76% of residents 18 and over have gotten one or more vaccine doses, and 62% are fully vaccinated. Acting Health Commissioner Bettigole says there has been a small but notable rise in children covid hospitalizations. He emphasizes the best way to lower the danger is for everyone who is eligible, everyone over 12 years of age, to get the vaccine.

- Everyone 12 years of age and older are now eligible to get a covid-19 vaccination. Register at [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov). or call 1-800-232-0233 for more information.
- Black Doctors covid-19 Consortium is administering covid-19 Vaccines. Register at [www.blackdoctorsconsortium.com](https://www.blackdoctorsconsortium.com). They can also be contacted by phone, 484-270-6200 or email: [info@blackdoctorsconsortium.com](mailto:info@blackdoctorsconsortium.com).
- Check in with your local pharmacy (Rite Aid, Walgreen, CVS, etc). Many of them are giving vaccine shots.
- 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.
- Help combat vaccine hesitancy and myths about vaccines by sharing your vaccine experience using #GotMyShotPA on social media.

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## COVID-19 TESTING

- Many pharmacies are providing testing. You can check with your local pharmacy or go to: <https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/>
- Also, the Black Doctors Consortium continues to do testing. Visit their website for a weekly schedule of locations and dates: [www.blackdoctorsconsortium.com](https://www.blackdoctorsconsortium.com) . They can also be contacted by phone, 484-270-6200 or email: [info@blackdoctorsconsortium.com](mailto:info@blackdoctorsconsortium.com).
- **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.



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## FOOD RESOURCES

Thousands of food-insecure families in Philadelphia will benefit from meal kits thanks to former first lady Michelle Obama and the nonprofit Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA). Philabundance will help distribute the 5,000 "Pass the Love" meal kits, which include recipes and ingredients. The meal kits include high-quality ingredients and recipes inspired by the new kids show Waffles + Mochi. During this 4-week program starting August 2, 2021, families will create 3 family meals per week and find joy in cooking at home. For more information contact [PassTheLove@philabundance.org](mailto:PassTheLove@philabundance.org).





To find locations near you, go to the link below and put in your zip code:  
<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/about/Ending-Hunger/Pages/Food-Pantries.aspx>

1. **Monday starting at 12:30PM - New Journey Christian Center**, 1001 E. Cheltenham, Philadelphia PA. 19138 | 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19121 | 215-765-3135. Operated by Philabundance.
  4. **Every Wednesday @ 2 pm – First Baptist Church – Crestmont** | Drive or walk thru | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. | 1678 Fairview Ave, Willow Grove, PA 19090 | 215-243-0300
  5. **Every Friday @ 2 pm – Providence Baptist Church of Germantown**  
87 E. Haines Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144 | 215-844-0954
  6. **Every Friday @ 2 pm – Chosen 300-West Philadelphia** | Drive or walk thru | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. | 3959 Lancaster Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19104 | 215-243-0300
  7. **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
  8. **Every Friday @ 3:30 pm – Christ Haven Worship Center** | Drive or walk thru | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries | 6800 Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19142 | 215-243-0300
  9. **Every Saturday @ 9 am – Ambler Church of the Brethren** | Drive or walk thru | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. | 351 E. Butler Ave., Ambler PA 19002 | 215-243-0300
  10. **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
  11. **Every Saturday @ 12 pm – Zion Baptist Church - Reading** | Drive or walk thru | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. | 224 Washington Street, Reading, PA 19601 | 215-243-0300
  12. **Saturdays at 1 pm**, until supplies last, free groceries are distributed at **New Covenant Church of Philadelphia**, 7500 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19119.
  13. **Every Saturday @ 2 pm – Love Zion Baptist Church** | Drive or walk thru  
2521 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19132 | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc. 215-243-0300
  14. **Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** of the month at 1:30 pm until supplies are gone. **Christ Center C.O.G.**,  
1615-19 W. Cheltenham Avenue, Phila., PA 19126 | 215-548-7483
  15. **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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## FOR THE CHILDREN



- ▶ On Saturday, 14 August from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Regular Fellows Foundation and Senator Art Haywood will host a Back to School Celebration at Lonnie Young Recreation Center, located at 1100 E. Cheltenham Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19138. For more information contact:  
[www.senatorhaywood.com](http://www.senatorhaywood.com) - 215-242-8171  
[www.regularfellowsfoundation.org](http://www.regularfellowsfoundation.org) - 267-223-9012
  - ▶ **The Free Library of Philadelphia | Summer Reading Program**  
The Free Library of Philadelphia has kicked off its annual *Summer of Wonder* reading experience. The virtual program will run through August 31. “Whether students have been learning virtually or in-person over the past year, it is especially vital this summer for students to stay engaged and ready to start the next school year by combatting learning loss,” said Leslie M. Walker, Interim Director of the Free Library of Philadelphia.
  - ▶ Children, teens, and adults can sign up online [here](#) to collect points and earn badges for Summer of Wonder activities and time spent reading. Information on summer reading programs is also available at the many neighborhood libraries that are open for in-person services. Go [here](#) to find out which services are available at your nearby branch.
  - ▶ *Summer of Wonder and Science in the Summer* will also be hosting virtual events throughout the summer, while some neighborhood libraries will be hosting outdoor events and story times. A full list of library events is available [here](#). For more information on summer programs with the Free Library visit [here](#) or text 66746, and start the body of the text with keyword *askfree* then a space, followed by your question.
  - ▶ **PhillyConnect** seeks to build stronger and safer communities and promote lifelong gains for youth facing high-level charges. Their holistic program lasts six to nine months and provides rigorous interventions to help youth develop accountability, future-oriented planning, emotional self-regulation, and skills to navigate through life challenges. Key Program Components: Mentorship, Intensive Engagement, Individualized Plan, Education & Employment, Asset-Based Youth Development, Individualized Plan, and Family & Team-Based Approach. Contact [267-773-5967](tel:267-773-5967) [www.phillyconnect.net](http://www.phillyconnect.net).
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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES



- ▶ Philadelphia is hiring firefighters; here's what you need to know. The application and exam period runs through Oct. 1.
- ▶ WURD Radio has a new job portal on [www.wurdworks.com](http://www.wurdworks.com)
- ▶ Pennsylvania was named one of the best employers in the nation for new graduates! Browse current job openings for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania here.

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## DID YOU KNOW

Philly's plastic bag ban has gone into effect, with penalties not enforced until April of next year. Exempt from the rule are dry cleaner bags, garbage bags, and those used for perishable items.



### Let's Talk Safety - August 14, 2021 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Fire Commissioner Adam Thiel hosts a monthly talk show on WURD-900AM. The show's goal is to share information about fire prevention and life safety with listeners across the Philadelphia region.

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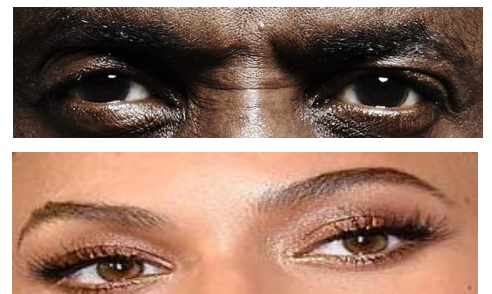
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## TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER



What is the fastest muscle in the body?

The EYE!



The fastest-moving muscle in the human body is the orbicularis oculi. Humans have two of these, one in each eye, and they control the closing action of the eyelids.

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*For additional DESTINY information, visit:*  
Your Destiny is Here Broadcast  
[www.blogtalkradio.com/yourdestinyishere](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/yourdestinyishere)  
(a daily broadcast)

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