



The Ministry Insight Tool (MIT) is provided by Interim Pastor Ministries to help a church evaluate their ministry in the self-study process during a time of transition. As we anticipate the 2nd Stage of IPM's process to strengthen our church this is one of several tools we will

use to help us clarify reality. The survey, which takes about 25 minutes to complete, is an opportunity for you to take an extensive look into various aspects of our church's ministry.

Everyone who is part of our church family is invited to take the survey. The MIT will be available for three weeks beginning Sunday, Jan. 18th.
It will close at midnight on Monday, Feb. 9th.

Follow this link to take the survey online – this is the preferred method:

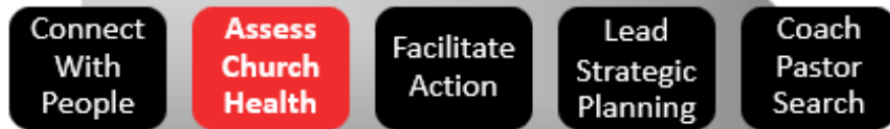
www.surveymonkey.com/r/MaranathaEFC

Paper copies are available for those unable to take the survey online. Paper copies must be returned to the designated spot by Sunday, Feb. 8th. But whenever possible, please use a smart phone, tablet, or computer to complete the Ministry Insight Tool. Use your smart phone or tablet's camera to open the MIT by aiming it at the QR code.



If you have questions, please contact Pastor Jeff MacLurg.

IPM's 5 Stage Process to Strengthen Churches



Clarify Reality: Assess, Analyze, Align

Giving Report

Giving 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.

MARANATHA EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Are We Emphasizing the Essentials?

1 Timothy 1:1-7 | 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

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.

RVL: Discipleship | Adult Sunday School

10:45AM-11:45AM

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

UPCOMING

Quarterly Business Meeting | News Scoop at Maranatha

Tuesday, February 20 • 6:00PM-7:30PM

Updates on our finances, leadership, ministries, and upcoming plans plus answers to many of the questions you've been wondering about.

Valentine's Day Dinner | Strengthening Marriages

Sunday, February 15 • 4:00PM-7:00PM

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



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.

Men's Retreat | Save the Date

Saturday, March 14

Details coming soon!

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

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1 Timothy 1:1-7

Pastor Jeff MacLurg, January 18, 2026



The Book

It's about _____ (1 Timothy 3:14-15)

Pertinent people: (1:1-3)

Paul

Timothy

Ephesus Church

A Church Off Track (vv. 3-4, 6-7)

1. They teach _____.
2. The emphasize what's _____ rather what's _____.
3. They raise up _____ rather than God's _____.

God's Target for His Church (v. 5)

1. Believers who _____.
2. It's Source
 - A Pure Heart
 - A Good Conscience
 - A Sincere Faith

Take Always

- "What's keeping me from..."
- Question: "Am I consumed..."