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"Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." – Galatians 6:9

Dear Church Family,

As we enter March, we are reminded that God's work in us is never in vain. Every step of faith, every moment of service, and every act of obedience brings us closer to His purpose. This month presents wonderful opportunities to worship together, grow in our faith, and engage in the mission He has placed before us.

We begin the month with a unified service on Sunday, March 2, at 11:00 AM. This will be a time of worship and encouragement as we gather as one church family. After the service, we invite you to join us for a time of fellowship over cake and coffee in the fellowship hall. Immediately following, we will hold our Church Council Meeting, where all members and those who call Maranatha their home church are encouraged to participate. This date is also significant as it marks our 50th church anniversary! While we will officially celebrate this milestone in the spring, we thank God for His faithfulness in sustaining this ministry for half a century.

As we reflect on the past, we also look ahead to the future. Stewardship is an important part of honoring what God has given us, and we invite all Senior Adults to a free Financial Meeting on Friday, March 7, at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. The session will be led by our sister in Christ, Nancy Ladd, who has extensive experience in financial advising for retirees and senior adults. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the foyer.

With spring on the horizon, we also turn our hearts toward the mission of God. Our Spring Missions Convention will take place from March 23-30, a week dedicated to hearing how the gospel is reaching the nations. Missionary speakers will be joining us to share their experiences, encouraging us to partner in the Great Commission. As part of this special week, we will host a Missions Luncheon on Thursday, March 27, and a Men's Missions Breakfast on Saturday, March 29. We also encourage you to begin praying now about your faith promise—a commitment to support missions financially as the Lord leads you. No gift is too small when given in obedience to His call.

March also brings a small but important reminder—Daylight Saving Time begins on Saturday, March 8. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed that night!

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Finally, we are excited to announce that discipleship classes will begin in April. Growing in our faith is a lifelong journey, and these classes provide a structured yet personal way to deepen our relationship with Christ. A signup sheet will be available starting Sunday, March 2, allowing students to choose between Zoom, in-person, or either option. Those who sign up are committing to a 13-week discipleship course, meeting once a week at a time coordinated between the teacher and student. This flexibility ensures that each student receives focused, meaningful instruction while maintaining their weekly commitment. If you've been looking for an opportunity to strengthen your walk with God, this is your invitation to take that next step.

As we move forward together, let us remain steadfast, knowing that God is at work in and through us. May we press on with joy and expectancy, trusting that He is leading us into greater things.

Blessings,
Pastor Nader Kawar
Maranatha International Church