



This month, as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas, which is Jesus the Christ, connect Christ's destiny journey with your own journey. Identify with Christ by remembering He lived in the flesh to provide us with a human example of how we should live. Remember what He went through in order to save us from our sins. Be grateful that His ultimate sacrifice of dying on the cross ensured our future and our destiny.

By Jesus coming to this earth to fulfill His destiny, our destiny was saved through His birth as a child and His crucifixion as an adult, which provided forgiveness of sin through the shedding of His precious blood. He showed us how to live godly lives, carried out with humility and majesty wrapped together. Through His life, we now know how to love one another, be gracious, and to show mercy to our brothers and sisters.

Jeremiah 1:5 tells us that God knew us before we were in our mother's womb. This reminds us God knows all about our present and future circumstances: our families, our friends, our haters, and anyone we will ever meet. They all have lessons to teach us (and to learn from us) so we can experience Christ's plans for our future, which is our destiny.

So when we read *Jeremiah 29:11* which says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future", we can believe and trust God's pathway for our future.

While your destiny won't be to save humanity by dying on the cross (that's already been accomplished) your journey will, however, have challenges requiring focus, determination and commitment. Therefore, during this Christmas season look to Jesus as your perfect role model and mentor. Remember just as Christ had His destiny, so do you. Be reassured that just as Jesus changed the world by walking into His destiny, you will have the same impact by walking into yours. *LJI*

Scripture to help you see DESTINY



And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:10-14 ESV

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born I set you apart;" Jeremiah 1:5 NIV

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! Luke 1:41-42 ASB

"Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but Thine, be done." Luke 22:42 KJV

**DESTINY
SPOTLIGHT
ON:**



Tiffanie D. Ballou, LSW

This month's Destiny Spotlight is on our advisory board member Ms. Tiffanie D. Ballou. Just as Jesus' destiny was not only about Him, Tiffanie D. Ballou's destiny is also not just about her. Her destiny has greatly affected others, and this is true for all of us. Tiffanie's journey is a reminder of Genesis 12: 2-3, that we have all been blessed to be a blessing to others.

As a Temple University School of Social Administration alumni and a licensed social worker, Tiffanie helps vulnerable people cope with and solve their problems. Her professional career has led her to her destiny of providing care, support, and expertise within a variety of settings to "at risk" individuals - including children, adults, families, and groups.

Tiffanie discovered the pathway to her future at an early age, which she knew would be helping others. Her passion grew from watching her mother, Wanda Ballou, a social worker, supporting people and providing resources for them. Her mother's caring spirit instilled her desire to do the same. She now looks at social work as a family business. In addition to her mother's guidance, Tiffanie had several mentors who helped her along the way, including Mrs. Yvonne Jones, Rev. Linda Ivey, and Dr. Argie Allen Wilson.

Tiffanie explained how there are many facets to social work. "Most people think it's just about working with children, but it also includes families, people with developmental disabilities, behavioral health issues, justice, corrections and healthcare insurance." Tiffanie's pathway directed her to serving in various positions before she determined her specialization of working with dual populations that include elderly, poor, and mentally challenged persons. While in high school, Tiffanie was a volunteer with a parenting group and at a senior center. Her destiny journey started with children and she worked at a psychiatric hospital for many years. Once in college, she experienced the stress of balancing work and school. But Tiffanie did not let it stop her from earning her bachelor's degree in psychology and continuing on to get her master's in Social Work and to become a Licensed Social Worker. Tiffanie also started and has operated a private clinical practice since 2017 but has suspended services since the pandemic.

Currently, God has called Tiffanie to even greater and she is now working towards becoming a Licensed Clinical Social Worker - LCSW.

"Helping people adds levels of gratefulness to my life and I find the work very satisfying. I am humbled to provide service, support, and help to people in need. I gain satisfaction from helping people at their lowest and worse times to develop and grow into better, more fulfilled individuals."

Tiffanie's advice to anyone who has lost their way or is discouraged on their journey into their destiny, "Keep God first. Stay in prayer. Whatever keeps you grounded (music, reading, etc.) keep doing that. You've already survived 100% of your bad days."

Thank you, Tiffanie, for seeing your destiny, walking in it, and most of all for blessing, supporting, and serving others so they too have an opportunity to reach their greater purpose, which is their destiny.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

(In Philadelphia and the surrounding areas)

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



COVID-19 is still with us and growing. We need to continue with the precautions we exercised back in March to keep ourselves, our families, friends and neighbors safe. In Pennsylvania, we are in the Red Phase, which has the sole purpose of trying to minimize the spread of COVID-19 through strict social distancing, closing of non-life sustaining business, school closures, and building safety protocols.

These restrictions are for the good of all. They should not be taken personally - our rights are not being violated. Covid-19 is the enemy and we all must do what we can to fight it. The CDC has set boundaries to help reduce the spread of the virus and to help save lives. They are not trying to take away anyone's rights.

The sooner we adhere to the CDC recommendations, the sooner we can slow the spread of the virus.

Current Guidelines in Philadelphia:

- Stay at home orders are in place.
- Restaurants and bars limited to carry-out and delivery only.
- Only travel for life-sustaining purposes encouraged.
- Work and congregation settings are restricted.
- Large gatherings are prohibited.
- Masks are required everywhere.
- Schools and most child care facilities are closed.

If you need Testing:

If you need to be tested, CVS and Rite Aid have free testing sites. Check these websites for more information: cvshealth.com/covid-19/testing-locations and riteaid.com/pharmacy/services/covid-19-testing.

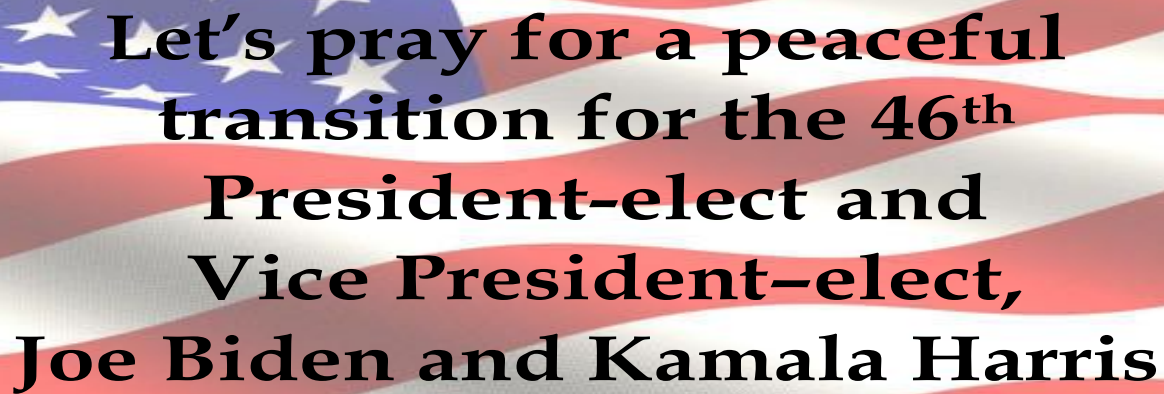
If you need Food:

- Fresh For All Wednesdays - 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. Operated by Philabundance. 215-765-3135
 - Einstein Healthcare Network and Philabundance provide a weekly produce market where fresh fruits and vegetables are distributed at no cost on Tuesday mornings starting at 10 a.m. at: 5500 block North 11th Street, between Tabor Road and Clarkson Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19141, on the Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia campus.
 - On Saturdays (except for December 26th) at 2 pm until supplies last, free groceries are distributed at New Covenant Church of Philadelphia, 7500 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19119.
 - Philabundance – go to: www.Philabundance.org, click on “find food” and put in your zip code, or call WhyHungry at 800-5-HUNGRY (1 800 548 6479).
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OTHER:

For community services to support your family, such as food, utilities, transportation and more, go to - communityresourceconnects.org. Enter your zip code for resources in your neighborhood.

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President-elect and
Vice President-elect,
Joe Biden and Kamala Harris**

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