



YOUR DESTINY IS HERE INC

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## DESTINY – FATHERHOOD



Fathers, we all have one. So, we say Happy Father's Day to all the men who have used their influence on role modeling positive fathers.

God has designed us to have both a mother and a father. God created men and women with completely different attributes in themselves. Children need both parents because they learn completely different things from both of them. For children to grow up with a sense of belonging, value, and respect – they need to know that they are loved by both their father and their mother. And not only loved, but to have it demonstrated – through time spend with them, just doing things like talking with them to learn what's going on in school, with their friends, as well as sharing your life experiences with them. Children need their fathers to help them navigate through life relationships and to teach them right from wrong. Many of us have either a love or hate relationship with our fathers. Some of us suffer because unfortunately, we experienced fathers who used their poor relationships with their 'baby mamas' to emotionally move from their children.

Thank God, there are still fathers who are very attentive to their children, who spend time with them while working hard to provide for them. That's why we salute all fathers; those who are present and especially those who are finding their way back to their families; which is their God-given destinies.

Remember fathers – your children need you and are waiting for your return.

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## WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES



He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers. *Malachi 4:6*

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. *Proverbs 22:6*

And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty. *2 Corinthians 6:18*

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. *Ephesians 6:4*

I will be a father to him, and he'll be a son to me. When he does wrong, I'll discipline him in the usual ways, the pitfalls and obstacles of this mortal life. But I'll never remove my gracious love from him. *2 Samuel 7:14-15*

Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. *Proverbs 23:22*

The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him. *Proverbs 23:24*

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## DESTINY SPOTLIGHT



## Tyler Garbett

*This month's Destiny Spotlight is on Your Destiny is Here Advisory Board Member, **Mr. Tyler Garbett**. Mr. Garbett is lead over YDH Artistic Development Advocacy Projects and Outreach Ministry. Mr. Garbett is an energetic young man who knows his destiny, who cares much about family, and has a bright future ahead of him. Mr. Garbett was raised in Philadelphia, and will receive his Masters Degree in Human Services Counseling in December 2021. He currently works with persons with intellectual disabilities. The following is our interview with Mr. Garbett.*

I see Destiny as divine order, following in the steps God has for you. I love the Lord, church, and music. Not everyone knows that finding my voice while in church was my special God-given discovery. I direct choirs and sing, but I'll only sing gospel.

I'm family oriented – family comes first. While I like simple things, there are times I can be over the top. I love life. I am a car guy who appreciates when the sun comes out and the weather is nice - that's a good day for me.

I went to school because it was required of me. I grew up in a family where higher education was required. Since it was a given, a lot was planned beforehand, even though it was not what I wanted to do. This caused me to try to find myself and learn what was the right fit for me. I had help from my grandmother who was a mentor to me, along with my dad and my godmother, who worked at my school and was hands on in my life.

When I went to college, I wasn't motivated and during my first two years there was a lot of confusion. I didn't have a plan and I didn't know what I wanted to study. There were tons of obstacles on the way to my finding my right path. Losing both of my grandfathers, who were my mentors and role models, didn't help. It was hard dealing with their loss during that time, but I picked up the pieces and pressed forward. School kept me moving in the right direction and helped me build structure as I figured things out. I have learned to appreciate the importance of higher education.

I started as a Math Communication Major, then switched to Human Services as a backup, following in my grandmother's footsteps. Then, when I started my first job in Human Services, I began to love what I was doing and things started coming together. My being a good listener and a good public speaker, which are my two best traits, fell right in line with my destiny and my career path. I now advocate for people with intellectual disabilities, those who can't speak for themselves. I have been able to help my brother and nephew who also have intellectual disabilities; which is very fulfilling.

I have an understanding of young people who have lost their way or are discouraged, because that was me. My advice is to go back to school, which is not something everyone wants to hear. We have to just take a step back to look at our situation from all aspects. Learn from our circumstances, find our supports, and then move forward.

We, the younger generations, also need to stop acting like we know everything and start listening to our elders. We have turned matters around so much. In the 80s and 90s, we started doing our own thing our own way. Now things are out of order because we've stopped taking advice from those who came before us. Yes, we're in an advanced technological age and things come quicker to us than to our elders, but there is a lot we can still learn from them. We can gain a lot from their wisdom, experiences, and advice if we will devote the time to listen.

The world right now needs a lot of things from us. We need to invest time and attention to climate and pollution control; they are put on the back burner but need to be brought to the forefront. And peace, we definitely need peace.

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## CALL TO ACTION

### GRATITUDE: TAKE TIME TO WRITE THE 5 WAYS GOD BLESSED YOU YESTERDAY

Gratitude rhymes with attitude. Interesting right? Gratitude means giving thanks, showing appreciation, recognition, acknowledgement, honor. God loves us and provides us with daily blessings. He wakes us up every day and He provides love, grace, and mercy. He helps us to find favor throughout the day, along with direction and help from others. He deserves our gratitude.



Spend a few minutes at the end of your day, or in the mornings whichever works for you, to recognize at least five ways in which God blessed you. In fact, start a gratitude journal to help you keep track by writing them down daily. Next, begin thanking God for being a part of your life. Thank Him for loving you and knowing you by name. Thank Him for having a plan and a purpose for you, and begin to walk in it.

When someone does something for us or gives us a gift, we are appreciative and we say thank you. Being grateful is a step up from appreciation. It is an action. Appreciation is about us. Gratitude is about who brought about the feeling of appreciation . . . it's about acknowledging God!

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*



### TRIVIA QUESTION

Which kind of bulbs were once exchanged as a form of currency?



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## ACCOUNTABILITY FOCUS

It's easy to say or point a finger at others we think are accountable for things going wrong in our communities and in the world. In some ways, that may be true, but we each hold some responsibility for the things happening and going on around us. At the least, we have a responsibility to stay vigilant, keep informed about what's going on, and to call our legislators regarding legislation that is concerning to us. Here are a few things to stay abreast of.

### 1. Gun Violence



Martin Luther King once said, "By our readiness to allow arms to be purchased at will and fired at whim . . . we have created an atmosphere in which violence and hatred have become popular pastimes."

As of May 31, 2021, there have been **215 homicides in the city of Philadelphia**. There are many initiatives in place hoping to stem the gun violence. We have to support our legislators to do something about how guns are so available to our youth. President Biden has a plan, <https://joebiden.com/gunsafety/>. Mayor Jim Kenney started an initiative a couple of years ago that has been updated, <https://www.phila.gov/documents/the-philadelphia-roadmap-to-safer-communities/>, and also, there are many other initiatives and programs in the city that are working on helping with this issue. One of the programs that is working to change things is ManUpPHL, bringing brothers together to fight gun violence. One life at a time. Check out their website <https://www.manupphl.org/> or call 267-748-7818.

The problem didn't begin overnight so we shouldn't expect it to end overnight. Accountability begins at home. But let's get real and communicate with our children about the real victims of gun violence.

### 2. Advocating for Justice



Get to know your State Legislators and find out what bills and legislation they are supporting: <https://www.congress.gov/state-legislature-websites>.

### 3. Here are three pieces of legislation you should take note of:

- **EQUALITY ACT:** *This bill, which threatens religious freedom, free speech, as well as women's rights*, is being fast-tracked in Washington D.C. The Equality Act would remove significant rights and opportunities from many in our communities. Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. But using government overreach to force good people to deny biological realities and to compromise their religious convictions is not the answer.
- **THE FAIRNESS IN WOMEN'S SPORTS ACT:** *This Act ensures that women and girls have access to a fair playing field* by defending Title IX and guaranteeing that girls not be forced to play against biological boys.
- **H.R. 1:** Passed as H.R. 1 in the House and pending as S.1 in the Senate, *this law would curb voter suppression* and make it easier for all Americans to register to vote and cast a ballot. The bill would also outlaw partisan gerrymandering of congressional districts.



### 4. VOTE. Make sure you're registered and then make sure you vote when the time comes. [Visit Vote.org](https://www.vote.org) to verify that your voter registration is up to date.





## JUST FOR FUN

“Above all, children need our unconditional love — whether they succeed or make mistakes; when life is easy and when life is tough.”  
Barack Obama

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## RESOURCES (In Philadelphia and the surrounding areas)

*At the time of this 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 resources 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 RELIEF

Persons 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

- Uber and Lyft are offering free rides to vaccination sites until July 4.  
For Uber - [HTTPS://WWW.UBER.COM/US/EN/CORONAVIRUS/](https://www.uber.com/us/en/coronavirus/)  
For Lyft - [HTTPS://WWW.LYFT.COM/VACCINE-ACCESS](https://www.lyft.com/vaccine-access)
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- In Philadelphia, all three vaccines are available to all Philadelphia residents 16 and older. Teenagers ages 12 – 15 can now receive the Pfizer vaccine.
- Get an appointment or visit the Convention Center or Esperanza walk-up sites. Go to <https://www.phila.gov/2021-04-20-sign-up-for-your-covid-19-vaccine-appointment-here/> for additional information.
- 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.
- Black Doctors Covid-19 Consortium is administering Covid-19 Vaccines for Philadelphia residents only. Register at [www.blackdoctorsconsortium.com](http://www.blackdoctorsconsortium.com). They can also be contacted by phone, 484-270-6200 or email: [info@blackdoctorsconsortium.com](mailto:info@blackdoctorsconsortium.com).

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## COVID-19 TESTING

1. Many pharmacies are providing testing. You can check with your local pharmacy or go to: <https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/>
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  2. Also, the Black Doctors Consortium continues to do testing. Visit their website for a weekly schedule of locations and dates: [www.blackdoctorsconsortium.com](http://www.blackdoctorsconsortium.com). They can also be contacted by phone, 484-270-6200 or email: [info@blackdoctorsconsortium.com](mailto:info@blackdoctorsconsortium.com).
  3. **New Journey Christian Center** - Testing every Monday. 1001 E. Chelton, Philadelphia PA. 19138 (enter on Ardleigh Street side of church)
  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. **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
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## IF YOU NEED FOOD



To find locations near you, click here: [food assistance resources near you](#).

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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## FINANCIAL STRATEGIES

The Institute for Financial Success | Establishing Your Legacy | Monday, June 7, 2021 – 6 pm – 7:30 pm

Join IFS for part two of Establishing Your Legacy of Wealth and Values. IFS will share different techniques for not just passing down wealth but for passing down your values so that your work will continue without you and your heirs do not destroy what you have build no matter the size of what you have built.

IFS will have professionals participate in a open panel discussion to address your specific information needs. Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUoc-mrqDgiHNIq-HAQn4KKLbpl8EZlg7MM>

## FITNESS

- **Spiritual** - Prayer Pause for Philadelphia | **June 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** - 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.



- **Wellness** - PCA is sponsoring a Virtual Men's Wellness Event | Thursday, June 10, 2021 – 10 am – 12 pm

Managing Changes in Our Lives During Covid-19 (focusing on the Mental Health & Nutrition of men)

Click here to register <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjEtde6urD4qH9Pigc2lah66HvhCc8eX00zs>

\*If you know a male who does NOT have a computer or email address, please have them call the Community Relations RSVP line at 215-765-9000 Ext. 4470 and leave their NAME and PHONE NUMBER and a Zoom Call-In number will be provided.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES



- Adult job seekers, recent college grads and military veterans are strongly urged to attend.

**Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 2:30 pm** | Temple University STAR

Job Seekers must pre-register by completing an online registration form:

[https://lnkd.in/gU\\_AbS7](https://lnkd.in/gU_AbS7)

For more information, contact Michael Robinson 215-204-0677

- **Philadelphia Parks and Recreation** | Summer Job Opportunities for youth and young adults  
Click here for listings - <https://www.phila.gov/documents/philadelphia-parks-recreation-job-opportunities/>



- **Philly Career Launch Fair – Health Care Day | June 14, 10 am – 4 pm**  
Connect directly with training programs, employers, and experts in Health Care.  
Training Program Presentation 10 am – 11 am  
Workshops for Job Seekers 11 – noon and noon – 1  
Training Program Presentation - 1 pm – 2 pm  
Employer meet and greets – 2 pm – 3 pm  
*To register, please click [here](#). Zoom meeting information will be emailed upon registration.*
- **Philly Career Virtual Launch Fair – Information Technology Day | June 15, 10 am – 4 pm**  
Connect directly with training programs, employers, and experts in Information Technology.  
Training Program Presentation 10 am – 11 am  
Workshops for Job Seekers 11 – noon and noon – 1  
Training Program Presentation - 1 pm – 2 pm  
Employer meet and greets – 2 pm – 3 pm  
*To register, please click [here](#). Zoom meeting information will be emailed upon registration.*
- **Philly Career Virtual Launch Fair – Manufacturing and Skilled Trades Day | June 16, 17 - 10 am**  
Connect directly with training programs, employers, and experts in Information Technology.  
Training Program Presentation 10 am – 11 am  
Workshops for Job Seekers 11 – noon and noon – 1  
Training Program Presentation - 1 pm – 2 pm  
Employer meet and greets – 2 pm – 3 pm  
*To register, please click [here](#). Zoom meeting information will be emailed upon registration.*

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## WORK ASSISTANCE FOR THE HOMELESS

**Help for the Hurdles**, a new work-assistance program for people experiencing homelessness, is launching in Philadelphia this Friday. The goal of the program is to eliminate some of the barriers — or hurdles — that prevent people without homes from landing jobs.

The program will provide participants with three months of job, transportation, and childcare support, including skills training, job placement, three monthly SEPTA passes, and paid childcare for people with young children. People with older children between the ages of 18 and 24 will receive a stipend after completing the program.

To be eligible for the program, participants must be experiencing homelessness and identified for rapid rehousing. They will also need to show an ID and complete a drug screen. People who fall into this category can visit a shelter or respite and talk to a case manager about getting involved. Call First Step Staffing for more information 215-333-3349




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### Let's Talk Safety - June 12, 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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*Your Destiny is Here, Inc. is providing resource information as a public service for persons in need. While we try to keep the information timely and accurate, we make no guarantees. Services provided by listed organizations and businesses are the sole responsibility of the organization or business.*

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## TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER

Which kind of bulbs were once exchanged  
as a form of currency?

# Tulips!

In 17th Century Holland, *tulip* bulbs were *more valuable than gold*! The flower symbolized immortality, life and love. In 1630's a kind of frenzy for *tulips* occurred in Western Europe named "*Tulip mania*" and tulips be- came so *expensive* as to be treated *as* a form of currency.



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*For additional DESTINY information, visit:*

Your Destiny is Here Broadcast

[www.blogtalkradio.com/yourdestinyishere](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/yourdestinyishere)

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