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Surprised at Christmas: Surprised Seekers

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.

GIVE HERE



FOR CALENDAR EVENT DETAILS, VISIT [MARANATHAFREE.COM/EVENTS](https://maranathafree.com/events)

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:

- **Christmas Program:** Happening December 14th @ 9:00 AM. There will not be Sunday School. We are asking each family unit to bring a dozen cookies. We will use the leftovers for the Community Choir that evening. Thank You!
- **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.
- **Pastor's Listening Interviews:** Pastor Jeff would like to meet with individuals and couples to listen, learn, and understand your thoughts about Maranatha. These 40-minute conversations can take place in your home or at the church. Please contact the office to schedule a time or sign up for a time at the Welcome Desk.
- **New Auburn Community Choir:** will be performing "One Silent Night" at Maranatha on Sunday, December 14th at 3:00 PM
- **Christmas Eve Service:** we will have one service at 4:30 PM
- **ACBC Training Conference – February 2026:** Grow in applying God's Word to real-life struggles and in encouraging others with biblical truth. In Person (Lafayette, IN): Feb 8-13 • \$259 • Commit by Jan 9 Virtual (at Maranatha): Feb 20-22 & Feb 27-Mar 1 Questions or to sign up: Ben Baye — 715-418-1417 • ascentwi@gmail.com

Seekers and Matthew 2:1-2

Where do we go from here?

1. This morning...
And...
2. This Christmas...
And...

Surprised Seekers
Message #2 of 5—Surprised at Christmas
Pastor Jeff MacLurg, December 7, 2025

Seekers and Matthew 2:1-2

Sincere Seekers

1. Sincere Seekers are...
(cp. Jeremiah 29:13)

God arranges...
2. Sincere Seekers intend to...
3. Sincere Seekers...
(cp. Matthew 7:7-8)
4. Sincere Seekers become...

Suspect Seekers

1. Suspect Seekers get irritated by...
2. Suspect Seekers let others do all the...
3. Suspect Seekers may...
4. Suspect Seekers ultimately show...