



2023 Macomb Christian Church Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 26 is Macomb Christian Church's Annual Meeting **during both worship services**. All members are encouraged to participate in person or online through voting. At this meeting, we select Elders and Deacons to add to our teams for the upcoming years and approve the 2024 budget. The voting takes place during the worship services.

We are an independent, self-governed church. Each year, our bylaws call for a meeting of the congregation. The Annual Meeting is open to anyone, and everyone is encouraged to attend. However, the voting and election process is limited to those members who are 15 years and older and active members at Macomb for six months or more. Your participation and prayers for our church and its leaders are crucial. Attached is a copy of the proposed 2024 budget; bios of our prospective Deacons and Elder; and a sample ballot.

Our 2024 giving need is \$14,327 per week, a 3.9% increase over last year and includes a transfer of \$100,000 from our land sale funds. This budget fulfills our vision for hiring a NextGen Minister in 2024 as well as a full year salary for our Lead Minister hired in 2023. Voting for this plan indicates your willingness to help sustain and grow the ministries of Macomb. We ask you to approve the budget for 2024 as a measure of faith in God and the needs of our ministry. If you have any questions, there is a meeting to **discuss the 2024 budget on Sunday, November 26, 30 minutes prior to the service (9:00 and 10:30am) in room 104.**

We are excited to present for voting one Elder and three Deacons. These men and women were interviewed by your Elders and are found qualified for this new challenge. Leadership in God's church is so important, and God is providing what his church needs through your gifts and talents.

- Elders are those who give spiritual direction, care for people, and protection from false doctrine. They meet monthly with the Ministers of the church to help maintain the direction and ministry of the church. Our Ministers report directly to them. Please pray carefully over this individual as you consider your vote. (Elders serve a term of three years.)
- Deacons provide leadership in ministry roles as well as a willingness to help serve in any capacity where there is a direct need. Their leadership roles are described within Scripture and are a part of God's designed plan for the church. Please pray carefully over these individuals as you consider your vote. (Deacons serve a term of two years.)

On November 26, we will talk about our plans for the upcoming year. It is important we all understand where God is leading us as a church. The world has changed, so we must adapt as well; not in doctrine, teaching, or beliefs, but more so in the way we are structured as a leadership. It is time we alter the way we are staffed and implement our church vision to rise to the new challenge of sharing God's truth in an ever-changing world. We also want to share with you the steps we are taking to ensure the development of our future leaders and the spiritual growth of our body.



At this time, we ask the congregation to continue praying for our church and the vision the leadership laid out for 2024. Matthew 7:7-8 says, *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives."* The Bible is clear, we are to be a people of continuous prayer. This is an exciting time for our church, but God must be at the center of all we do.

We realize some may not be able to join us in person for the Annual Meeting. We do have an online ballot for members with the following link to the ballot: [Annual Meeting Ballot 2023](#). It will be active from Monday, November 20 through Sunday, November 26.

Thank you for your continued support. What God has done in us and what he will do through us is so important. We invite you to be active in the plans for 2024.

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