

LINDA J. IVEY MINISTRIES GREATER IS COMING

DESTINY CALL TO ACTION: GRADUATE INTO MATURITY IN GOD



June is filled with graduation ceremonies, which are rites of passage into our destiny. For many of us, it leads to wonderful careers or more specialized education. Anywhere your future takes you, please know it's not happenstance, but rather it's God ordering your steps. Did you know that God has a room in heaven filled with gifts He wants to give you? However, like any good parent, you must graduate by demonstrating that you're ready and prepared to receive your gifts as part of your destiny.

God ordered your destiny while you were still in the womb. God has been with you during your ups and during your downs. He provides grace and mercy to protect you. He knows the plans and the desires of your heart and wants to bring you to an expected end.

Without your graduating into maturity, it would be like a parent giving their 12-year-old a brand-new car. This would not be smart and in fact, it would be disastrous because the 12-year-old is not ready or prepared to handle such a gift. As you move forward after graduation, be prepared to demonstrate maturity to receive some of your gifts from God as part of your destiny.

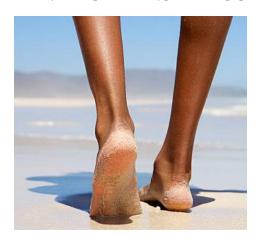
God will release our predetermined gifts as we graduate into maturity and surrender every part of our lives to Him. We demonstrate our maturity as we give God our bad habits, our questionable choices, our pettiness, our spirit of revenge and ignoring His direction in our lives.

This June graduate into maturity because God is waiting to give you your future dreams, goals and desires.

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



Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Psalm 37:23 KJV

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and He delighteth in his way.

Psalm 37:4 NIV

Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.



From 2020 to now, we have seen millions of Hispanic men, women and children be detained and deported unlawfully. They receive little to no adequate resources to help them in the legal processes. Most immigrants come to America to escape the violence that plagues their homelands, seeking refugee from the very thing they unknowingly risk their lives for. Under the new political administration, they are met with ICE agents or citizens that have become disgruntled with dream seekers. America itself was once a dream seeker, wanting to be liberated from the boots of the British that confined our founding fathers freedoms. So, who are we to deny these dreamers the same freedoms we wanted. America's legacy has been known for being a cultural melting pot. To deny, convict, and punish those seeking to know what the American Dream is seems to be a disservice to the many that have come together to build what we now call home.

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
- Change Church | 895 Rancocas Road, Westhampton, NJ 08060
 Sunday morning worship 1130am | Pastor Dharius Daniels
- <u>Dare to Imagine Church</u> | 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
- 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
- Apostle Tomy Jordan and Pastor Stephanie D. Jordan from Abiding Love Deliverance Center, NC are streaming live on Zoom every Saturday at noon. ID: 306 155 0388, Password: JESUSJOY Dial 646-558-8656 to join them for Prayer on Tuesdays at 6pm and Wednesdays for Bible Study at 7 pm. Contact information: 267-290-0654 or abidinglovedeliverancecenter@gmail.com



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, but you can also contact churches in your neighborhoods. Many of them hold weekly 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

- ▶ JeffCARES Community Pantry 5587 Park Ave., Phila PA 19141 Tues 8am-1pm and Thu 1pm-4pm
- LemonTree Free Food in Wynnefield PA Helpline: <u>CLICK HERE FOR INFO</u> or place the following in your browser: https://www.foodhelpline.org/directory/locations/wynnefield
- ▶ Mi Salud Wellness Center, 200 E Wyoming Ave, Phila PA, 19120 | <u>CLICK HERE for INFO</u> or place the following in your browser: https://www.misaludwellness.org/ <u>Mondays and Wednesdays</u> at 6pm - first come first served until food runs out - 215.220.4421
- New Covenant Church of Philadelphia 7500 Germantown Ave. Phila PA 19119 215.247.7500 2 Fish 5 Loaves Food Pantry serves on the **2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays of the month** until food runs out. Closed during inclement weather and holidays.
- ▶ Philly Free Food and Meals: <u>CLICK HERE FOR INFO</u> or place the following in your browser: https://www.phila.gov/food/#/

FARMERS' MARKETS

- ▶ Rittenhouse Farmers' Market: Saturday's 10 am 2 pm : 18th & Walnut Streets, 19107 / 215.733.9599 CLICK HERE FOR INFO
- ▶ <u>Chestnut Hill Farmers' Market</u>: <u>Saturdays</u> 10 am 12 pm / <u>CLICK HERE FOR INFO</u> Winston Road between Germantown Avenue & Mermaid Lane, 19107 / 215.733.9599
- ▶ <u>East Falls Farmers' Market</u>: Saturdays 10 am 1pm 4100 Ridge Ave., 19129 Under the Twin Bridges CLICK HERE FOR INFO
- ▶ Philly Farmers Markets https://www.phila.gov/farmers-markets/ CLICK HERE FOR INFO

MORE...The Food Trust: https://thefoodtrust.org/what-we-do/farmers-markets/

Includes info for the following area in Philadelphia: 4th & Lehigh, 52nd & Haverford, Castor & Hellerman, Fairmount, Fitler Square, Frankford Transportation Center, Germantown Kitchen Garden, Grumblethorpe, Headhouse, Liberties, Philly Food Works, Weavers Way, and more. CLICK HERE FOR INFO

MORE FOOD RESOURCES...

- Share Food Program, Food Map by County: https://www.sharefoodprogram.org/
- ▶ PA Food Pantries: https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/resources/ending-hunger/food-pantries.html

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 <u>search page</u> 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 <u>chat</u> 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 <u>submit a request to Philly 311 online</u>.



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/





EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

Philadelphia School District Re-Engagement Center

The School District of Philadelphia understands that every student has unique needs. For some, life outside of school makes traditional education challenging. So, they are offering alternative schools and programs tailored to support students success, ensuring graduates are ready for college or a career. Resources include the Re-engagement Center; Programs: Accelerated, Continuation, Gateway to College and Transition; Adult Education Programs: Diploma Programs and Educational Options. For more information call 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. There are no lectures prescribing the "right" way to father. The aim of Dad Lab is to help participants get off to a good start in their new role as parent. The group



is a peer community with participants who have life experiences in common and share their parenting questions, concerns and successes. 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

Relief for Covid Related Funeral Expenses

Philadelphians who have lost loved ones due to covid, can receive FEMA aid to cover funeral expenses, available until September 2025. To apply, call 844-684-6333 or visit https://www.usa.gov/covid-funeral-assistance

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:

- go to: https://www.phila.gov/services/mental-physical-health/get-vaccinated/get-your-covid-19-vaccine-or-booster/
- 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 (press 2 for Spanish or 3 for all other languages). Dial 711 for TRS/TTY assistance.

Covid-19 Testing

There are many covid testing sites available. Go to: https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/ or access the Testing Locator at testinglocator.cdc.gov.

- North Philadelphia Resource Hub at Mi Salud Wellness Center, 200 E Wyoming Ave, 19120 https://www.misaludwellness.org/
 - Free and Confidential Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Screenings
 Every Monday and 3rd Tuesday
 10am 3:30pm
 - Free Walk-in Health Screenings No ID or insurance needed (Entrance on A Street) Second and Third Tuesday of every month 1-4pm



TRIVIA QUESTION...

Which country has the highest percentage of graduates?

(Answer on last page)

Children's Corner

1st Things First – The Word for this month is "FATHER". Father's Day was founded in 1910 in Spokane, Washington by Sonora Smart Dodd who was inspired to create a holiday honoring fathers after a sermon on Mother's Day. Her father William Jackson Smart, a Civil War veteran, was a single parent who raised his six children.

2nd Thing - How many common words can you make out of the word FATHER? Give it a try and come back next month to compare your list with ours.

3rd Thing - Last Month's word was MEMORIAL. Our Google search says there are over 200 words that can be found in MEMORIAL. Here's our top 50. How does your list compare with ours?

1. aero	11. ear	21. lire	31. mire	41. ram
2. aim	12. elm	22. mail	32. mole	42. real
3. air	13. email	23. male	33. mom	43. realm
4. ale	14. era	24. mar	34. moral	44. ream
5. all	15. lame	25. mare	35. morale	45. remail
6. aloe	16. lei	26. meal	36. more	46. rile
7. ammo	17. liar	27. memo	37. oil	47. rim
8. are	18. lie	28. memoir	38. oral	48. roam
9. ariel	19. lime	29. mile	39. ore	49. role
10. arm	20. limo	30. mime	40. rail	50. roll

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

- Free Places to Take The Kids in and around Philadelphia (PLUS Summer Camp Listings) https://philly.kidsoutandabout.com/content/free-places-take-kids-and-around-philadelphia
- ▶ Best Free Things to do in Philadelphia: https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g60795-Activities-zft11292-Philadelphia_Pennsylvania.html
- AAMP Family Fun Days / African American Museum in Philadelphia, 701 Arch Street, Phila PA 215-574-0308 CLICK HERE FOR INFO

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

- City of Philadelphia All Events: https://www.phila.gov/the-latest/all-events/
- My Guide Philadelphia May 2025 Events: https://www.myguidephiladelphia.com/events/may-2025/page/7
- ▶ Mommy Poppins Find Daily Events in Philadelphia : CLICK HERE FOR INFO
- ▶ Visit Philadelphia Summer 2025: https://www.visitphilly.com/events/summer-events/

DISCOVERY

FATHER

Everyone has an earthly father. God's original design was to have the father as the leader of the family. Whether your father was a godly leader or not, you can always look to God the Father as the ultimate example.

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TRIVIA QUESTION...

What country has the highest percentage of graduates?

THE ANSWER...

South Korea has 69.29%, which is the highest number of graduating students per country. USA comes in at number seven with 50% student graduates.

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