



I Have

THE VOICE

I have the "VOICE" to Empower my future Embrace my dreams, and calm my fears.

I have the "VOICE" to comfort my challenges Conquer them, Share them and learn from them.

I have the "VOICE" to be what my dream says I can be.

I have a "VOICE " and I am not afraid to address my future with my past experiences.

I have the "VOICE" to Lead, Impart and Empower others to be a "VOICE".

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Proverbs 18:21

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The Voice NEWSLETTER

Community Day: Unity in Action

Voice Community Economic
Development Center!

Bringing the Community Together

Community Day at the Voice Community Economic Development Center (Voice CEDC) is more than just a calendar event, it is a true celebration of unity, belonging, and shared purpose. From the moment the doors open, the sounds of laughter, music, and friendly conversations fills the air.

This event features something for everyone, children enjoy games and creative activities, local vendors showcase their products, and community partners share valuable resources ranging from housing & utility assistance, free food and clothing, free items from both Ikea and Home Depot, and health services.

The atmosphere is always electric with a sense of togetherness, as people of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life come together with one shared goal: to strengthen their community.

Whether it is making new connections, or simply enjoying the festive environment, Community Day proves that the heart of Philadelphia beats strongest when its people gather in solidarity.



More Than a Celebration

Community Day also offers a unique opportunity to highlight the year-round mission of Voice CEDC and Voice of Praise Worldwide Ministries. Known for its work in early childhood education through the Irene A. Oakley Champion Learning Center, and economic empowerment, the Center has always been committed to uplifting individuals and families in the surrounding neighborhood.



This blending of celebration and service is intentional. By combining the joy of a neighborhood gathering with access to meaningful resources, the Voice CEDC shows that community building is about more than just one day; it's about creating lasting pathways to opportunity and progress.

Community Day at Voice CEDC isn't just an event; it is a living example of how unity, empowerment, and joy can transform a community. From the first handshake to the final goodbye, this year's Community Day will be remembered as a day when the neighborhood's heart beat in perfect harmony.

THANK YOU to every volunteer, vendor, and sponsor who took the time to share your time, talent, and treasure in this year's Community Day. Without you, Community Day would not have been possible. We appreciate you all.

We invite you to participate in the **2026 Voice CEDC Community Day** by volunteering your time, sharing valuable resources, or donating food and your gently used clothing items. For more information on how you can help, please call (215) 229-2870.



Embracing New Beginnings in Every Area of Our Lives

by: Sister Dionne Harrison

"Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it?" (Isaiah 43:18-19 NKJV)

Life has a series of seasons, and each season brings opportunities for new beginnings. A new beginning isn't about turning the page on a calendar, but about opening a new chapter with God. It's a chance to reset, refocus, and step into what God has prepared for us. These fresh starts touch every part of our lives: spiritually, emotionally, physically, and within our relationships and church family.

A new beginning spiritually means reconnecting with God, surrendering past hurts or failures, and trusting Him to guide your path. God offers renewal and invites us to grow in faith, prayer, and obedience.

Emotionally, a new beginning may involve healing from past wounds, letting go of grudges, and cultivating peace of mind. The bible encourages us to bring our anxieties to God through prayer, allowing His peace to guard our hearts. Resetting emotionally opens space for joy, hope, strength and peace.

Physically, new beginnings can mean caring for your body as God's temple. We do this by nourishing, resting, exercising, and maintaining healthy habits. It's a way of honoring the life God has entrusted to us while giving ourselves the energy to pursue His purpose.

New beginnings in our local community involve building meaningful, supportive relationships. It means reaching out, serving others, and helping those in need. Together, we lift each other and grow stronger.

Within the church, new beginnings include embracing opportunities to strengthen and expand our church family. This could be through supporting all church activities and fundraisers, participating in prayer and bible study, or helping create a welcoming environment for all who enter. Every act contributes to the growth and health of the body of Christ.

New beginnings also involve standing alongside our pastor through prayer, encouragement, and partnership. Supporting our pastor strengthens leadership and ensures God's vision for the church continues to flourish.

Whether the area is spiritually, emotionally, physically, in our community, our church, or through supporting our pastor, God calls us to release the past, trust Him fully, and step into the future with faith. This season, embrace your new beginning and let God transform your life and the lives of those around you.



from the Voice of Praise WWM 6:00a Prayer Line

At this season in our lives, many of us find ourselves in a place of brokenness as we become who God has destined us to be. The enemy wants us to believe that we are stuck in our brokenness and we will only make it on broken pieces. We come to serve him notice today. That we will no longer just make it on broken pieces. We must give the broken pieces of our lives to God as He desires to make us whole. Let it go and walk into your season of wholeness.

Scripture reference:

Psalm 107:20; Acts 27:41-44; Colossians 2:9-10

Blessings,
Elder Robin English

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life.

My share is a question, what are you willing to give God on today. With everything that is happening in our world today, the giving of tariff, the giving of extra money for groceries, the giving of spending more time worrying about how bills are being paid, what ever the trial or tribulation is giving more attention to the problem and not coming up with a solution. All these things that we make sure we give our life to but what are we willing to give God? I would encourage you to give more time in prayer, give more time in the word of God, give more time in asking God for instruction throughout our your day the Bible says acknowledge him in all thy ways and he will direct your path. God gave us his only begotten son. Why not give him you!

Minister Gladys Major

Luke 18:1 (NIV): Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 (NIV): Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Prayer is the heartbeat of the believer. It reveals not only what we believe about God but also how we live in relationship with Him. Prayer is more than a ritual—it is a mirror of our faith. It reflects our trust, our reliance, and our connection to the One who holds all things in His hands.

Yet too often, we treat prayer as an afterthought, something we turn to only when life is falling apart. But God calls us to something higher: a life of intentional, continual communion with Him. Prayer is both our privilege and our weapon, our refuge and our strength.

Here are five ways to answer the call to prayer and put it into practice in tangible ways:

- 1. Make prayer your first response, not your last.** Begin each day by connecting with God before you face your challenges.
- 2. Carry prayer throughout your day.** Short, intentional prayers between tasks keep you rooted in His presence.
- 3. Stand together in prayer.** Agreement with other believers' releases power and reminds us we don't fight alone.
- 4. Pray with faith and expectation.** Honor God with adoration, confess your sins, give thanks, and lift requests with confidence.
- 5. Use prayer as your weapon.** Declare victory in Christ, resist the enemy, and stand firm, knowing God has equipped you to overcome.

The call to prayer is clear: always pray and never give up. Prayer is not a burden but a privilege, our direct line to the Father who hears, responds, and strengthens. Take up the weapon of prayer daily and let your life declare that God is your strength, your shield, and your ever-present help.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL ENCOURAGEMENT

Sister Dionne Harrison

As the new school year begins, excitement and nerves often go hand-in-hand—for both children and parents. This season is a fresh opportunity to reset, refocus, and trust God in every step of the journey.

For Children:

Remember that God has gifted you with unique talents, curiosity, and creativity. Trust God with your learning, with your friendships, and with your challenges this year. Step forward with courage, do your best, and rely on Him when things feel hard.

For Parents:

Sending your children back to school can bring both pride and worry. Pray for wisdom, patience, and protection over your children, and trust God to guide them in each day. Encourage them to use their gifts, make good choices, and grow in faith and character.

A Family Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of education and the blessings of a new school year. Guide our children in wisdom, protect them in every step, and help parents lead with patience and love. May this school year be filled with growth, joy, and Your presence in every classroom and home. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

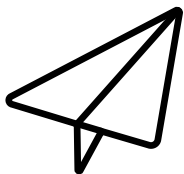
As we step into this new season, let's embrace God's guidance, protection, and faithfulness. Together, children and parents can move forward with confidence, hope, and trust in the One who knows and loves them best. **Philippians 4:13 reminds us: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."**

Did you know?

A couple can be dating one day and married the next. A politician can be campaigning one day and taking an oath the next. Someone can be unemployed one day and accepting a hiring offer the next. Days are portals, carrying us from one reality to the next. What is true and real one day can all change by the next. While matriculating through the transitions of today, be certain to hold prophetic expectation for the next. As 'common' as the day may seem, be diligent in exhausting its fullness; different is just a day away!

Joshua 3:5 "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you."

Elder Andre J. Cartwright



Share Your Voice in The Voice Newsletter

Do you have an inspiring story, community update, or encouraging word to share? We invite you to contribute to The Voice Newsletter! This is your opportunity to uplift, inform, and inspire others by sharing your experiences, reflections, or creative writing with our readers. Whether it's a testimony, a community spotlight, or words of wisdom, your submission can make a meaningful impact.

Let your voice be heard—together we can continue to build a newsletter that celebrates, encourages, and unites not only our church, but our community!

- Send your articles, stories, or reflections to ebonicartwright@gmail.com

September Events

- September 12 & 13 - Bible Institute Conference - Adult Tickets \$75.00
- September 11th @ 6:00 p.m. - Supportive Solutions for Single Parents
- September 20th @ 9:00 a.m. - Superstar Senior Saturday
- September 26th @ 7:30 pm - Pastor will be preaching at Holy Temple of Deliverance for their 30th Church Anniversary.
- September 27th - Seniors Ministry will be having a Karaoke Café at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00

Back 2 Basics Bible Study

- Every Tuesday @ 7:00p - VOP Zoom Conference Line

Weekly Prayer Meetings

- Monday through Friday - 6:00am
- Every 1st Saturday - 6:00am
- Every Sunday Morning - 8:00am



VOP Zoom Info

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