

CONNECTING FAITH. FAMILY. FELLOWSHIP



Homecoming WEEKEND IS HERE

WELCOME - WELCOME - WELCOME HOME

There are some places you visit, and there are some places that simply feel like home. This weekend, Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church opens its doors and its heart to welcome home our former members, friends, family, and guests as we celebrate 50 years of faith, fellowship, service, and memories.

Whether you have worshiped with us for decades, moved away years ago, or are joining us for the very first time, we're glad you're here! This weekend is more than a celebration of our history—it is an opportunity to reconnect with old friends, create new memories, and give thanks for the God who has carried Maranatha through five remarkable decades.

Throughout Homecoming Weekend, we invite you to worship with us, fellowship with one another, reminisce about the moments that shaped our church, and look forward to all that God has in store for the future. From our special worship experiences to opportunities to reconnect and celebrate, there is something for everyone.

As we gather under our 50th Anniversary theme,



"Honoring the Past: Embracing the Future," may this weekend remind us that while our memories are precious, our best days with God are still ahead.

Maranatha, welcome home. And to our guests—welcome to the family!

We're so glad you're here to celebrate with us.

A Message from Pastor Washington

Greetings, Maranatha!

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone—new and old—as we celebrate this joyous milestone of 50 years. Throughout these five decades, we have served this community with hospitality, love, and a commitment to growth, and we are excited to continue moving forward together.

Speaking of growth, I have to acknowledge our youth and young adults. Over the past year, they have stepped out of their shells and stepped into leadership in some truly meaningful ways. From leading from the front during our summer revival, to planning events that brought our young adults together through game nights and brunches, to leading an entire month of prayer meetings, they have shown us what it means to be present and active in the life of the church. They remind us that our youth are not simply the future of the church—they are the now.

It takes a strong mind, a willing heart, and a mature Christian spirit to lead from a supporting position after spending years being the example. As we look toward another 50 years—please, Lord, come soon!—our commitment must be to continue encouraging, equipping, and supporting a generation that will boldly uphold Jesus in a world like ours.

Happy 50th Anniversary, Maranatha!

Pastor Ryan Washington
Associate Pastor
Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church
Atlanta, GA



| Volunteer Spotlight

Deputy Director Lance Horton

Pathfinder Volunteer

Volunteering as a Pathfinder has been both challenging and rewarding. **As Deputy Director of the Maranatha Pathfinders Club**, I guide, encourage, and mentor young people as they grow mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually.

Serving in Pathfinders certainly comes with its challenges. Keeping young people motivated, planning activities, staying organized, working with different personalities, and balancing the many responsibilities of leadership require patience, flexibility, commitment, and a willingness to go the extra mile. Still, the rewards far outweigh the challenges.

There is something incredibly fulfilling about

watching a young person accomplish a goal, earn an honor, discover a leadership ability, build meaningful friendships, strengthen their faith, or simply become more confident in who they are. That is why knowing I can play even a small part in making a positive difference in their lives is one of the greatest rewards of volunteering.

Pathfinders has reminded me that ministry is not always about standing in front of a crowd. Sometimes, it is about showing up, investing your time, listening, encouraging, and helping young people discover the person God created them to be.



"Ministry is not always about standing in front of the crowd."

-Deputy Lance Horton

Through every challenge and every victory, I am reminded of the words of Scripture: **"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."** — **Philippians 4:13**

For me, volunteering with Pathfinders is more than simply giving my time. It is an opportunity to invest in the next generation, serve with purpose, and end each day knowing I have helped make a lasting difference.

| Pathfinder Spotlight

Pathfinder Registration

Calling all parents of children ages 10 to 15! The 2026-2027 Maranatha Pioneers Pathfinder Club will officially begin on September 12 & 13. 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.

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!

Please note: our first event is Lion's Pride Weekend, Sept 18-20.

Scan the QR Code to register.



| Grow. Read. Discover

FREE BOOK OF THE MONTH

Help In Daily Living

How can we experience God's help in the everyday moments of life? "Help in Daily Living" offers practical encouragement and spiritual guidance for navigating daily challenges while growing closer to Christ. Take some time this month to read, reflect, and discover how God's presence can make a difference in your everyday life.



<https://egwwritings.org/read?panels=p37.2&index=0>

Prayer Ministry

Maranatha's Prayer Ministries believes in the power of prayer and that it truly does "change things!" Our goal is to lift up our church family in prayer, support prayer ministry throughout the church, and reach beyond our walls to uplift members of our community who need encouragement and support.

We are blessed with a dedicated team of prayer ministry associates and members who are committed to serving others. In addition to prayer, our ministry provides food, clothing, shoes, and other resources to support those in need in our community.

Prayer Ministries has participated in and hosted several community prayer events, with more opportunities ahead. On September 26, we invite you to join us as we share the love of Christ and take prayer and hope into our community.

For more information, please contact Elder Sandra Reddish, Prayer Ministries Coordinator.

Please keep our convalescent church members in prayer.

Miss Taylor Addison

Sis. Emma Brown

Bro. Willie Burkes

Eld. Willie Hogan

Sis. Edith Wortham

Sis. Carla Harkness



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.

Strategic Planning Town Hall Meeting



Maranatha's Strategic Planning Committee invites you to our Town Hall Meeting.

The purpose is to gather strategic ideas and suggestions for Maranatha's future direction from you, the members. This is an opportunity for the congregation to share ideas and provide input on Maranatha's future direction.

Date: September 12, 2026

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Anchor Support Group

A Safe Space for Healing, Hope & Restoration

Life can leave us carrying things that aren't always visible—grief, disappointment, hurt, loss, broken relationships, and experiences that still weigh heavily on our hearts.

Sometimes, healing begins with a safe place to talk, be heard, and know you are not alone. Anchor Support Group is that place.

Anchor is a welcoming and confidential support group where individuals can come together and know you are not alone.

Whether you are navigating the loss of a loved one, recovering from a difficult relationship, processing past hurts, or simply carrying something you need to release, you have a place here. You don't have to have all the answers. You don't have to have the right words.

Come as you are. Bring your story, your questions, your tears, or simply your willingness to take the next step toward healing. Anchor is a space where you can be heard without judgment and reminded that there is hope beyond the hurt.



ANCHOR SUPPORT GROUP

Together We Can Make Changes For The Better

If You Need Help Dealing With:

- Loss
- Grief
- Sadness
- Loneliness

Join our support group to help lift, support and encourage one another.

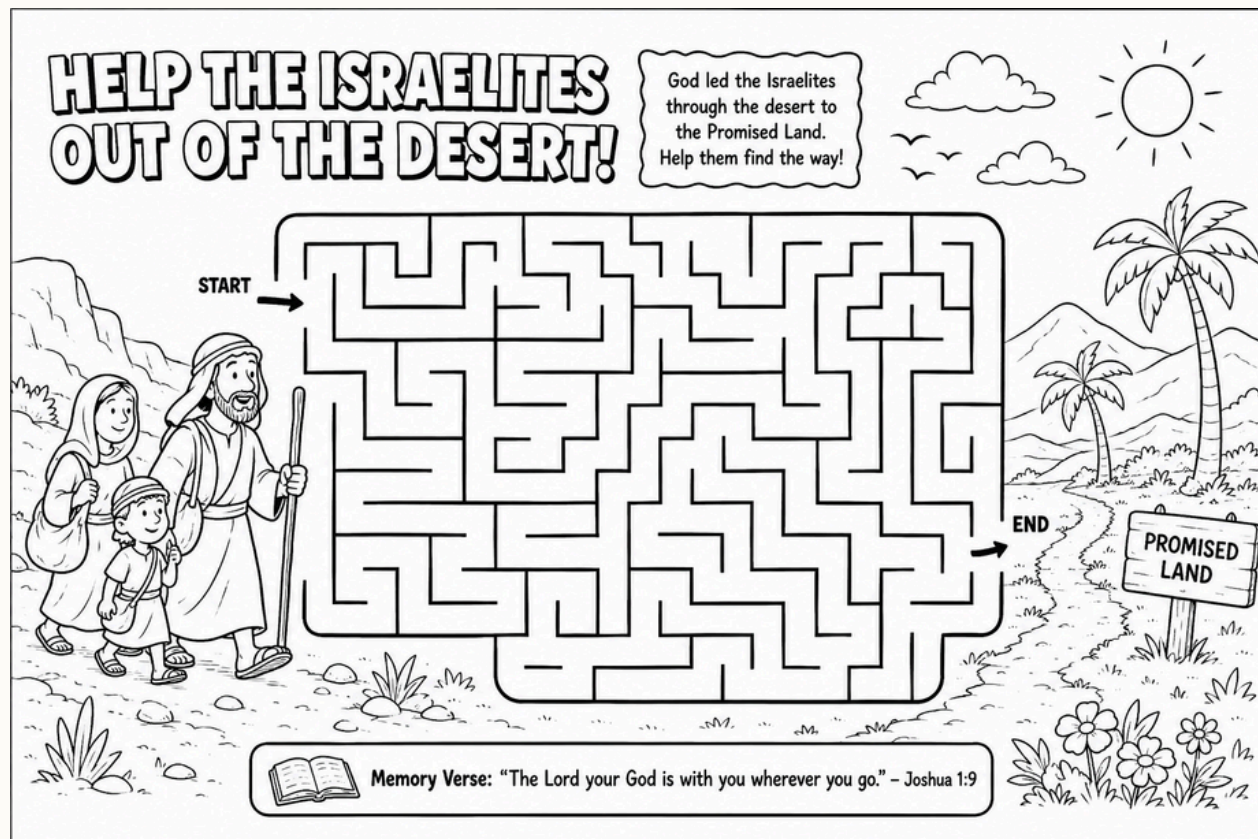
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First Sunday of every month

1:00 To 2:00 PM

2730 Browns Mill Rd SE
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Kid's Corner



HELP THE ISRAELITES OUT OF THE DESERT!

God led the Israelites through the desert to the Promised Land. Help them find the way!

START →

END →

PROMISED LAND

Memory Verse: "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." – Joshua 1:9

MARANATHA MUSIC & SACRED ARTS MINISTRY

MSAM

Appreciation Day

CELEBRATING OUR MUSICIANS!

SEPT 19, 2026

We honor your talent.
We celebrate your gift.
We appreciate your ministry!

GUEST SPEAKER & WORKSHOP FACILITATOR
Pastor Kimberly Bulgin
Pastor Kimberly Bulgin will be our guest speaker and will also facilitate the afternoon workshop for Maranatha Music & Sacred Arts.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM STARTS AT 3:00 PM
A TIME OF WORSHIP, ENCOURAGEMENT, LEARNING & FELLOWSHIP.

"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth." – Psalm 96:1

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT EXPLOSION

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SEPTEMBER 2, 2026
DINNER SERVED AT 6:00 PM
SERVICE STARTS AT 7:00 PM

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Outreach Ministry

Sacred Stitch Ministry

Sacred Stitch is a creative outreach ministry that uses its members' gifts and talents to bring warmth, comfort, and encouragement to people in need. Pam Hinds, Ruth Kelsey & Daisy Edwards created the ministry because they simply enjoy blessing others. Their only request in return? A "thank you."

Currently, Sacred Stitch is making hats, scarves, and plastic sleeping mats for individuals experiencing homelessness. Each handmade item is created with love, prayer, and a desire to serve others.

As Sacred Stitch grows, the ministry hopes to welcome more members, build a team to make hats using knitting machines, create plushies for children living in shelters, increase the number of sleeping mats produced, and provide hats and blankets to comfort cancer patients during chemotherapy treatments.

You can help support this ministry by donating yarn or monetary gifts to purchase supplies. Together, we can use our hands and hearts to bless others.

Want to get involved? Sacred Stitch meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more information or to donate, please see Pam Hinds or Ruth Kelsey.



Plastic Mats for the Homeless



Hat & Scarf for Cancer patients

Maranatha's Children's Ministry
Presents
MY GOD & ME
Growing in Faith • Walking with God • Shining His Light

Join us for a joyful and spirit-filled
Children's Day Celebration
as our children take the lead in
worship, praise, and fellowship!

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

FEATURING SPECIAL MUSIC & PRAISE BY:
Maranatha's Very Own
Kingdom Kids Choir

SPECIAL GUEST PRAISE TEAM:
Emmanuel Youth Ensemble

Faith starts young • Love grows deep • God walks with me

Join Maranatha's Adventurer Club!

Ages 4 to 9 (some 3 yr olds)
All are welcome!

Starting September 13th
Meeting every 2nd and 4th Sunday from
10 to 12 noon
(possibly Saturday afternoon for one class)

Location:
2730 Brownsmill Rd Atlanta, GA 30354

Volunteers Needed:
Counselors, Instructors and Snack Coordinators
Counselors meet at 9am on the second Sunday

Contact Director Sherrie Campbell
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with any questions



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SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2026

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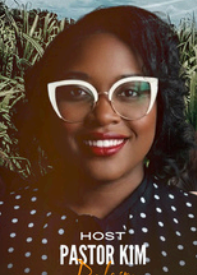
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SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2026



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True Surrender

Matthew 19:21—“If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

That was Christ's answer to the rich young ruler who wanted to know what he should do to gain eternal life. Now, what did Jesus want from the young man? He wanted his all. It is interesting to note that when the young man “went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions” (Matthew 19:22), Jesus did not run after him saying, “Hey, come back! Relax, I was speaking in parables. You just have to bring in your tithes and offerings and that's fine.” No! Money had become a god in that young man's life, and only a complete surrender would be acceptable.

If we read the Bible honestly, we will conclude that God does want everything. One day, as a mother of five listened to a sermon, she decided to give everything she had as a sacrifice for God's cause. Upon returning home, she searched among her belongings for something she could give away only to find that, in her extreme poverty, she couldn't dispose of anything useful or valuable.

Suddenly, her attention was drawn to her precious five children—three girls and two boys. She went to her room and prayed, “Lord, I do not have material riches that can be used for Your cause, but I do have five children. Right now, I dedicate them to mission. Use them as missionaries.” A few years later, all her children were serving God's cause as missionaries.

Ellen G. White helps us understand this concept in these words: “At the moment of success, when the nets were filled with fish, and the impulses of the old life were strongest, Jesus asked the disciples at the sea to leave all for the work of the gospel. So every soul is tested as to whether the desire for temporal good or for fellowship with Christ is strongest.”—The Desire of Ages, p. 273.

Appeal: This is the kind of surrender that you need to do. Everything you have and are must be in the Lord's hands. You need to understand that God wants everything, and that as long as you don't surrender all, you're not surrendering anything at all.

3 Ways to Give
YOUR GIFT MAKES an Eternal Impact

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT!

We are so grateful for your generosity and partnership in the ministry of Maranatha.

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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR **COMMUNITY SERVICE BUILDING PROJECT!**

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TOGETHER, we can continue to spread the love of Christ and make a lasting impact in our community and beyond.

Thank You
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! ♥

Your Support Makes a Difference

At Maranatha, we believe that ministry is more than what happens inside the church—it's about reaching people, serving our community, and sharing the love of Christ. To continue the ministries God has entrusted to us and to complete our Community Service Building Project, we need your financial support. Your generosity helps us create a place where we can serve those in need, provide meaningful programs, strengthen families, and spread the gospel throughout our community. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us move the mission forward. Thank you for partnering with Maranatha as we continue to serve, support, and share the love of Christ.

Upcoming Events

September Calendar

2nd – Wednesday Night Explosion – Pastor Crumbie
5th – Grandparents Day Celebration
6th – Sacred Stitches – 10:00 am
7th – Labor Day
12th – Vision Sabbath
12th – Strategic Planning Committee- Town Hall Meeting- 3 pm
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

October Calendar

3rd – Communion Sabbath
3rd – Family Life – Conversations Live -3:45-
4th – Sacred Stitches – 10:00 – 12:00 pm (MUR)
4th – Anchor – 1:00 pm (FH)
7th – Wednesday Night Explosion
10th – Vision Sabbath Service (RF)
10th – Health & Wellness Day
11th – Adventurer's / Pathfinder's – 10:00 am (FH)
11th – Deaconess Meeting – 10:00 am (MOR)
13th – Health & Wellness -Motion Lab Class – Zoom
17th – Community Guest Day (PK)
17th – Religious Liberty Conference – 3:00 pm
17th – AYS – 5:00 pm
18th – Board Meeting – 9:30 am (FH)
18th – Sacred Stitches – 10:00 am (MOR)
18th – 31st – Fall Revival – Revelation
25th – Adventurer's / Pathfinder's – 10:00 am (FH)
31st – Family Life – Game Night

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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