



YOUR DESTINY IS HERE INC

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GREATER IS COMING**DESTINY CALL TO ACTION ::: PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE**

God has blessed us to see another holiday season and to share our Agape love with family and friends. We all have the opportunity to show grace, mercy, kindness, support and encouragement to everyone who comes into our space. Every time we show compassion to another person, we plant an emotional seed of hope, optimism and faith in humanity.

There is scientific proof that showing kindness to others also has a positive, reciprocal, emotional and physical impact on our own mind, body and spirit. Demonstrating concern for others releases “feel good” hormones in your brain called endorphins. It’s the same feeling you have when you’re taking a warm bath or a hot shower. These “feel good” hormones lower your blood pressure, as well as your stress and anxiety. They give you a sense of calm that improves your judgment and decision making.

Unfortunately, withholding kindness, showing hate, anger, and bitterness, have a negative, reciprocal emotional and physical impact on our mind, body and spirit. When we think, speak, and demonstrate hate and anger toward others, we release toxins in our body. These toxins raise our blood pressure, increase our stress, and cause headaches, migraines, and body aches. So, let us continue to show love for each other. If you can’t do it directly, then volunteer with a community group or give a donation to support their efforts. Your mind, body, and spirit will reap the benefits.



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WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES



1 John 4:8

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

Leviticus 19:18 NIV

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.



WITH ASHANTI RAYSOR

Beyond Celebration ::: Rediscovering the Heart of the Holidays

As the holiday season arrives, many of us look forward to familiar comforts like warm meals, time with loved ones, and a break from the demands of daily life. This time of year also quietly reminds us that not everyone experiences the season in the same way. For some, food insecurity or housing instability can make it difficult to feel the gratitude and thankfulness we often associate with the holidays. The contrast between celebration and struggle becomes more visible when the world seems focused on consumption and worldly pleasures rather than the needs of our neighbors.

For those of us committed to faith, service, and community, the season is an invitation to pause and extend support where it is needed most. Scripture teaches us to walk by faith, but it also calls us to walk in generosity. In a society that often moves too quickly, community can easily become fragmented. People become absorbed in their own responsibilities and challenges, and the collective calling to care for one another grows quieter. Yet our faith reminds us that love—genuine, heart-centered love—is the foundation of meaningful service.

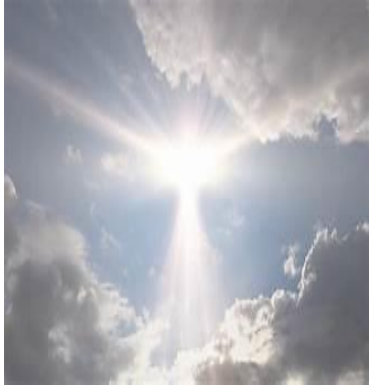
The holidays offer a moment for gentle reflection on how we put that love into action. Small acts of kindness—sharing a warm meal, supporting a food drive, donating time, or simply checking in on someone who is struggling—carry deep significance. While these efforts may not solve every structural issue, they create a sense of connection and dignity, letting people know they are seen, valued, and not alone in their hardship.

In this way, the holiday season becomes less about perfection and more about presence. It's a chance to slow down, acknowledge the realities many people carry, and approach the season with a quieter, more thoughtful kind of compassion. When we consider the well-being of our whole community, the holidays take on a deeper meaning—one rooted not just in celebration, but in understanding and shared humanity.

So, I'd like to challenge you all to further extend your humanity and offer meaningful opportunities for community outreach. This could be volunteering with local shelters, organizing meal distributions, supporting families in need through giving campaigns, or simply offering prayer and encouragement. Anything that allows you to step out of yourself to meet people where they are.

By extending ourselves with humility and purpose, we help ensure that the light of the holidays reach every corner of our neighborhoods, reminding all that hope is still present and that none of us are forgotten.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT



If you're looking for a place to learn more about God and gain insight into His word see the list of suggestions below. If you know a place that provides spiritual enrichment let us know so we can add them to the list.

- ▶ 'Girl Talk' | Every Sunday, 2pm – 3 pm on :
Facebook: WTGB or online: <https://tgbtgb.org/girl-talk-2/>
- ▶ Ascension Church | Services held inside Tinley Temple Methodist Church
750-62 S. Broad Street, Phila., 19146 | Pastor John Brice
- ▶ Abiding Love Deliverance Center | 1520 West Blvd. Suite 1, Charlotte, NC 28208
Sabbath Worship Experience Saturday 11am - Live Streaming via Zoom
Password: JESUSJOY / Apostles Tomy and Stephanie D. Jordan
- ▶ Change Church | 895 Rancocas Road, Westhampton, NJ 08060
Sunday morning worship - 11:30am | Pastor Dharius Daniels
- ▶ Dare to Imagine Church | 6610 Anderson Street, Phila., 19119
Sunday morning worship - 9:00am and 11:00 am | Rev. James Scott, Jr.
- ▶ Ebenezer Baptist Church | 1002 N. 10th Street, Phila., 19133
Sunday morning worship - 11am | Pastor Malcom Medley
- ▶ Faith Chapel Church | 108 E Price St, Phila., 19144
Sunday morning worship - 10am | Pastor John H. Graves
- ▶ Mediator Lutheran Church | 2845 N. 28th Street, Phila., 19132
Sunday morning worship - 11am | Pastor Regina Goodrich
- ▶ New Covenant Church of Philadelphia - 7500 Germantown Avenue, Phila., 19119
Sunday morning worship - 9:30am - Executive Pastor Bob Oliver
- ▶ Polite Temple Baptist Church - 38 E. Price Street, Phila., 19144
Morning Worship - 10:00am - Pastor Bernadine Waterman
- ▶ Providence Baptist Church - 87 E. Haines Street, Phila., 19144
Sunday morning worship - 10am - Pastor A. Gregory Jackson
- ▶ Temple of Divine Love Church - 1518 W. Girard Avenue, Phila., 19130
Sunday morning worship - 11am - Reverend Phillip L. Hudson, Jr.



TRIVIA QUESTION...

What does the bible state is the greatest gift from God?.

(Answer on last page)



RESOURCES IN PHILADELPHIA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

At the time of publication, listed resources were available. Contact to verify that what you are interested in is still happening or accessible.
Please share the following with friends, family, neighbors, your social and ministry circles, etc.
Feel free to post on your personal social media and church bulletin boards.

FOOD RESOURCES - We are listing known food distributions. If you know of a resource not listed here, feel free to let us know and we will add them to future issues of the newsletter. Thank you.

FREE FOOD & PRODUCE

- ▶ **Mon & Wed 6pm - Mi Salud Wellness Center**, 200 E Wyoming Ave, Phila PA 19120 - 215.220.4421
First come first served until food runs out | [CLICK HERE for INFO](#) or place the following in your browser:
<https://www.misaludwellness.org/>
- ▶ **Tue 8am - 1pm & Thu 1pm-4pm - JeffCARES Community Pantry**, 5587 Park Ave., Phila PA 19141
- ▶ **Thu 10am - 12 noon - Faith Chapel Church Food Distribution**, 108 E Price St, Philadelphia, PA 19144
- ▶ **2nd & 4th Thu of each month, 12 noon until supplies run out - Councilmember Jamie Gautier**
606 S. 52nd Street, Phila PA 19139, 215.472.2419 Grocery giveaway open to all local residents.
No pre-registration required. First come, first served. Attendees advised to bring their own bags.
- ▶ **Sat at 1pm on Dec 13th - 2 Fish 5 Loaves Food Pantry, New Covenant Church of Philadelphia**
7500 Germantown Ave., Phila PA 19119, 215.247.7500
- ▶ **LemonTree Free Food in Wynnefield PA Helpline:** [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#) or place the following in your browser: <https://www.foodhelpline.org/directory/locations/wynnefield>
- ▶ **Philly Free Food and Meals Finder:** [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#) or place the following in your browser: <https://www.phila.gov/food/#/>
- ▶ **PA Food Pantries:** <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/resources/ending-hunger/food-pantries.html>
- ▶ **Share Food Program, Find Food:** Call 215-223-2220 or [CLICK HERE](#) or insert the following URL in your browser: <https://www.sharefoodprogram.org/find-food/>
- ▶ **Share Food Program, Food Map by County:** <https://www.sharefoodprogram.org/>

OTHER

- ▶ **Chestnut Hill Farmers' Market:** [Saturdays - 10 am - 12 pm / CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
Winston Road between Germantown Avenue & Mermaid Lane, 19107 / 215.733.9599
- ▶ **Clark Park Farmers Market:** Saturdays 10 am- 2 pm - 4300-4398 Baltimore Ave., Phila. 19104, 215.686.1776
- ▶ **East Falls Farmers' Market:** Saturdays - 10 am - 1pm - 4100 Ridge Ave., 19129 Under the Twin Bridges
[CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ **Rittenhouse Farmers' Market :** Saturday's 10 am - 2 pm : 18th & Walnut Streets, 19107 / 215.733.9599
[CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ **Philly Farmers Markets Finder:** <https://www.phila.gov/farmers-markets/> - [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ **The Food Trust:** Includes info for several neighborhoods in Philadelphia. [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#) or place the following URL in your browser: <https://thefoodtrust.org/what-we-do/farmers-markets/>

ALL AROUND RESOURCES & ASSISTANCE

► **Prevention Hotline** | dial 211

If you need to connect with resources in your community, but don't know where to look, PA 211 is a great place to start. From help with a utilities bill, to housing assistance, after-school programs for kids, and more, you can dial 211 or text your zip code to 898-211 to talk with a resource specialist for free. Our specialists will listen to your needs and give you information on programs in your community that might be able to help. Visit our [search page](#) to explore programs available in your community by categories such as financial assistance, housing, and food. You can also connect with a resource specialist via [chat](#) during business hours.

While the hotline provides critical support, individuals facing immediate danger should always contact 911

HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES

- ### ► **Smoke Alarms** - <https://www.phila.gov/departments/philly311/> Philadelphia residents call 3-1-1 to receive a free smoke alarm installation. You can also [submit a request to Philly 311 online](#).



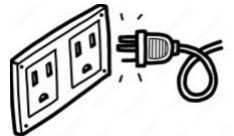
- ### ► **Philadelphia Water Department Financial Assistance Programs** If you're having problems paying your water bill or maintaining your service, Philadelphia Water Department has programs that may help you. For a view of the options available visit: <https://water.phila.gov/financial-assistance/>



- ### ► **PECO Customer Relief Fund** - Customers can apply for assistance through PECO's temporary Customer Relief Fund (CRF, a \$10 million fund to provide eligible PECO customers relief in the form of credits to their heating and cooling bills, including electricity and natural gas. [CLICK HERE for more info](#)



- ### ► **PGW** - Beginning November 1, PGW will not disconnect service for residential customers who are participating in PGW's Customer Responsibility Program (CRP) or who have directed their LIHEAP grant to PGW this year in an early application with the Department of Human Services (DHS). To enroll in CRP call 215-235-1000 or [CLICK HERE to Apply Online](#)



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

► **Philadelphia School District Relaunches Parent and Family University**

Philadelphia school leaders are reinvesting in parent education to improve student outcomes and build trust between families and the district. They've announced the relaunch of the district's **Parent and Family University** program...fulfilling a longstanding promise from Superintendent Tony Watlington to help parents and families engage with their children, schools, and communities. Parents will be able to access new resources, like online classes, physical and mental health information, and tools to support their children's learning. In-person sessions will feature free babysitting and childcare services, food, and other resources. [CLICK HERE for more information](#).

► **Philadelphia School District Re-Engagement Center**

The School District of Philadelphia understands that every student has unique needs. So, they are offering alternative schools and programs tailored to support students success, ensuring graduates are ready for college or a career. For more information call [215-400-4000](tel:215-400-4000) or go to: <https://www.philasd.org/backontrack/>

► **DadLab** | Meetings held online with Zoom

This is a group of fathers-to-be, new fathers, and their partners who come together to share and learn what it means to be a new parent and how to build a strong bond with their baby. It's a safe space where members learn from each other and support each other on their parenthood journey.



Click and page through the link below for meeting dates or contact co-facilitator Clarence B. Iszard at 484-471-7005 or https://academiccommons.jefferson.edu/ext/parent_education/index.cfm?cat=all

► **Project Home/Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs**

Check the website for FREE community events, adult learning classes, workshops, job fairs, wellness programs, volunteer opportunities, art shows and fundraisers: <https://www.projecthome.org/events>

► **FREE CLASSES** - The Free Library of Philadelphia offers a wide variety of free classes at branches around the city. Additionally, the City of Philadelphia works with community partners to give adult learners access to education, digital skills training, and a path to job readiness. CLICK the links below for info...

- [Adult education at the Free Library](#)
- [Other programs and services at the Free Library](#)
- [Adult education through the Office of Children and Families](#)

COVID & HEALTH/HEALING RESOURCES

■ **COVID-19 VACCINATIONS**

Covid-19 vaccinations and boosters are available in numerous locations throughout Philadelphia and its surrounding cities and counties.

To find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you [CLICK HERE](#) or place the following URL in your browser:

- go to: <https://www.phila.gov/services/mental-physical-health/get-vaccinated/get-your-covid-19-vaccine-or-boosters/>
- Search vaccines.gov,
- Text your ZIP code to 438829, or
- Call 1-800-232-0233.
- Many neighborhood pharmacies continue to offer vaccines. Check with your local pharmacy.
- To request an in-home appointment, call 215-685-5488. Dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance.

■ **COVID-19 TESTING**

To find a testing site [CLICK HERE](#) or use the following URL in your browser:

<https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/>.

■ **North Philadelphia Resource Hub** at Mi Salud Wellness Center, 200 E Wyoming Ave, Phila PA 19120, <https://www.misaludwellness.org>, offering the following services and much more:

- **Free At-Home Covid-19 & HIV Test Kits** Mon - Thu 9am - 4pm Fri - 8:30 - 3:30
- **Free Walk-in Health Screenings** - No ID or insurance needed (Entrance on A Street)
Second and Third Tuesday of every month 1-4pm

Children's Corner

1st Things First - The Word for this month is "**CHRISTMAS**". Christmas commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ, and signifies hope, love, and salvation.

2nd Thing - How many common words can you make out of the word **CHRISTMAS**? Give it a try and come back next month to compare your list with ours. (It's not cheating if you use the dictionary, in fact we encourage you to.)

3rd Thing - Last Month's word was **ANNIVERSARY**. Our Google search says there are over 450 words that can be made of ANNIVERSARY. Here's our top list of 50 words. How many words did you come up with?

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| 1. air | 11. earns | 21. rainy | 31. riser | 41. snarer |
| 2. any | 12. inner | 22. raise | 32. river | 42. van |
| 3. are | 13. insane | 23. ran | 33. rye | 43. vanes |
| 4. areas | 14. ivy | 24. raven | 34. sane | 44. varies |
| 5. arena | 15. naive | 25. ravine | 35. saver | 45. veins |
| 6. arise | 16. nanas | 26. ray | 36. say | 46. vines |
| 7. arisen | 17. near | 27. rear | 37. sea | 47. yarn |
| 8. array | 18. nervy | 28. reins | 38. sinner | 48. year |
| 9. arrive | 19. nines | 29. rinse | 39. siren | 49. yearn |
| 10. ear | 20. rains | 30. risen | 40. snare | 50. yes |

Now on to some fun for the kids, teens and everyone!

(Click the underlined links below for more information)

This December, Philly offers many holiday-themed events, including the [Christmas Village in Philadelphia](#) at LOVE Park and City Hall, the [Wanamaker Light Show & Dickens Village](#), and [Winter at Dilworth Park](#) which features an ice rink and a holiday market, [LumiNature at the Philadelphia Zoo](#) or [Winter in Franklin Square](#), including the Electrical Spectacle Light Show). (Note: If you live outside of Philly, and want to find holiday merriment in your neighborhood, Google: "holiday events in <name of your city and state> 2025")

- ▶ **Holidays in Philly 2025 Philly** - [CLICK HERE](#) or use the URL below in your browser:
<https://www.visitphilly.com/holidays-in-philadelphia/>
- ▶ **What's New in Philly for the 2025 Holiday Season** - [CLICK HERE](#) or use the URL below in your browser:
<https://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/whats-new/>
- ▶ **Kids Out & About's 101 Ideas for Family Fun in Phila area** - [CLICK HERE](#) or use the URL below in your browser.
<https://philly.kidsoutandabout.com/content/101-ideas-holiday-family-fun-philadelphia-area>
- ▶ **Winter Events in Philly 2025:** [CLICK HERE](#) or use the URL below in your browser:
<https://www.visitphilly.com/events/winter-events/>

More Events for the Family... (click the underlined links below for more info)

- ▶ Mommy Poppins - 18 Free Holiday& Christmas Events for Philly Kids : [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ Mommy Poppins - Find Daily Events in Philadelphia : [CLICK HERE FOR INFO](#)
- ▶ City of Philadelphia - All Events: <https://www.phila.gov/the-latest/all-events/>
- ▶ My Guide Philadelphia - December 2025 : <https://www.myguidephiladelphia.com/events/december-2025>
- ▶ Free Library of Philadelphia calendar of events for the whole family: <https://libwww.freelibrary.org/calendar/>
- ▶ Get a head start on Philly's best holiday fun: <https://www.visitphilly.com/holidays-in-philadelphia/>

DISCOVERY



Remember, when it comes to Christmas, *Jesus Is the Reason for the Season.*

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WORD LIST

Birth
Celebration
Christmas
Comfort
Encourage
Faith
Family
Gifts
Grace
Holidays
Hope

Jesus
Joy
Love
Light
Manger
Mercy
Merry
Prayer
Presence
Presents
Reflection
Season
Significant
Star

TRIVIA QUESTION...

What does the bible state is the greatest gift from God?

THE ANSWER...

His only Son... John 3:16

Eternal Life... Romans 6:23 Grace... Ephesians 2:8-9

All Things... Romans 8:32 Good Gifts... Matthew 7:11

Salvation... Titus 2:11 The Word... John 1:14

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