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DESTINY – THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS



With all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, the true meaning of Christmas mustn't get lost in all the shopping, gifting, decorating, parties, gatherings, and Santa sightings.

The true meaning of Jesus' birth can be found in a popular verse of scripture, John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him would not perish but have everlasting life". God's love for us is why He came.

In the days to come, let's remind our family and friends how Christmas is about the birth of Jesus Christ, found in the books of Matthew and Luke, chapters 1 and 2. Tell them how angels from heaven appeared to shepherds in a field, to announce and proclaim the birth of Jesus Christ. How the wise men travelled for years, following a star that rose in the sky so they could come worship the babe that would be King. This is a story filled with intrigue, mystery, excitement, and drama. A would-be reigning King, whose parents were troubled by the news of plots to have their babe killed as He lay in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes. Get them to picture how it happened in their minds. Encourage them to hear it with their ears. Let the story speak to their hearts. I guarantee it will change their lives for the better.

No matter what rituals or traditions you participate in, make sure to spend some time reflecting and celebrating the true meaning of this season.

WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES



Thank God for His Son – His Gift too wonderful for words!

2 Corinthians 9:15 TLB

And she will have a Son, and you shall name Him Jesus (meaning 'Savior'), for He will save His people from their sins. *Matthew 1:21 TLB*

But when the right time came, the time God decided on, He sent His Son, born of a woman, born as a Jew, to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law so that he could adopt us as his very own sons.– *Galatians 4:4-5 TLB*

The Savior – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born tonight in Bethlehem! *Luke 2:11 TLB*

For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder. These will be His royal titles: "Wonderful," "Counselor," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," "The Prince of Peace." *Isaiah 9:6 ESV*

DESTINY SPOTLIGHT



Pastor Bernadine Waterman

*This month's Destiny Spotlight is on Your Destiny is Here, Inc.'s Advisory Board Member, **Reverend Bernadine Waterman, Pastor of the Polite Temple Baptist Church. Pastor Waterman is one of the leaders on the Women and Children in Crisis Advocacy Project.** Following is our interview with Pastor Bernadine Waterman. You can read Pastor Waterman's complete journey in her biography in, "The Marys; Women who answered God's Call, Will You?"*

Destiny represents our future based on whatever God has predestined and is the result of the choices we make. During the pandemic, it was beautiful the way people came together and cared for each other. God's creations are beautiful. The world needs more of that type of compassion and respect for one another.

During my journey towards my destiny, I learned a lot about myself and how to practice patience. I learned I didn't always have to be the fixer, but rather allow everyone to go through their different seasons and walk on their own path. I also learned I needed to step back, to listen in a different way, and then talk to myself about what I heard. Continually putting myself out was exhausting because others relied on me too much. My husband is my covering - he can tell people no when I can't.

I've had two careers in my life that have molded and shaped me into the strong, confident, woman I am today. I'm a good manager of time, and I love helping people. Although I found my career as a Special Ed teacher very satisfying, I had quite a few mentors who encouraged me to eventually earn my Master's Degree in Administration. But I never became an Administrator at a school. It wasn't what God had planned for me.

My career in church ministry began when Polite Temple received me. When I became pregnant, my former church shunned me. As a single parent at Polite Temple, my daughter and I were welcomed with open hearts and open arms. While attending Polite, God sent me several mentors. My former pastor, Rev. Dr. Franklin Williamson Jr. started saying to me, "I'm waiting on you." I eventually found out what he was waiting for - me to do my trial sermon. I did my trial sermon and haven't looked back. God told me, "Your life is not your own, it's Mine". Now, I am proud to be Polite Temple's first female pastor.

People would be surprised to know I love to dance. I also enjoy having a day to myself - getting up when I want to and having a cup of coffee. I also love to drive. I get my snacks together, (Herr's Kettle chips or some popcorn and coffee) - then "Let's hit the road". That's peace! And I owe it all to God, who held my destiny in His hand, who let me stray from my path, but faithfully brought me back to it.

For someone who has lost their way or is discouraged, don't give up! God has the master plan for your life. Take your eyes off yourself, fall back and call on the Lord. Let Christ direct you. I was a 16-year-old single mother. I had a child who was depending on me. Now I have beautiful grandbabies that are the loves of my life and bring me joy! I made it. God brought me through! And He'll do the same thing for you.

CALL TO ACTION



In this month's message, we encourage you to know, check out, re-visit, and share the real meaning of Christmas. As mentioned earlier, you can examine the story in the Bible. Don't have a Bible? We suggest two apps: BibleHub or BibleGateway.

Another way to hear the story of Jesus' birth, is from the Peanuts Christmas special, a *Charlie Brown Christmas*. The character Linus shares the true meaning of Christmas. It's shared here: <https://youtu.be/sOofCTbv96s> (Linus' Christmas Monologue is from the Book Of Luke 2:8-20)

When you consider Jesus' story, it is a love story that has expanded history, encompasses trials, tribulations and death, and is still manifesting itself in the earth.

TRIVIA QUESTION



What tasty holiday dessert isn't as American as we thought?



ACCOUNTABILITY FOCUS

Staying abreast and aware of things that impact our lives.

1. WOMEN

► Domestic Violence

From the Tribune: Homicides involving female victims are on the rise in Philadelphia. There was a total of 40 female homicide victims all of last year. However, from the beginning of this year, there have already been over 60 such incidents. **So far this year, we've experienced 35 domestic-related homicides in our city.**



If you are a young girl or woman, experiencing verbal, emotional, or physical abuse from a male, chances are it will not stop. No matter what he says, no matter how sorry he may be. It will more than likely escalate. You **MUST** seek help for yourself. You can call the Philadelphia Domestic Violence Hotline at any time – 866-723-3014. The number to the National Domestic Violence Hotline is 800-799-7233; or you can Text START to 88788.

► Assaults on public transportation

There have been many assaults on women, school children, and men on public transportation, some assaults have been sexual in nature. Perpetrators range in age from teenagers to middle aged persons. SEPTA plans to hire a contractor to deploy 60 temporary security guards who will be posted at the entrances to stations along the Market-Frankford Line between 15th Street and the Frankford Transportation Center. They will not be employees of the transit agency officials said.



SEPTA also wants to assign people to monitor video feeds live “as additional eyes on the system” who can catch problems and raise a quick police response.

The Transit Workers local has also been recommending that security cameras be monitored live.

2. CHILDREN

► Shootings near schools

Over the first two months of the academic year, there were at least four shootings near Philadelphia school buildings. At least 29 children were shot. Principals have demanded more support, and two efforts have been announced. Police will immediately increase patrols at 25 school zones; and the district will pay community members for help creating a "Safe Path." Read more about it here:



<https://www.inquirer.com/news/gun-violence-philadelphia-schools-safety-police-20211028.html>

3. WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO END VIOLENCE in the City of Brotherly Love?

At least 197 shooting victims this year have been under the age of 18.

As of November 30, 2021, in the City of Philadelphia, there have been 510 homicides so far this year (and 13,105 other violent crimes committed – rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults). *Statistics from Philadelphia Police Department Crime Maps & Stats.*



Statewide, MONTHLY, more than 73,959 guns were sold **in the month** of November **2021**. **50,837** of those were handguns, 23,122 were long guns (some military-style rifles). **MONTHLY**. *Statistics from and thetrace.org.*

- ▶ During the Thanksgiving weekend, a coalition called Philly Truce planned to patrol neighborhoods to combat gun violence because “our children are killing one another”. The next block-by-block effort is the “Holiday Stand Down,” planned for Dec. 24-31. Go to https://www.zerohomicidesnow.com/?mc_cid=423a193918&mc_eid=73f08e5388 for more information.

- ▶ **From Gov, Wolf’s Weekly Newsletter:**

Governor Tom Wolf denounced a move by PA Senate Republicans to pass dangerous legislation that would make Pennsylvanians less safe.

“This is a move to lower the bar for unvetted, permitless people to carry hidden weapons while they walk our streets and mingle in our communities and to dismantle the commonwealth’s system for responsible gun ownership. We need to stop this nonsense – we should question why we would want anyone who hasn’t undergone a background check to carry a concealed weapon. We should question politicians who turn a blind eye to the fact that states without concealed carry permits have an 11 percent higher rate of homicide than those with discretion.”

“I have repeatedly called on the General Assembly to act for the communities across Pennsylvania facing daily terrors of gun violence; this is not the commonsense legislation that the more than 1,600 victims of gun violence each year in Pennsylvania deserve. Pennsylvanians deserve safety. Republicans are dealing them peril with this irresponsible bill.”

Gov. Wolf has asked for safe storage legislation to reduce the number of shootings by people who should not have access to guns, including accidental shootings by children; to tighten reporting requirements for lost or stolen guns; to swiftly pass the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act, also known as the red flag law; and to pursue state-level universal background checks on all gun purchases.

The Senate is considering Senate Bill 565 and Senate Bill 448. SB 448 would allow anyone to sue a city for enacting gun safety policies then force taxpayers to pick up the legal costs.

Gov. Wolf will veto both bills.

- ▶ **Don't forget to keep your children safe.** 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. To find out the location of the next community gun lock giveaway, please check templesafetynet.org for upcoming events. You can also **REQUEST A GUN LOCK HERE!**



- ▶ Click to find a list of resources for [people affected by gun violence here](#).

4. VOTING POWER

From Vote.org: Voting and the freedom to vote should not be a controversial or partisan issue. We're asking you to help as we continue to advocate for the passage of these crucial pieces of legislation. **Laws protecting the right to vote for all Americans should not be another controversial issue or swept under the rug – we need to pass these pieces of legislation now.**



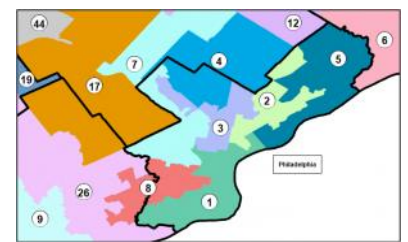
The Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act will strengthen our democracy and protect our freedom to vote. Will you email your senator today to tell them that these vital pieces of legislation need to be passed before it's too late?

Will you email your senator today and let them know that you support these key pieces of legislation – and no one should be standing in the way of Americans getting to the ballot box?

EMAIL YOUR SENATOR

5. REDISTRICTING

Redistricting is under way nationwide, and the new maps from states like Texas and North Carolina are a grim sight. Republicans are gerrymandering away new electoral opportunities for communities of color, and in many places worsening existing ones. Thanks to an under-the-radar Supreme Court ruling, *Rucho v. Common Cause*, maps that dilute representation for communities of color are permissible so long as the mapmakers claim they were only trying to target the opposing party. In affirming that racial gerrymandering is illegal, the Court has given partisan gerrymandering the green light. Unless the Senate passes the Freedom to Vote Act, which would ban partisan gerrymandering and make it harder for states to defend discriminatory congressional maps, this redistricting cycle could be among the worst in history for communities of color.



DISCOVERY



Search for words associated with the birth of Jesus Christ.

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CENSUS
EARTH
FRANKINCENSE
GLORY TO GOD
GOLD
GOODWILL
JESUS
JOSEPH
MANGER
MARY
MYRRH
PEACE
PRAISE
PROCLAIM
ROMAN
SHEPHERDS
SWADDLING
THREE KINGS



RESOURCES (In Philadelphia and the surrounding areas)

At the time of publication, resources listed were obtainable.
Covid resources change daily. We recommend you call and verify what you are interested in is still available.

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.

COVID-19

Covid-19 is still with us, along with a couple of variants. Consider getting vaxxed and boosted. If not for yourself, then for your loved ones who are too young to get vaccinated, and your loved ones who are older with vulnerable conditions.

▪ COVID RELIEF

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

▪ COVID-19 VACCINES

As of December 1, 2021 - 1,012,589 persons have been fully vaccinated and 265,443 have received one dose, according to the City of Philadelphia Coronavirus dashboard.

- ▶ Now that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has given the green light to administer COVID-19 vaccinations to kids aged 5 to 11, the School District of Philadelphia has set up clinics for children to get their shots. "We will be providing some clinics both in our schools and in other health care facilities for young people who were interested in receiving the vaccine," said Superintendent William Hite.



The clinics will be set up in partnership with the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, and the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium. The district surveyed parents, and Hite said most wanted their children to get the shot. "Of the roughly 2,000 people who responded, 63% have indicated that they are strongly interested in their children receiving the vaccine," he said. For more information click on this link: <https://www.philasd.org/studenthealth/covid-vax/>

- The Black Doctor's Consortium continues to provide weekly, free, covid-19 vaccine and testing. Go to: <https://blackdoctorsconsortium.com/free-covid-19-testing-vaxx/> to view the weekly schedule at the Dr. Ala Stanford Center for Equity (ASHE) | 2001 W. Lehigh Avenue (20th & Dr. Ala Stanford Way) | Philadelphia, PA 19132. You can also visit www.bccares.com; or call 844-4-BDC-DOC
- Check in with your local pharmacy (Rite Aid, Walgreen, CVS, etc). Many of them are giving vaccine shots.

Along with Pop-up Covid-19 Vaccine Clinics, we are listing Community Flu Clinic information. We didn't hear about many people catching the flu last year, mostly due to people wearing masks and getting the flu vaccine. Let's continue the trend this year. Flu Clinic info comes from the City Health Center Flu Spots, Department of Public Health.

- **Pop-up Vaccine Clinic** | ACANA | Wednesday, December 1st | 10 am - 4 pm
5530 Chester Ave., Phila., PA 19143
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Wednesday, December 1st | 5 pm - 7 pm | 915 Vine St., Phila., PA 19107
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Wednesday, December 1st | 4 pm - 7 pm | 1538 W. Wingohocking St., Phila., PA 19140
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Thursday, December 2nd | 9 am - 2 pm | 1538 W. Wingohocking St., Phila., PA 19140
- **Pop-up Vaccine Clinic** | Waterview Rec Center | Thursday, December 2nd | 10 am - 4 pm
5826 McMahon Street, Phila., PA 19144
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Thursday, December 2nd | 12 pm - 3 pm | 1538 W. Wingohocking St., Phila., PA 19140
- **Pop-up Vaccine Clinic** | Paschalville | Thursday, December 2nd | 1 pm - 4 pm |
6942 Woodlane Ave., Phila., PA 19142
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Thursday, December 2nd | 5 pm - 7 pm | 2121 N. Howard St., Phila., PA 19122
- **Pop-up Vaccine Clinic** | Blackwell Library | Friday, December 3rd | 1 pm - 4 pm |
125 S. 52nd Street Phila., PA 19139
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Saturday, December 4th | 10 am - 2 pm | 3509 Spring Garden St., Phila., PA 19104
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Sunday, December 5th | 9 am - 2 pm | 6527 Large St., Phila., PA 19149
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Sunday, December 5th | 12 pm - 2 pm | 1538 W. Wingohocking St., Phila., PA 19140
- **Pop-up Vaccine Clinic** | Sturgis Playground | Tuesday, December 7th | 10 am - 4 pm
200 W. 54th Ave., Phila., PA 19126
- **Pop-up Vaccine Clinic** | Restoration Ministries | Wednesday, December 8th | 0 am - 4 pm |
5946 Ogontz Ave., Phila., PA 19141

- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Wednesday, December 8th | 4 pm - 7 pm | 1538 W. Wingohocking St., Phila., PA 19140
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Wednesday, December 8th | 5 pm - 7 pm | 915 Vine St., Phila., PA 19107
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Thursday, December 9th | 9 am - 2 pm | 1538 W. Wingohocking St., Phila., PA 19140
- **Pop-up Vaccine Clinic** | Waterview Rec Center | Thursday, December 9th | 10 am - 4 pm
5826 McMahon Street, Phila., PA 19144
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Thursday, December 9th | 12 pm - 3 pm | 1538 W. Wingohocking St., Phila., PA 19140
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Thursday, December 9th | 5 pm - 7 pm | 2121 N. Howard St., Phila., PA 19122
- **Pop-up Vaccine Clinic** | Community Academy | Saturday, December 11th | 10 am - 4 pm
1100 E. Erie Ave., Phila., PA 19134
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Sunday, December 12th | 12 pm - 2 pm | 1538 W. Wingohocking St., Phila., PA 19140
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Wednesday, December 15th | 4 pm - 7 pm | 1538 W. Wingohocking St., Phila., PA 19140
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Wednesday, December 15th | 5 pm - 7 pm | 915 Vine St., Phila., PA 19107
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Thursday, December 16th | 9 am - 2 pm | 1538 W. Wingohocking St., Phila., PA 19140
- **Pop-up Vaccine Clinic** | Waterview Playground | Thursday, December 16th | 10 am - 4 pm
5826 McMahon Street, Phila., PA 19144
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Thursday, December 16th | 12 pm - 3 pm | 1538 W. Wingohocking St., Phila., PA 19140
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Thursday, December 16th | 5 pm - 7 pm | 2121 N. Howard St., Phila., PA 19122
- **Pop-up Vaccine Clinic** | Community Academy | Saturday, December 18th | 10 am - 4 pm
1100 E. Erie Ave., Phila., PA 19134
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Sunday, December 19th | 9 am - 2 pm | 6527 Large St., Phila., PA 19149
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Sunday, December 19th | 12 pm - 2 pm | 1538 W. Wingohocking St., Phila., PA 19140
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Wednesday, December 22nd | 4 pm - 7 pm | 1538 W. Wingohocking St., Phila., PA 19140

- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Wednesday, December 22nd | 5 pm - 7 pm | 915 Vine St., Phila., PA 19107
- **Community Flu Clinic** | Free Flu vaccines for adults aged 19+
Thursday, December 23rd | 9 am - 2 pm | 1538 W. Wingohocking St., Phila., PA 19140

▪ COVID-19 TESTING

There are permanent and temporary testing sites throughout Philadelphia. Some charge but many are free. For more information go to: <https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/>

Also, check out your local CVS, RiteAid or Walgreens. They also have low and no-cost testing available.



- The Black Doctors Consortium continues to do **free testing and vaccinations**. Go to: <https://blackdoctorsconsortium.com/free-covid-19-testing-vaxx/> to view the weekly schedule at the Dr. Ala Stanford Center for Equity (ASHE) | 2001 W. Lehigh Avenue (20th & Dr. Ala Stanford Way) | Phila., PA 19132
You can also visit www.bccares.com; or call 844-4-BDC-DOC
- Murrell Dobbins High School, Test For All Tuesdays | Tuesdays | 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Free covid-19 testing on Tuesdays for all residents. No appointment required, walk-ups welcome. 2150 Lehigh Ave., Phila., PA 19132 | 267-436-3126

FOOD RESOURCES

To find locations near you, go to the link below and put in your zip code: <https://www.philabundance.org/find-food/>



- **Mondays starting at 12:30PM – New Journey Christian Center**, 1001 E. Chelton, Phila., PA. 19138 267-331-8761 or 267-440-7499
- **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.
- **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.

- **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
 - **Every Friday @ 2 pm – Providence Baptist Church of Germantown**
87 E. Haines Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144 | 215-844-0954
 - **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
 - **Every Friday @ 3 pm – First Millcreek Baptist Church** | Drive or walk thru
641 N. Preston St., Phila., PA 19104 | Sponsored by Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc.
215-243-0300
 - **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
 - **Every Friday @ 4 pm – Ambassador Seed of Love Church**
1718 W. Susquehanna Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19121
 - **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
 - **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.
 - **Every Saturday @ 10 am | First African Baptist Church** | 700-798 N. 67th St., Phila, PA 19151
 - **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
 - **Saturdays at 1 pm**, until supplies last, free groceries are distributed at **New Covenant Church of Philadelphia**, 7500 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19119.
 - **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
 - **Every 3rd 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
 - **WURD Radio** is sharing a harvest for the world! Through December 31st, visit www.wurdradio.com each week to find information on upcoming give-back events in Philadelphia. **They feature organizations hosting free food and clothing giveaways, workshops and more.**
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PARENTS AND BOYS



- ▶ SATURDAY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY 2021-22
(Boys 1st-12th grades)
Sponsored by 100 Black Men of Philadelphia, Inc.

About this event

***FREE* SATURDAY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (SLA) | EARN \$25 - \$50 / month for attending 1st & 3rd Sessions (for 1st 60 Mentees)**

The 100 Black Men of Philadelphia, Inc. adopts the 100 Black Men of America's Inc. organization's signature "Mentoring the 100 Way" concept. Mentoring the 100 Way is a holistic program that addresses the social, emotional, and cultural needs of children, ages 6-20.

The program will focus on: * Character building * Self-Awareness * Peer to peer mentoring * Communication / Conflict resolution * Social Engagement * Goal setting * Networking * Time Management * Developmental Skills * Leadership Development * Physical Fitness * Cultural Awareness * Career Opportunities & Exposure

- Saturday Leadership Academy (SLA) runs one 1st & 3rd Saturdays from Sept. 18, 2021 to June 2022 (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)
- SLA is ***FREE***
- There is currently a (25) student maximum per grade cohort (1st to 3rd / 4th - 6th / 7th & 8th / H.S.)
- Once this registration is complete, Parent / Guardians must RSVP student(s) via eVite for individual upcoming mentoring sessions.

H.S. Seniors will be eligible to apply for 100 Black Men of America National College Scholarships!

- We will be following CDC Covid-19 Guidelines. Face Masks are required. We encourage all to become vaccinated when eligible.
- Parents / Guardians must AGREE to Video / Picture release for 100 use in training and marketing purposes.
- Students must attend at least (8) SLA to be eligible to participate in 2022 National Competition events in June.
- Parents must be present to at least (5) Parent Academy workshops for student to be eligible to travel to National events. If employment conflict, please notify office@100BlackMenPhilly.org ASAP so considerations can be made.
- Parents must AGREE all decisions made by 100 Administration and/or Board are final in regards to SLA.

- ▶ **100 Black Men of Philadelphia Membership & Volunteer Interest Meeting ZOOM**
Sat, Dec 11, 12:00 PM | Free
100 Black Men of Philadelphia Chapter Office (via ZOOM MEETING) • Philadelphia, PA
For more information: <https://www.100blackmenphilly.org/programs>
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WOMEN

Women's Opportunity Resource Center Family Savings Account Orientation

Free | Tuesday, Dec 7th | 6 pm – 8 pm | WORC |
2010 Chestnut Street, Phila., PA 19103

The Women's Opportunity Resource Center (WORC) runs a Family Savings Account program, which is a savings and match program created to assist low-income individuals achieve self-sufficiency. Funds can be used in several ways, including funding a business. WORC holds monthly orientation sessions for anyone interested in learning more about this program. Sponsor: WORC - Women's Opportunity Resource Center Cost: **Orientation is FREE**. More information and registration: <http://www.worc-pa.com/contact-events.html>



FATHERS

DadLab | Meetings held online with Zoom

The transition to fatherhood can feel overwhelming. Sharing your experiences and learning from others can help you build confidence and bond with your baby. That's why **Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia** offers DadLab, a group designed for new fathers to learn about being a dad. At DadLab, you won't be lectured on the "right" way to father. Instead, you'll have an opportunity to share your fathering experiences, concerns and questions. You'll connect with other dads going through the same things as you. New moms and partners are also included in DadLab because everyone benefits when co-parents communicate and coordinate their care.



For meeting times, call or text DadLab Director Jay Cherney at 215-690-1029 or email him at cherney.jay@gmail.com. Or, contact Co-facilitator Clarence B. Iszard at 484-471-7005 or iszardc@einstein.edu.

FOR EVERYONE

December 10th 2021 | 4:30 pm | 2201 W. Hunting Park Ave
You're invited to Georgia E. Gregory Music School's Annual Caroling with Cops @ the 39th District. Come out to lift your voice, sing, and have a jolly good time.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES



- ▶ WPSI (West Philadelphia Skills Initiative)
Apply for training Production Jobs at Tastykake
Part-time to start | Training Program dates: January 10 – 28
Deadline to apply: December 17th. To view the flyer go to:

<https://www.universitycity.org/sites/default/files/documents/12.21%20Tastykake-recruitment.pdf> To apply, go to: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4949238>

- ▶ Philadelphia residents are exposed to many environmental harms due to the city's industrial past, combined with racial-biased discriminatory policies including zoning, racial covenants, and redlining. Examples of **environmental racism are prominent in the Philadelphia area**. Blacks and residents of color, as well as low-income communities, are more likely to live in neighborhoods with environmental hazards and are more vulnerable to climate change.

The City officially opened the application process for the **first Environmental Justice Advisory Commission**. The commission will provide recommendations to the Mayor, City Council, and Office of Sustainability for how to study and address environmental justice issues in Philadelphia. Residents – especially those from impacted communities – are invited to join the Commission. Applications are open through midnight on December 22nd.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSen2TYaF7Hr4eVT8dIN2_Yj84bT2VN1jjYhG4nyWIYybBsmjw/viewform?mc_cid=10261d8ff2&mc_eid=8e3924b235

APPLY TO THE CITY'S ENVIRO JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

- ▶ Pennsylvania needs school bus drivers. If you have a CDL, [apply here](#).
- ▶ AAA is hiring. They are looking for Associates to serve locally. Openings include Car Care Technicians, Retail Associates, Call Center Agents and other positions. Visit AAA.com/Careers for more information.

HOUSEHOLD SAFETY



December 11, 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.



Philadelphia residents may call 3-1-1 to receive a free smoke alarm installation. You can also [submit a request to Philly 311 online](#).

HOLIDAY SAFETY REMINDERS

From the City of Philadelphia

During the busy holiday season, there is often a significant increase in the number of thefts and burglaries throughout neighborhoods. Please be vigilant and aware of your surroundings at all times when you are out and about.

THEFT FROM AUTO

There are a few easy steps you can take to prevent yourself from becoming a victim:

- Lock your vehicle.
- Always take your keys with you.
- Hide your valuables if you can't take them with you.
- Never leave firearms or highly valuable items in your parked car.

PACKAGE THEFT

Ordering something from Amazon? Expecting a USPS, UPS, or FedEx Delivery? Deliveries often arrive while you're at work, which makes them easy picking for porch bandits.

- When possible, try to schedule deliveries for days when you'll be home, or have a neighbor or family member pick up your packages for you before you get home.
- Consider having packages delivered to work or school, or to a family member's house when they'll be home.

Because many people buy gifts and presents during the holidays, burglars may believe that you have valuable new items inside your home to be stolen. Try to follow these tips to keep your belongings safe and keep your family from being victimized.

BURGLARY TIPS

- Be sure to lock your house or apartment before you leave. Check all your doors and windows to make sure they're secure.
- Make your house visible with **good lighting**.
- Trim any bushes or trees in front of your house.
- Consider leaving a radio or TV on when you're not home to make it seem like someone is there.
- **Install cameras** around your house, and make them visible.
- Consider having a **burglary alarm** installed.
- Know your neighbors. Watch for suspicious persons around their houses, and have them watch for suspicious persons around yours.

**If you see any suspicious activity,
Call 9-1-1 and wait for help**

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TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER

What tasty holiday dessert isn't as American as we thought?

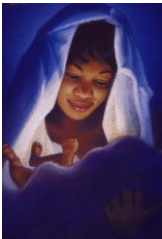
Apple Pie!

Neither apple pie nor apples originally came from America.



Apples are native to Asia.

The first recorded recipe for apple pie was actually written in England.



FINALLY . . .

For your listening pleasure, here is a rendition of a song asking Mary, the mother of Jesus, if she knew who she was giving birth to. It's called, *Mary Did You Know?*

Performed by Sheldon Thomas. <https://youtu.be/Qd6Rux9vgh4>

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