

July 2026

“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

— Matthew 9:37–38 (NKJV)

Dear Maranatha Family,

July is one of our favorite months because it is our **Reach Out Month**. Throughout this month, we want to intentionally open our hearts, our church, and our lives to those around us. Every Tuesday evening has been designed as an opportunity to invite family members, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to experience the love of Christ in a welcoming and joyful environment.

Jesus reminded us that the harvest is plentiful. The question is not whether people are searching—it is whether we are willing to reach out. Let us pray for someone, invite someone, and believe that God will use even the simplest invitation to change a life.

This Sunday, July 5, we will gather for a Unified Worship Service at 11:00 AM, followed by coffee fellowship. It is always a wonderful opportunity for our entire church family to worship together as one body.

We will also receive a special offering this Sunday to support our brothers and sisters in Venezuela. Thank you for your continued generosity as we partner together in advancing God’s Kingdom.

Following our unified service, our regular Sunday schedule for the remainder of July will be:

9:00 AM – Spanish Service

11:00 AM – English & Arabic Services

Our Tuesday **Reach Out Nights** begin with a special **Healing Prayer Service** on Tuesday, July 7, from 6:30–8:30 PM. Adults and youth will gather in the sanctuary for a powerful evening of worship and prayer, while our children enjoy their own special prayer gathering downstairs.

On Tuesday, July 14, join us for **Movie Night** from 6:30–8:30 PM. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade while adults gather upstairs and children enjoy their own special movie downstairs.

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We'll finish the month with our annual **Taste of Maranatha** on Tuesday, July 28, from 6:30–8:30 PM in the church parking lot. Bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert that represents your family's heritage as we celebrate the beautiful diversity God has brought to our church family. Please sign up in the foyer so we can plan accordingly.

These evenings are only possible because of faithful volunteers. We would love your help with setup, cleanup, greeting guests, and serving in the kitchen. If you can serve on one or more Tuesday evenings, please sign up in the foyer. Your willingness to serve helps create a welcoming place where lives can be touched by Christ.

Please also join us for our African Fellowship on Sunday, July 19, at 4:00 PM. Everyone is warmly invited.

Our children are looking forward to a special outing to The Farm in Palos Park on Saturday, July 18. It promises to be a wonderful day of fun, learning, and fellowship. Please see Pastor John for additional details.

On Saturday, July 25, our church will once again partner with **Convoy of Hope** as we serve our community in Marquette Park. This is a wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus by sharing His love in practical ways. We encourage everyone who is able to join the convoy of hope event as we reach our community with the love of Christ.

Please remember our students and leaders in prayer as they attend **Youth Camp** in Carlinville from July 13–17. Pray for life-changing encounters with God, lasting friendships, spiritual growth, and a generation that will boldly follow Christ.

Thank you for being a church that loves God, loves people, and reaches out with the hope of the Gospel. We are praying that God will use each one of us this month to invite, encourage, serve, and share His love with those around us. We look forward with great expectation to all that the Lord will do throughout this exciting month.

Serving Christ together,

Pastor Nader Kawar  
Senior Pastor

P.S. Please see the attached July calendar for an overview of events.