



IN STEP

studio news from maranatha



“Eyes Up” Recital Season in Full Swing

We’re so excited for our upcoming **Recital Showcase** on **Saturday, May 23** at Christian Life Fellowship! Our recital theme “**Eyes Up**” encourages our dancers to shine bright and keep their eyes fixed on Jesus as we celebrate all they’ve learned this season. The Recital Showcase will include our **Children’s Recitals** and **Leveled Showcase**. Visit the [Recital Website](#) for complete details.

Children’s Recitals

There are four different shows on Saturday, May 23 for our Children’s Program dancers. Please check the Recital Website to confirm which show(s) your child will be in based on their class day and time.

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Discipleship Corner

MS. JAMI B.

This May, we’re encouraging kids to keep their **Eyes Up to Shine Bright!** Our focus is on living as lights in the world by keeping our eyes on Jesus. Our memory verse is **Ephesians 5:8** – “*Now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light!*” We believe that when we look to Jesus, we begin to reflect His light to everyone around us. Through scriptures like **Matthew 5:14–16** and **Philippians 2:15**, kids will learn that they can shine for Jesus in their words, actions, and attitudes at school, at home, and everywhere they go.

Our big idea is: “*I can shine for Jesus at school, home, and everywhere.*” Let’s help our kids finish the year strong, living boldly as bright lights for Jesus in a world that needs His love.

Leveled Showcase

Our Leveled and Teen students will perform Lyrical, Jazz, Hip Hop, Acro, and Musical Theater on May 23. Showtime is 5 p.m. Dress Rehearsal is May 22. As always, let us know if you have any questions!

2026-2027 Season on the Horizon

Priority Registration for current students opens **May 11**. Registration will open to the public May 18. Parents of students in our Children's Program received a certificate from their teacher with class recommendations on the back of their certificate. Parents of students in our Leveled and Teen Program can access their online account and view their class recommendations for next season under the notes section of their account. View our 2026-2027 Programming Guide at maranathadance.com



Fall & Summer Schedules are now available!



Studio Calendar

- May 6 - 2026-27 Program Guide Released
- May 8-9 - Picture Days
- May 9, 16, 20, 22 - Daddy Dance Rehearsals
- May 11 - Priority Registration Opens for Members
- May 11-14 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 18 - General Registration Opens
- May 18-21 Last Week of Classes
- May 23 - Recital Showcase: "Eyes Up"
- May 25-July 3 - Studio Closed, No Classes
- July 7 - Summer Classes Begin



Preschool & Children's Dance Program

MS. ALICIA W.

RELATIONSHIPS is the eleventh and final concept we will explore. When we explore OVER, UNDER, AROUND, THROUGH, IN, OUT, ON, OFF, BESIDE, BETWEEN, NEAR, and FAR we discover the connections we can make between our own body, with props, and with other dancers. This encourages the development of our spatial awareness and social interaction skills. And, that sets the foundation for our future partnering skills. This month we will continue to develop our vocabulary and connect the relationships that have been created from all the concepts!

May Fun Week to Celebrate Teachers

The week of **May 11-14 is Teacher Appreciation Week!** To show our incredible staff at Maranatha some love, we are inviting dancers to surprise their teachers (and our amazing front desk team) with a drawing or note from home!

Final Sneak Peek Week: Recital Showcase

It's recital month and we couldn't be more excited to showcase all of our hard work this year! We will see you at **Christian Life Fellowship** church on **May 23** for our recitals. Be sure to visit maranathadance.com/recital2026 for ticketing and showtime information.

Stay Connected with Summer Dance

Join us this summer for an exciting lineup of dance classes for all ages and skill levels! From **ballet** and **hip hop** to **musical theater dance**, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Our youngest dancers will love Dancing with My Doll, while Summer Dance Party offers a fun, high-energy experience for parents and kids to dance side-by-side. For those looking to stay strong and improve technique, our leveled ballet and conditioning classes are the perfect fit. **Classes begin July 7.** Don't miss out—register today at maranathadance.com

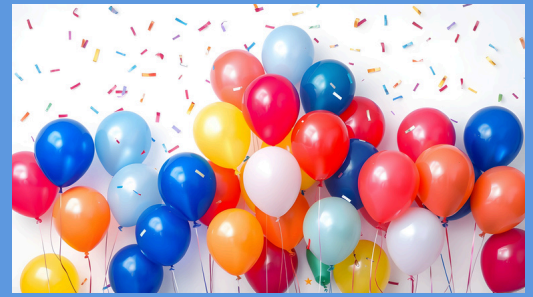


Leveled & Teen Dance Program

MS. AMY P.

Performance Mindset: Conquering Nerves

Even the best dancers feel stage fright, but nerves can actually give you energy! Instead of fighting the butterflies, use them to fuel your performance. Before stepping onstage, take three slow breaths and visualize yourself dancing with confidence. A positive mindset will make the audience remember your artistry, not just your steps. And remember: you are dancing for an Audience of One. God delights in your joy as you dance!



May Birthdays

Brecken F	Aurora S
Gia S	Gemma B
Nora S	Brinley B
Adelyn T	Sophia B
Eliza R	Pacey H
Brielle H	Aurora N
Amber P	Alina P
Makayla P	Rhys L
Lucia R	Summer G
Emily D	Julia Z
Sophie K	Khloe P
Peyton P	Emma C
Charlotte M	Elise P
Natalie R	Samantha G
Brooks C	Elizabeth V
STAFF: Ms. Faith Leanna G.	

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors!



Amira Compton

Abigail Pickering



Bianka DiPaola

Gabriella Matheis