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CONNECTING FAITH. FAMILY. FELLOWSHIP



Honoring the Past **EMBRACING THE FUTURE**

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FAITH - FELLOWSHIP - SERVICE

A New Chapter Begins

After weeks of planning, praying, brainstorming, and designing, we are excited to finally place this newsletter in your hands. This is more than just a publication—it's a new way for us to stay connected as a church family.

As we celebrate 50 years of God's faithfulness to Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church, it seemed only fitting to launch something that captures the life of our church today while preserving the memories we're creating for tomorrow.

Throughout these pages, you'll find ministry highlights, upcoming events, member spotlights, inspirational articles, and stories of how God continues to work through our church. Our goal is simple: to keep every member informed, encouraged, and engaged in the mission God has given us.

The name "*The MIX Monthly*" reflects who we are—a vibrant church made up of different generations, ministries, cultures, talents, and experiences, all united by one purpose: sharing the love of Jesus Christ.

As we honor our past and embrace the future, we invite you to journey with us each month. We hope this newsletter becomes a source of inspiration, information, and connection for every member of the Maranatha family.

Here's to the first of many editions!

Blessings,

Tabitha Thompson
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A Message from our Pastor

As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church, we thank God for His faithfulness over the past five decades. Our Homecoming celebration is an opportunity to honor our past, celebrate His blessings in the present, and embrace the future He has prepared for us.

Over the past five decades, God has written an incredible story through this congregation. What began as a vision, nurtured by faith and sacrifice, has grown into a thriving church family committed to sharing the love of Jesus with our community. We stand today on the shoulders of visionary leaders, faithful pastors, dedicated elders, committed ministry leaders, and countless members whose prayers, service, generosity, and unwavering faith have shaped the church we know and love today.

As we reflect on our history, we honor those who came before us. Their commitment to God's mission laid a strong foundation that continues to bless each generation. Their legacy reminds us that the work of God's kingdom is never accomplished by one person alone, but by a community of believers faithfully answering His call.

Celebrating fifty years is more than looking back—it is also looking forward. We believe that God is still writing Maranatha's story. The same God who has guided us through every season is leading us into an exciting future filled with new opportunities to serve, grow, and share the everlasting gospel. Our prayer is that the next fifty years will be marked by an even greater passion for discipleship, community outreach, and lives transformed through the power of Jesus Christ.

On a personal note, I count it a tremendous honor and privilege to serve as your pastor during such a historic season in the life of our church. To celebrate this milestone alongside each of you is a blessing I will always cherish. I am grateful for your faithfulness, your love for one another, and your commitment to God's mission. Together, we celebrate what He has done, rejoice in what He is doing, and eagerly anticipate all that He has yet to accomplish.

As we gather for our Homecoming Weekend and 50th Anniversary Celebration, I invite you to join us as we celebrate God's faithfulness, reconnect with one another, and look ahead with hope to the future He has prepared for Maranatha. Thank you for being part of our story. I look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you.

Happy 50th Anniversary, Maranatha!

With gratitude and hope,

Pastor Daniel Kelly, Jr.
Senior Pastor
Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church
Atlanta, GA





Welcome Home! Homecoming 2026 Schedule

Get ready for an unforgettable Homecoming weekend filled with fellowship, powerful words, and incredible music! Here is your official guide to the weekend's exciting lineup:

Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 7:00 PM:

- Kick off the celebration with an inspiring message from our guest speaker, Pastor Calvin B. Preston (former pastor and current president of the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists).

Friday, August 28, 2026 at 7:00 PM:

- Experience a dynamic Youth Takeover night, featuring a powerful evening word from our current pastor, Daniel Kelly, Jr.

Saturday, August 29, 2026:

- Sabbath School: Dive deep into God's word with a special joint lesson study led by former pastors Wilmore Green and Stanley Hughes.

- Divine Worship: Join us for a powerful service featuring guest speaker Dr. Carlton P. Byrd (current president of the Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists).
- 3:00 PM: Be part of history at our Historical Garden groundbreaking ceremony!
- 6:00 PM: Fill your soul with an incredible evening of music, featuring an old-fashioned concert with

- former choirs, beautiful video reflections, praise dancers, and so much more!

Sunday, August 30, 2026 (11:00 AM – 4:00 PM):

- Cap off the weekend with a fun-filled family day outing at Forest Park State Park! Bring your energy for games, swimming, great food, and music.

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Community Service Spotlight

Faith in Action: 50 Years of Serving Our Neighbors

For half a century—since Maranatha's founding—our church has been a steadfast beacon of hope in the community. What began 50 years ago has grown into a vital lifeline, most notably through our monthly food box distribution.

Every second Tuesday of the month, our dedicated volunteers gather to pack and distribute an average of 250 food boxes to local families. During the holiday seasons,

that number swells to between 300 and 450 boxes. Over the last decade, this program has grown significantly under the faithful guidance of our longest-running leader, Ann Thompson and associate leader Horace McCuller.

The community knows Maranatha well and appreciates the consistent love and support they receive. As one local recipient recently shared, "the food box is an answer

to prayer for my family. The volunteers treat us with so much kindness."

For Ann, the motivation is simple. "I do what I do because I love to help people—it is my greatest joy," she shares. Ultimately, the ministry's goal goes far beyond meeting physical hunger. Ann hopes that through this service, people will remember Maranatha, be drawn closer to Christ, and be ready when He returns.



Children's Ministry Spotlight

Children's Church

Maranatha Children's Ministries (Maranatha Kids) is a fun, engaging ministry for children from birth through age 13. Our mission is to help children grow in their relationship with Jesus while nurturing their minds, bodies, and spirits in a loving, Christ-centered environment.

Our vision is to raise a generation of young believers transformed by the presence of Jesus and equipped to make a difference in the world.

Children's Church is held every 3rd Sabbath, and we're excited for our Children's Choir to make its debut during Children's Day on September 26. We invite all children to be a part of this special celebration!

For more information, email maranathakids@maranathasda.com.

Kid's Corner

Daniel & Lion's Den Coloring Page





MSAM presents our 3rd Annual "He Is Risen" Worship Celebration, taking place on Saturday, August 22, during Divine Worship. This year's theme is "Lord of the Harvest."

Experience a powerful morning of worship featuring Pastor Marcellus Howard, Pastor Cody Paige, and our own Pastor Daniel Kelly, Jr. We will have uplifting music by Jamal Strong, heartfelt praise led by the Maranatha Praise Team, and soulful dance by our praise dancers.

Bring your family, invite a friend, and come expecting an unforgettable worship experience. You won't want to miss it!

Family Life

Interactive Family Worship Ideas

- **Object Lesson Worship:** Take a simple household object or a piece of nature (like a rock, a sponge, or a flashlight) and connect it to a spiritual theme. For example, use a flashlight to discuss being the light of the world or walking safely in God's word
- **Gratitude and Promise Jars:** Keep an "Encouragement Jar" or "Promise Book" on your table. Have everyone write down things they are thankful for, or pull out a physical slip containing one of God's promises to read aloud and claim for the family.



Need Bible Study or Prayer?

We have a team that is ready to help. If you or someone you know desires bible studies or special prayer, email prayer@maranathasda.com or see any of our pastoral staff members.

Education Department

Gear Up for Greatness

Your Back-to-School Encouragement Guide

As you sharpen your pencils and pack your bags, remember that true readiness starts from within. True education prepares us not just for a career, but for a purposeful life of service and faith. Scripture reminds us in Joshua 1:9: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Here are three simple keys to anchor your school year in success:

- **Start with Prayer:** Before you walk out the door, give your day to God. Ask Him for wisdom, focus, and kindness. As the inspiring reminder goes, "Prayer is the key in the morning and the bolt at the night."
- **Walk in Confidence:** School can bring tough tests or stressful days. Whenever you feel overwhelmed, take a deep breath. God is right beside you in every hallway and classroom.
- **End with Gratitude:** Before you go to sleep, talk to God again. Thank Him for the victories, leave your worries with Him, and rest easy knowing He has tomorrow covered.

You are capable of achieving incredible things this year. Step into your school with your head held high, work hard, and shine your light bright! Remember that when we couple our daily studies with faith, our potential is limitless.

Our education department is here if you need us. Just email education@maranathasda.com. Have an amazing year!



| Volunteer Spotlight

Ms. Sabrina Hugley

Media Ministry Volunteer

Serving on the Media Team at Maranatha is more than a ministry; it's a family. I am blessed to serve with leaders, Cornell and Tabitha, and a team that works, prays, learns, and grows in Christ. Every service offers an opportunity for a first impression, whether in person or online. A warm greeting and smile can open hearts to God's love. Online worshipers are digital disciples, and I enjoy welcoming them with the same love as those in the sanctuary. Colossians 3:23 reminds us to do everything heartily as for the Lord. This ministry has shown me that people may not remember every word or song, but they will remember how we made them feel. If they leave feeling seen, loved, and welcomed, we reflect Jesus' heart. To God be the glory.



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—Sabrina

| Pathfinder Spotlight

Pathfinder Registration

Calling all parents of children ages 10 to 15! The 2026-2027 Maranatha Pioneers Pathfinder Club will officially begin on August 1, 2026. The Pathfinder Club is a worldwide scouting-type youth organization that focuses on the physical, mental, social, and spiritual development of children and teens. This is an opportunity for your children to be part of a larger evangelistic community where they will engage in recreational activities, such as, camping, drum corps, life skills development, and so much more. In addition, your children will participate in biblical educational classes that will enhance their spiritual growth and relationship with Christ.

Registration starts August 1st; classes start September 12th. To register, use the link or QR code below. For more information, please see one of our Pathfinder staff members. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Registration link:

<https://forms.gle/YRdye52Ze7xQiPR>

Or Scan the QR Code



| Stewardship Spotlight

Christian stewardship is an important biblical concept meant to permeate every aspect of our lives. Through faithful stewardship, we acknowledge that everything we have belongs to God—He is our Creator, our Redeemer, our Provider, and the Lord of our lives.

Stewardship is one of God's greatest blessings to His creatures since it reminds us that we owe everything to God and tests our loyalty to His promises concerning tithe and offerings. However, stewardship not only involves our financial approach to God and life, but it also has to do with the use of our time, talents, physical bodies, and abilities—all part of complete Christian stewardship. This is why we must put God first in all we do. As stewards of what God has given us, we are to maximize our blessings for the mission God has entrusted to us.

The blessings promised in Malachi 3:8–12 are so tangible and practical, as so many of us can attest since we see what God has done for us, our families, and His church. Faithfulness to God in every respect is a key factor in Christian stewardship and its blessed results.

--Elder Ted N.C. Wilson

August Birthday's and Anniversaries

Birthday's

01 Mary Bailey	18 Christian Brown
01 Jacob Hunt	18 Aloma Bryan
03 Linda Dinkins	18 Tori Jenkins
03 Preston Gaskin	19 Janet Calloway
04 Jamey Braswell	19 Azariah Jackson
04 Khani Shaw	19 Tyree Moore
05 Makyah Gibson	20 Jakiya Brooks
06 Bella Daugherty	20 David Randall
06 Tatyana Hunt	20 Ganell Webb
06 Rosalina Johns	21 Heaven Cash
06 Sade McFarlane	21 Brenda Ford
07 Reginald Mattison, Sr.	22 Camilla Lyons
08 Anita Fullard	22 Jonathan Shaw
08 Delores Patrick	23 Marco Diaz
08 Patricia Wynn	23 Khianna Thomas
08 Paula Taylor	24 Marco Logan
09 Keniya Belcher	24 Miriam Stewart
09 Alice Henderson	25 Valerie Lewis
11 Carol Boggan	25 Cecille McFarlane
11 Alicia Dixon-Bailey	25 Anthony Spence
11 Jeanine Gleaton	26 Debra Goodrum
11 Gladys Jones	26 Leasha Rushin
11 Kylie Ogilvie	27 Augustinus Gomez
12 Keonte Westmoreland	27 Earnestine Greene
13 Serena Benton	27 Cassidy Kellam
12 Ja'zon Ragin	27 Charles McKay
14 Sharon Hall	27 Chris Spellin
14 Janette Ogilvie	28 Felicia Archie
15 Stephanie Johnson	28 Pamela Hinds
15 Bernard Jones	28 Jason Jones
16 Sherrie Campbell	28 Veloney Williams
16 Sandra Reddish	29 Faye Bailey
16 Deborah Walker	29 Terrica Baker
16 Abigail Wiggins	29 Jayden Gairy
17 Juan Alvarez	29 Montavis Henderson
17 Nkkendi George	31 Waymond Hackney
	31 Jada Levy

Anniversaries

02 Eon & Noemby George - 27 years
04 Clifford & Glendora Hurst - 35 years
09 Jasper & Gina Hoskins - 7 years
25 Tony & Tracy Spence - 8 years
26 Maurice & Francina Thomas - 32 years
27 Willie & Patricia Norwood - 49 years
28 Charles & Felicia Archie - 7 years
29 Will & Eva Palacios - 29 years

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JOIN US AS WE STUDY, LEARN, AND SHARE GOD'S WORD
FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS!

upcoming Events

August Calendar

1st – Religious Liberty Day
1st – Lay Bible Instructor Training Class – 3:00–5:30 pm
2nd – Lay Bible Instructor Training Class –10:00–12:30 pm
5th – Wednesday Night Explosion
8th – Vision Sabbath
8th – Lay Bible Instructor Training Class – 3:00–5:30 pm
9th – Lay Bible Instructor Training Class –10:00–12:30 pm
11th – Health & Wellness – Motion Lab Class – Zoom
14th – Family Worship – 7:00 pm
15th – Sabbath Service
15th – Lay Bible Instructor Training Class – 3:00–5:30 pm
15th – Religious Liberty Conference – 3:00 pm
15th – AYS – 5:00 pm
16th – Board Meeting – 9:30 am (FH)
16th – Sacred Stitches – 10:00 am (MOR)
16th – Lay Bible Instructor Training Class –10:00–12:30 pm
22nd – MSAM Presents – He Is Risen 3.0
23rd – Adventurer's / Pathfinder's – 10:00 am
26th – 30th – 50th Homecoming Celebration

September Calendar

2nd – Wednesday Night Explosion
5th – Grandparents Day Celebration
5th –6th – Health & Wellness –Reset Retreat
6th – Sacred Stitches – 10:00 am
7th – Labor Day
12th – Vision Sabbath
13th – Adventurer's / Pathfinder's – 10:00 am
14th – 18th – Senior Ministry Week Of Prayer – Zoom
19th – Music Appreciation Day
19th – Religious Liberty Conference – 3:00 pm
20th – Board Meeting – 9:30 am
20th – Sacred Stitches – 10:00 am
20th – Senior Ministry Prom – 2:00–5:00
25th – 27th – Elders', Deacons', and Deaconesses' Retreat
26th – Children's Day
27th – Adventurer's / Pathfinder's – 10:00 am

Get Involved!

Interested in joining a ministry? Check out the full list of ministries on our website or email info@maranathasda.com for more information. We would love to have you!



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