

Interim Update from Pastor Jeff

During January, we aim to complete Stage 1 of 5 Stages of Pastor Jeff's Interim ministry here at Maranatha. Please pray for and be part of the following events as our church moves toward becoming the church Christ intends.

Tonight: Worship and Prayer gathering

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Childcare is provide for those 5 and under.

January 18 – February 1 – Church Health Survey

Starting next Sunday, we ask every adult to complete a survey that will help us discover who Maranatha is as a church. This on-line survey will take about 25 minutes to do on a phone or computer. Paper surveys will be available, if needed. Complete it during Sundays' Fellowship times (you can get help then in completing it) or at home by February 1.

January – Transition Team forming

Pastor Jeff and Elders are putting together a team of 8-10 who will help assess where we are as a church, guide in addressing areas of church healing, and seek God's plans and future for the church. Please pray for the composition of this team.

January – April Preaching Direction

Starting next Sunday, Pastor Jeff will be preaching through: *First Timothy: Handbook for a Thriving Church*.

Each week this incredible book will open our eyes to how God wants the people of His Church to do church.

Giving Report

Here is how the people of Maranatha have given through **December 2025**, the first half of our fiscal year:

- **Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving: \$242,498**
- **Year-to-Date Actual Giving: \$230,821**

Thank you for your generosity to the Lord and to His church.



WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Sunday, January 11, 2026

The Little Key that Opens a Big Door

Luke 18:1-8 | Pastor Jeff MacLurg

Nursery | Preschool

Available for children 2 and under in the south hallway and pre-school area for children in the Conference Room.

Children's Activity Kits

Available on the table on the south wall in the lobby.

Children's, Youth & Adult Sunday School

10:45AM—11:45AM

Connect With Us

Need to update your info or want to connect?

Scan the QR code or fill one out at the Welcome Desk.



Tithes & Offerings

Give through the offering box located between the sanctuary doors.

Scan the QR code for easy online giving.



Events

Want to know what's coming up?

Scan the QR code to view upcoming church events.



TODAY

Worship and Prayer Gathering

6:00PM-7:00PM

In the Sanctuary. Childcare provided for children 5 and under.

RVL: Discipleship | Adult Sunday School

10:45AM-11:45AM

We are using Ray Vander Laan's 10-week video teaching series in the Sanctuary. Materials provided.

UPCOMING

Valentine's Day Dinner | Strengthening Marriages

Sunday, February 15 • 4:00PM-7:00PM

Join us for a fun and meaningful evening of connecting with your spouse. Speakers: Ken & Tina Moberg. Childcare provided. Cost: \$60. Sign up with this QR.



Mom's Fellowship

Sunday, January 18 • 6:30PM-8:00PM

Join other mom's for encouragement as we pursue Christ in motherhood. Topic: Family Values / Obedience.

Women's Craft Day

Saturday, January 31 • 1:00PM-4:00PM

Bring your own craft and also make a greeting card with Gloria Swan's expertise. Bring a snack to share and sign up at the Welcome Desk.

OUR VISION:

To reach *all* generations for Christ

OUR MISSION:

According to God's Word we proclaim *the joy of salvation* in Christ to people in need and encourage His followers in their devotion to Him.

OUR CORE VALUES:

- ✓ Founded on Christ
- ✓ Grounded in Scripture
- ✓ Powered by Prayer
- ✓ Committed to Evangelism
- ✓ Responding in Worship
- ✓ Intentional in Discipleship
- ✓ Characterized by Love

The Little Key that Opens a Big Door

Message by Jeff MacLurg, January 11, 2026

"Powered by Prayer"

The Parable (Luke 18:1-8)

What's the point? (vv. 1, 8)

- _____, and _____.

Why don't we?

- We get ...
- We don't ...
 - He really does ...
(John 3:16; Ephesians 3:18-19)
 - He offers you ...
(Jeremiah 29:11-14)
- We don't ...
 - It's about ...
 - It's a place of ...
 - It's where we call on ...
- We don't appreciate ...
- We have ...

So, now