

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.

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.



MARANATHA

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The UnMessy Church

Ephesians 4:13-16

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:

- **Save the Date:** the Christmas Program is happening December 14th @ 9:00 AM. There will not be Sunday School.
- **OCC National Collection Week:** happening in Maranatha's Ministry Center the week of 11/17—11-24. Please bring your filled boxes during the hours of collection in the Ministry Center. For these times check the website or use this QR.
- **Women's Christmas Tea:** Saturday, December 6th | 9:00-11:00 AM. *Specialty coffee served from 8:30-9:00 AM only.* Come enjoy a time of fellowship and delicious "tea" foods. Bring your favorite cup or wear a festive tea hat if you have one. Speaker: Joan MacLurg. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.
- **No Sunday School** for anyone on November 23. However, Children's Sunday School students and their parent(s) are invited to the Ministry Center at 10:45 AM to work on a special craft for the Christmas Program.
- **RightNow Media** is a streaming library of Christian video content — mainly Bible-studies, discipleship resources, kids' shows, leadership training, and more — designed for churches, ministries, families, and individuals. This is a FREE resource available to you! Use the QR code to get your account.
- **Wreaths:** if you ordered a wreath directly from Michelle on a Sunday morning, your items are in the Soul Garage. If you purchased from a student, they will have it for you.

The UnMessy Church

Church: the Way things Oughta Be (Ephesians 4:13-16)


- Unified around a . . . (v. 13)
- Growing because of our genuine . . . (14-16)
 - steady, not unstable (14)
 - lovingly tell the truth (15)
 - all centered on Jesus (15)
 - organized to make an impact (16)
 - growing and building (16)
 - each doing *their* part (16)

How it happens (4:1-12)

- It takes . . . (vv. 1-6)
- It requires each . . . (vv. 7-12)

 **Leaders:** _____ to do their part

 **Each Person:** _____ of the ministry

 What is *that*? Each _____ who _____
(Mathew 28:18-20)

The result: The unMessy Church (vv. 12b-17)

Now What?

- Each each needs to be . . .
- Each each needs to get . . .