MARANATHA MONTHLY NEWS

November 2026

Residents & Friends of Maranatha Village, Welcome to November! As we look forward to Thanksgiving, we have even more reason to be grateful as Maranatha Baptist Church approaches its 50th anniversary—a remarkable milestone celebrating years of faith, worship, service, and Christian fellowship. This upcoming anniversary reminds us of the spiritual foundation upon which our community is built and the many blessings that come from keeping Christ at the center of our lives. As we reflect on the generations who have worshiped, served, and grown together, may we look forward with renewed faith and excitement for what God has in store for Maranatha Village and Maranatha Baptist Church.

This November, we invite every resident to become an active part of our community's continuing story! Attend church services and village activities, introduce yourself to a neighbor you may not know, invite someone to join you for a walk or bicycle ride, offer a helping hand, and look for opportunities to share a kind word or prayer. As we approach this special anniversary, let us strengthen the bonds between our church and village, welcome new friendships, and encourage one another in our Christian walk. Every resident has something meaningful to contribute, and together we can build a community where faith grows, friendships flourish, and the love of Christ shines brightly.

Come out, get involved, and help us celebrate the blessings of our Maranatha family! Let this Thanksgiving season be a time of gratitude for our past, fellowship in the present, and hopeful anticipation of the future. As Maranatha Baptist Church nears its 50th anniversary, may we each find new ways to participate, serve, worship, and share God's love with those around us. From all of us at the Maranatha Village Office, may you and your loved ones enjoy a blessed November and a joyful Thanksgiving filled with peace, gratitude, and God's abundant goodness!

"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." — Psalm 107:1 (KJV)

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MARANATHA VILLAGE OFFICE: 863-385-7897
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM - NOON

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

11/1	Set Clocks Back 1 hour
11/3	Election Day
11/4	Donation Day
11/6	Home Fellowship
11/9	Marble Chase
11/11	Veterans' Day
11/14	Men's Prayer Breakfast
11/16	MV Board Meeting
11/17	Ladies Missionary Fellowship
11/26	Office Closed MBC Thanksgiving Dinner
11/27	Office Closed
11/29	MBC 5th Sunday Fellowship
12/1	2-Person Golf

Craft Cottage

Rock Painting:Every TH, 10 am
Quilts for Foster Kids: not meeting in Nov. or Dec. Next meeting Jan. 18, 2027
Ryan's Cases for Smiles: not meeting in Nov. or Dec. Next meeting Jan. 7, 2027
Card-Making Class: not meeting in November

For more details, see schedule posted at Craft Cottage

Maranatha Village Board Actions, October 2026

- Jackie McCorkle gave his testimony, and the board approved him as a voting member of the board as of January 1, 2027; in the meantime, he will attend board meetings as a non-voting member.
- Board approved four new applicants for residency at Maranatha and an additional applicant was approved after the meeting via email.
- Board agreed to updated prices for available villas which more accurately reflect condition and amenities. Recently approved prices are posted at www.maranathavillage.org.
- Decision was made to implement a Strategic Planning Committee soon after the beginning of 2027 (if you have interest in serving on the committee, please let the village office know).

Still Room for Seasonal Guests!

Please let your friends know that winter is the PERFECT time for a visit to Maranatha Village! Stop by the office for a reservation form and applications!

Candidate for Administrator to Visit Village

Darrell Friar and his wife, Cindy, will arrive on Tuesday evening, November 3, and leave early Monday morning, November 9. You may see them around Maranatha Village from the 4th through the 8th and they will be at Maranatha Baptist Church on Sunday, November 8. When you see them, please give them a warm Maranatha Village welcome.

October 3, 1789. A Thanksgiving Proclamation by President George Washington.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor-- and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be-- That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks--for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation--for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war--for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed--for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted--for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions-- to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually--to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed--to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord--To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us--and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.
G. Washington

Washington issued a proclamation on October 3, 1789, designating Thursday, November 26 as a national day of thanks. In his proclamation, Washington declared that the necessity for such a day sprung from the Almighty's care of Americans prior to the Revolution, assistance to them in achieving independence, and help in establishing the constitutional government.