

November 2025

*A Month of Gratitude and Grace at Maranatha — With Thankful Hearts,
We Celebrate What the Lord Is Doing*

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.” — Psalm 107:1

Dear Maranatha Family,

As we enter this beautiful month of November, our hearts turn toward gratitude. The leaves remind us that seasons change, and through it all, God’s faithfulness remains unshaken. This month invites us not only to give thanks for what we have, but to draw closer to the One who gives every good gift.

This Sunday, November 2nd, we will gather as one body for an 11:00 AM unified service, followed by a time of fellowship and appreciation. What a joy it is to celebrate the goodness of God together and to thank Him for the faithful pastors and leaders who shepherd us with love and humility.

On this special Pastoral Appreciation Sunday, we take a moment to honor those who serve tirelessly—preaching, praying, visiting, and guiding the flock God has entrusted to their care. The Bible reminds us, “Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.” (1 Timothy 5:17).

As we celebrate, we will share cake and coffee together in fellowship, expressing our love and gratitude to those who labor among us in the Word and ministry. Let it be a joyful time of encouragement and thanksgiving as we bless those who continually bless others.

After this time of appreciation and fellowship, we will gather again for our Fall Church Council meeting. This meeting brings exciting news, as we officially welcome seven new members into our church family. What a blessing to see the Lord expanding His kingdom and adding to His work among us! Each new member represents a life connected to the body of Christ, and together we rejoice in seeing the Lord build His church. May His grace continue to draw many more to salvation, service, and fellowship in His name. We kindly ask all official members to please stay and participate in this important meeting as we celebrate God’s continued work in our midst.

Don’t forget to set your clocks back an 1-hour before going to bed this Saturday night, Nov. 1st. Let’s begin this month rested, refreshed, and ready for what God has in store.

Later in the month, we will come together again for our Thanksgiving Unified Communion Service on Tuesday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m.. This sacred time reminds us that true thanksgiving flows from the cross. As we partake of the bread and cup, we remember the One who gave His life so that we might have eternal life. Gratitude is not just a feeling—it’s a way of living that keeps our hearts anchored in His grace. We are blessed to have Brother Richard Camacho as our guest speaker for this special evening. May the Lord use his message to stir our hearts in deep thankfulness and renewed faith.

Throughout November, our hearts extend beyond our walls. We are collecting coats, hats, and gloves for our homeless ministry through the People Loving People ministry. Each coat represents warmth, but also love in action—the gospel made visible. As we serve those in need, we serve Christ Himself, who said, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me.”

We also have an opportunity to help spread the Word by supporting Gideon International. Every Bible placed in someone’s hands can change an eternity. Let’s sow into God’s kingdom, trusting that His Word will not return void but will accomplish what He desires in the hearts of those who read it.

This month, we’ll also bless our local community by bringing non-perishable food items for the Evergreen Park Food Pantry on Sunday, November 23rd. A simple can of soup or box of pasta may seem small, but in God’s hands, it becomes a miracle of provision. Let’s give with hearts full of compassion, remembering how the Lord has always provided for us.

On Sunday, November 16, we will lift our voices in prayer for persecuted Christians around the world. As we intercede for our brothers and sisters who suffer for their faith, we join heaven’s cry and affirm that the light of Christ cannot be extinguished. May our prayers strengthen them—and also awaken our own hearts to boldness and perseverance in the gospel.

Finally, please keep our youth in prayer as they attend the Momentum Convention in Springfield later this month. May this time ignite a passion in their hearts for Jesus, filling them with purpose and vision for their generation. The next wave of revival often begins in the hearts of the young—let’s stand behind them in faith and encouragement.

As we journey through November, may every act of kindness, every prayer, and every gathering draw us closer to the heart of God. Let this be a month of gratitude that goes beyond words—reflected in how we serve, love, and worship the One who has given us everything.

And in this spirit of thankfulness, I want to take a moment, as your pastor, to express from the depths of my heart how truly grateful I am for each and every one of you. I know I often say this, but I feel that I can never say it enough—my heart is overwhelmed with gratitude for you. I thank God for every member of this church, for our devoted staff, and for the many volunteers who pour out their hearts so faithfully and sacrificially in the work of the Lord. I am so proud of each of you and of what the Lord is doing through this church family.

May you continue to see the fruit of your labor—souls touched, lives transformed, and the joy of knowing that your service is making an eternal difference for the glory of God.

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” — Colossians 3:17

With love and gratitude,

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P.S. Please see the November church calendar for other events and activities.