

NOTICES

Annual Business Meeting | Results

2026-2027 Fiscal Year **Budget** was **approved** as presented.

Bylaw changes were **approved** as presented.

Elder candidate **Andre Abraham** was **approved** for a second 3-year term.

Elder candidate **John D. Peterson** was **approved** to serve a 3-year term.

Dort's Compassion Closet | Volunteers Needed

New location-Additional information is available on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall

Blood Drive

Tuesday, August 11 • 12:00PM - 6:00PM

At the Gathering Place in the Ministry Center Building.

New Members

We welcome Trevor & Kaylie Kodesh, who have been received into membership at Maranatha. We thank God for His work in their lives and look forward to serving Christ together.

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.



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WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Nursery | Preschool (during sermon time only)

Available for children 2 and under in the south hallway and for pre-school children at the end of the south hallway.

Children's Activity Kits

Available next to the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

Fellowship

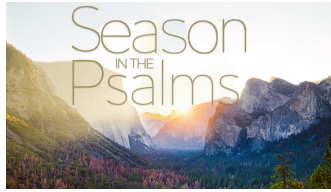
Join us following the Worship service for refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall.

Children's, Youth & Adult Sunday School

Will resume in the fall. 10:45 AM- 11:45 AM

TODAY

Welcome to today's service, as Pastor Jeff continues with week four in the series, *Season in the Psalms*.



Operation Christmas Child

Happening **today**, the 6th Annual OCC Christmas in July, **4 - 7pm**. Everyone is Welcome for Fun, Fellowship, and the OCC Fundraiser. Picnic, Games, Door Prizes, and a Silent Auction. Suggested Donation \$10/Family.

WAYS TO CONNECT

Congregational Care Ministry

Sign up: QR Code or Welcome Desk

What if one conversation, prayer, or visit could remind someone they're not alone? Our ministry shares Christ's love with those facing illness, loneliness, or hardship. Want to help? We'd love for you to join us.



Moon Lake Splash Pad

Monday, August 3 • 11:00AM - 1:00PM

Women and Children of all ages are invited. Lunch will be served. Please sign up at the Welcome desk.

Annual Picnic & Baptism | Save the Date

August 23, 2026

Arrowhead Bible Camp-
If you wish to be baptized, see Pastor Tony or Pastor Jeff.

Men's Boundary Waters Trip | Save the Date

September 17-20, 2026

This is a primitive canoe trip into the Boundary Waters—portaging, fishing, campfires, and time away from distractions to enjoy God's creation and brotherhood.

Women's Fall Retreat | Save the Date

October 9 - 11, 2026

It's early—but mark your calendars! Featuring speaker Jennifer Dougan.

When God Seems Far Away | Psalm 61

Pastor Jeff MacLurg

Life in the Wastelands (Psalm 61)

The bottom line: God can seem ...

So, we long for a sense that

When in the Wastelands... pray that _____

is changed into _____ (vv. 1-4).

God is my "Rock"
"Refuge"
"Strong tower"

About the Wastelands (vv. 5-8)

- The wastelands may be God's time
- It's the place to ...
(2 Samuel 7:16; Jeremiah 29:11)
- It's a place to make ...

Takeaways

1. Ask God to bring you ...
2. Run to God for your ...
3. Remind God that you are ...
4. Give God _____ as He starts to come through.