

About this season of Interim Pastoral ministry

For the next 12-18 months, our Interim Pastor Jeff MacLurg will do the 'usual pastoral ministries' such as preaching, staff oversight, visitation, training, planning, weddings, memorials, and more. However, a key part of his ministry will be to lead us through a 5-Step process designed to strengthen Maranatha's effectiveness in preparation for our next Senior Pastor.



1. CONNECT WITH PEOPLE:

Jeff will conduct 'listening interviews' with many of Maranatha's people to discern key issues that may need addressing. Please be willing to share your thoughts when contacted for an interview *starting this week*.

2. ASSESS CHURCH HEALTH:

A Transition Team will use various tools and activities to get a clear, up-to-date picture of Maranatha and surrounding community, and to celebrate what God has done in and through the church.

3. FACILITATE ACTION:

The church will determine the most appropriate steps to deal with issues that may be hindering fruitful ministry.

4. LEAD STRATEGIC PLANNING:

The church leadership team works to clarify or develop our biblical mission and a compelling vision, discover our core values, and craft a strategy to put them into effective ministry.

5. COACH PASTOR SEARCH:

When the church has achieved sufficient health, unity and vision clarity, the Interim Pastor can be a key resource in the search for our next Senior Pastor.


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Looking Ahead to Looking Back

Acts 20:17-38

WELCOME TO MARANATHA
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Worship Service

Join us for worship at 9:00 AM. Families are welcome, and enjoy coffee fellowship immediately following service in the Fellowship Hall at 10:15AM

Children's, Youth & Adult Sunday School

10:45AM—11:45AM

Nursery

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

Children's Activity Kits

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

Tithes & Offerings

Give through the offering box located between the sanctuary doors or use the QR code for easy, online giving. Envelopes are available.

Connect with Us: Fill out a CONNECT CARD and drop it in the offering box or at the Welcome Desk.

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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

Opportunities to Participate:

- **Mom's Group:** meets tonight at 6:30 PM. Join us for fun and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Districts Youth Conference:** the early bird registration is November 12th so don't miss out! The conference is Friday, January 9th—Sunday the 11th in Green Bay. For more details or to register online use the QR code.
- **Save the Date:** the Christmas Program is happening December 14th @ 9:00 AM. There will not be Sunday School.
- **OCC Packing Party: TODAY** from Noon-5:00 PM. Bring the kids or come alone to pack Operation Christmas Party boxes in the Gathering Place.
- **RIGHTNOW MEDIA:** looking for Christian content for any age? Sign up here. You get tons of content for FREE!



Acts 20:17-38 — Written by Luke, this passage records Paul's heartfelt farewell to the Ephesian elders at Miletus. Paul reflects on his ministry, warns them to guard the flock against false teaching, and commends them to God's grace. His emotional goodbye shows the deep love and unity of the early church.

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A little background

What we want to be able to say:

1. We've genuinely...
(vv. 18-19)
2. Scripture's practical teachings shaped our...
(v. 20)
3. We urgently shared...
(v.21)

So now...

1. Give your life to...
(vv. 22-27)
2. Care for people...
(v. 28)
3. Prepare for some...
(vv. 29-31)
4. Lean on your gracious God who will...
(v. 32)