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GREATER IS COMING

# 7th Anniversary

## DESTINY CALL TO ACTION ::: CELEBRATE THE VISION


Rev. Linda Ivey

Congratulations and Happy 7th Anniversary to the YDH Newsletter and staff: Sylvia Ford-George, Ashanti Raysor and various featured contributors. We are proud of their efforts. The staff's professional goals are to continue the legacy of doing good, expecting nothing in return.

The YDH Newsletter was the prophetic vision of the late Cynthia Ford-Davis, who had a desire to provide "good news" to God's people. She wrote the vision and made it plain. Cynthia worked hard to create insightful, challenging, and spiritually-based thought provoking articles, information, biographies, resources and games that encouraged our readers to see God while helping and empowering others.

After Cynthia passed, Sylvia Ford-George, became our editor and chief. She is a gifted administrator who organizes the YDH newsletter's format and conducts profile interviews. She also uses her technical savvy to skillfully create and manage the YDH website and our social media platforms. Ashanti Raysor is our featured Op Ed journalist whose writing style expresses her compelling, focused view on issues of relevance through the lens of our millennial audience.

The YDH Newsletter also interviews and highlights amazing professionals who volunteer to serve as our Advisory Board Members. The newsletter highlights their respective achievements and talents. These are committed Advisory Board Members, who "think it not robbery", to use their time and talents to help individuals and families in crisis.

Our newsletter reflects the staff's mission of encouraging our readers to pursue their God-given destiny. They offer information and resources that empower our readers to acknowledge God in their lives, to do good to others, pursue their interests, develop hobbies, and help others through volunteering to work with community organizations.

Remember our newsletter is a committed messenger of resources and information that offers help, hope, direction and inspiration. Finally, we pray that the YDH Newsletter continues to encourage readers to stay connected to Christ who is our ultimate provider.

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*Your Destiny is Here, Inc. provides 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.*

## WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES



Habakkuk 2:2
*"And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."*

Malachi 3:10
*"prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."*

James 2:18
*"But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works.' Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works."*

FOOD for THOUGHT



**with Ashanti Raysor :::**

### ::: Seven Years of Purpose: Celebrating the Journey of YDH

Seven years. Seven years of growth, resilience, service, and, most importantly, purpose. As we celebrate the seventh anniversary of Your Destiny Is Here, Inc. (YDH), we are reminded that what began as an idea has grown into something much greater: a platform rooted in empowerment, community engagement, and the belief that everyone deserves an opportunity to be heard, supported, and uplifted.

Over the years, YDH has continued to create spaces for conversations that matter, highlight issues that deserve attention, and extend its reach beyond the written word through community outreach and service. Whether through our columns, initiatives, or outreach programs, the mission has remained consistent: to encourage growth, inspire change, and remind individuals that their circumstances do not define their potential.

Seven years of service also means seven years of lessons. Growth is not always linear, and meaningful change rarely happens overnight. It requires consistency, compassion, and a willingness to recognize where more work needs to be done. As YDH celebrates this milestone, it is equally important to acknowledge the individuals, families, volunteers, supporters, and community members who have contributed to the journey. An organization is only as meaningful as the lives it touches, the conversations it sparks, and the relationships it builds along the way.

Anniversaries are often an opportunity to reflect on how far we have come, but they should also challenge us to consider where we are going. Seven years is an accomplishment worth celebrating, but it is also a reminder that there is still work to be done. There are more stories to tell, more communities to reach, and more opportunities to turn good intentions into meaningful action.

As we look toward the next chapter of YDH, we want to hear from you. To those who have been impacted by our outreach programs, our dedicated readers, supporters, and anyone who has encountered YDH along the way*: What has YDH meant to you? How have our efforts, conversations, or initiatives made a difference in your life or community?* Your experiences, reflections, and suggestions matter. After all, the most meaningful measure of seven years is not simply how long we have been here, but the impact we have made together.

Here's to seven years of purpose, and to the many more opportunities ahead to make a difference.



## PLACES FOR SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

Looking to learn more about God and gain insight into His Word? Explore the list of resources below! If you have a recommendation for a place that provides spiritual enrichment, please let us know so we can add it to the list. Thank you!

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- **'Girl Talk'** | Every Sunday, 2pm – 3 pm on: Facebook: WTGB or online: click name above.
- **Abiding Love Deliverance Center|1520 West Blvd. Suite l, 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 - 9:30am & 11:30am | Pastor Dharius Daniels
- **Dare to Imagine Church** | 6610 Anderson Street, Phila., PA 19119
  Sunday morning worship - 9:00am and 11:00 am | Rev. James Scott, Jr.
- **Ebenezer Baptist Church** | 2259 N. 10th Street, Phila., PA 19133
  Sunday morning worship – 10:45am | Pastor Malcom Medley
- **Faith Chapel Church** l 108 E Price St, Phila., PA 19144
  Sunday morning worship - 10am l Pastor John H. Graves
- **Mediator Lutheran Church** | 2832 N. 28th Street, Phila., PA 19132
  Sunday morning worship – 11am | Pastor Regina Goodrich
- **New Covenant Church of Philadelphia** - 7500 Germantown Avenue, Phila., PA 19119
  Sunday morning worship – 9:30am - Executive Pastor Bob Oliver
- **Polite Temple Baptist Church** - 38 E. Price Street, Phila., PA 19144
  Sunday morning Worship - 10:00am - Pastor Bernadine Waterman
- **Providence Baptist Church** - 87 E. Haines Street, Phila., PA 19144
  Sunday morning worship – 10am - Pastor A. Gregory Jackson
- **Temple of Divine Love Church** - 1518 W. Girard Avenue, Phila., PA 19130
  Sunday morning worship – 11am - Reverend Phillip L. Hudson, Jr.
- **Tindley Temple United Methodist Church** - 750-62 S. Broad Street, Phila., PA 19146 |(215) 735-0442
  Sunday morning worship - 11am - Pastor John Brice

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## TRIVIA QUESTION...

What was the name of God's messenger angel?

**(Answer on last page)**



## RESOURCES IN PHILADELPHIA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS

At the time of publication listed resources were available. Please contact to verify accessibility.
Feel free to share with friends, family, neighbors, social media and ministry groups, etc., or post on bulletin boards.
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

- Tue 8am - 1pm & Thu 1pm - 4pm - JeffCARES Community Pantry, 5587 Park Ave., Phila PA 19141
- 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/
- The B.U.I.L.T. Community weekly community pantry distribution program. Every Wednesday, 1pm, 6702 Lebanon Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19151. Distribution times and available resources may vary based on inventory. Free food, household items, personal care products, clothing, and other donated resources for individuals and families in need. Bring your own bags. CLICK HERE.

### OTHER

- Clark Park Farmers Market: Saturdays 10 am- 2 pm - 4300-4398 Baltimore Ave., Phila. 19104, 215.686.1776 CLICK HERE FOR INFO
- East Falls Farmers' Market: Saturdays - 11 am - 1pm - 4100 Ridge Ave., 19129 Under the Twin Bridges 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

### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- **Community Legal Services**
  Center City Office - 1424 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 | 215-981-3700
  North Philadelphia Office - 1410 W. Erie Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19140 | 215-227-2400
  Services: Public Benefits, Employment, Housing, Debt & Consumer Rights, Utilities, Family, Criminal Records, and help for Seniors.
- **The Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)** supports programs and services that help residents with home repairs. Free repairs to correct electrical, plumbing, heating, structural, and roofing emergencies in eligible owner-occupied homes in Philadelphia.
  Philadelphia Land Bank, 1234 Market St., 17th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (215) 686-9749

## Key Organizations Offering Household Assistance

Philadelphia residents can access a variety of free or low-cost household services through local non-profits, city programs, and community resources.

- Family Promise of Philadelphia
  Supports families experiencing housing instability with temporary housing and case management.
  7047 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19119, (215) 247-4663, Mon–Fri 9AM – 5PM
- Broad Street Love
  Provides community support, including access to food, basic household assistance, and connection to other social programs. 315 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19107, (215) 735-4847, Mon – Fri, 11:30AM – 3:00PM
- NKCDC (New Kensington Community Development Corporation)
  Offers home repair programs, weatherization aid, and community development resources for lower-income residents.
  2771 Ruth St., Ste 1, Philadelphia, PA 19134, (215) 427-0350, Mon – Fri, 9AM – 5PM
- Community Legal Services
  Provides free legal assistance to low-income residents for housing issues, mortgage assistance, subsidized housing, and home repairs. 1410 W Erie Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19140, (215) 227-2400, Mon – Fri, 9AM – 5PM
- Eviction Prevention Project 267.443.2500. If you are at risk of being evicted from your rented apartment or house, the agencies listed below may be able to help. The Philadelphia Eviction Prevention Project offers resources for tenants. Learn more about the legal help they offer, or visit their website for information on direct negotiation. If you think you are the victim of unfair rental practices or unsafe housing conditions, contact the Fair Housing Commission. This list is maintained by the Office of Homeless Services (OHS).

## Energy and Utility Assistance (via city programs)

- Energy Coordinating Agency: Free home repairs including heater repairs and weatherization.
  106 W Clearfield St, Philadelphia, PA 19133, (215) 609-1000, Mon – Fri, 8AM – 5PM
- Utility Emergency Services Fund (UESF): Financial aid for residents facing utility shutoffs.
  743 N 24th St 2nd fl., Philadelphia, PA 19130, (215) 972-5170, Mon – Fri, 9AM – 5PM
- Philadelphia Electric Company (PECO) is giving away free fans (while they last) through local senior centers to senior citizens 60 and older. Contact Philadelphia Corporation on Aging (pcacares.org) or PCA Heatline 215.765.9040.
- PECO Customer Relief Fund offers programs and services to help those in need, including energy assistance, help for customers with special needs, and ways for neighbors to help neighbors. CLICK HERE for more info.
- 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/
- PGW – Beginning November 1, 2025 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
- Smoke Alarms - https://www.phila.gov/departments/philly311/
  Philadelphia residents can call 3-1-1 to receive a free smoke alarm installation.
  You can also submit a request to Philly 311 online.

## HEALTH & HEALING RESOURCES

- 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. Specialists will listen to your needs and provide information on programs in your community that might be able to help. Visit our search page to explore programs available in your community by category. Connect with a resource specialist via chat during business hours. CLICK HERE. NOTE: While the hotline provides critical support, individuals facing immediate danger should always contact 911.

- Suicide & Crisis Lifeline | dial 988

  If you are experiencing mental health distress or if you are considering self-harm, the 988 Lifeline can help. Life's challenges can sometimes be difficult. Whether you're facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to, caring counselors are here for you. You are not alone.
  CLICK HERE for more info.

- City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health (city of Philadelphia health centers) operates health clinics that offer free services regardless of your ability to pay. CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS.

- 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

- For COVID-19 vaccine locations near you CLICK HERE

- For COVID-19 testing site CLICK HERE

- For Mental Health help or support CLICK HERE.

**EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES**

- Build Freedom.US ::: Build Your Future. Closing America's Skills gap. One scholarship at a time. The mikeroweWORKS Foundation, is on a mission to close America's growing skills gap by putting people on a path to essential, well-paying work. Through the largest trade scholarship program in the country, the Foundation has helped over 2,600 people train as electricians, welders, plumbers, HVAC technicians, and dozens of other in-demand trades—rewarding work ethic over GPA and proving you don't need a four-year degree to build a fulfilling, six-figure career. CLICK HERE for more information.

- 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. 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 student's success, ensuring graduates are ready for college or a career. For more information call 215-400-4000 or go to: https://www.philasd.org/backontrack/

- **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

# Children's Corner

**1st Things First** – The Word for this month is **THANKFUL**. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* This doesn't mean that we should celebrate pain or hardship. It means we should maintain a posture of gratitude through every circumstance and season of life. That we believe God is sovereign, does not abandon His people, and can use our trials and circumstances to help build our character, resilience, and spiritual growth. We should take time every day to be kind, thoughtful, humble, but most of all thankful. How many common words can you make out of the word "**THANKFUL**"? 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.)

**2nd Thing** - Last Month's word was **RESPONSIBLE.** Our Google search says there are more than 1,000 words that can be made of **RESPONSIBLE**. Here's our top list of 60 words. How many words did you come up with?

1. bee
2. bin
3. bio
4. bless
5. boiler
6. bone
7. born
8. ire
9. lens
10. lesson
11. liner
12. lion
13. lip
14. nip
15. noble
16. noise
17. nose
18. one
19. ore
20. peer
21. pen
22. per
23. person
24. pie
25. pin
26. pine
27. pore
28. prison
29. pro
30. probe
31. prone
32. prose
33. rebel
34. reopen
35. rib
36. rinse
37. rip
38. rise
39. rob
40. robin
41. rope
42. see
43. senior
44. silo
45. sin
46. sip
47. sir
48. sirens
49. sleep
50. sniper
51. snob
52. snore
53. sob
54. sober
55. sole
56. son
57. spin
58. spine
59. spire
60. spree

## **Now on to More Fun!** (Click underlined links for details.)

- Visit Philadelphia in November CLICK HERE
- Philadelphia Family events. CLICK HERE
- Explore Historic Germantown. CLICK HERE for details.
- Philadelphia for Families: A Year-Round Guide to Kid-Friendly Activities. CLICK HERE.
- 50+ Free Things To Do In Philly. CLICK HERE
- 25+ Free and Budget-friendly Things To Do In Philly. CLICK HERE
- The 41 Essential Things to Do in Philadelphia (By a Local). CLICK HERE
- Kids Out & About.com (includes the following)…CLICK HERE
  - Master Guide to Fall in the Philadelphia Area - CLICK HERE
  - Big List of Kid Friendly Museums in and around Philadelphia - CLICK HERE
  - Indoor Play Centers in and around Philadelphia - CLICK HERE
  - Escape Rooms in and around Philadelphia - CLICK HERE
  - Top 20 Places to Take Kids in and around Philadelphia - CLICK HERE
- Mommy Poppins – All Events for All Ages: CLICK HERE
- Free Library of Philadelphia calendar of events for the whole family: CLICK HERE

# DISCOVERY…




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**TRIVIA QUESTION…**

What was the name of God's messenger angel?

**THE ANSWER…**

Gabriel was God's messenger angel.

Luke 1:26 – "In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph.

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