

Dear Church family,

Annual Meeting Sunday, November 9, 2025

Macomb Christian Church's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9, 2025, at the conclusion of both worship services. All members are encouraged to participate and vote, either in person or online. This meeting will consider the following two items: electing Elders and approving the 2026 budget. Paper ballots will be provided in person.

Bylaws Explanation

We are an independent, self-governed church, and our bylaws require an annual meeting to approve the items listed above. The meeting is open for everyone to attend, but voting privileges are limited to all active members 18 years of age and older. An active member is one who has supported the church through regular attendance, contribution of talent, and regular financial support during the six months prior to any business meeting of the members.

More Information

Please visit macombcc.org/annual25 to view the important information regarding this meeting: 2026 budget, bios of prospective Elders, sample ballot, absentee ballot, bylaws, etc. We ask you to review and pray about the materials prior to the meeting. Hard copies of this information will be available at the Welcome Center.

Growth

MCC has seen a lot of growth and health in the past few years. Our leadership teams, staff, and Elders are dedicated to serving the church and helping her become a healthy and mature Bride of Christ. There have been many improvements behind the scenes bringing stability and new life to our organization. We are seeing a lot of fruit from our efforts to improve leadership, teams, and ministry practices. We place a high priority on these efforts because they help us keep spiritual development and people at the forefront of everything we do.

Highlights from 2024-2025

- Tyson Lucas was hired as the NextGen Minister, and our Student Ministry has already seen increased attendance and engagement. 17 Students attended CIY (Christ In Youth conference) with the majority being funded through a packed Trivia Night event. The summer was full of engaging events and opportunities for students to connect.
- Noah Lane was hired as the Worship Minister, and he is leading our worship team to provide heartfelt and Christ-centered worship. He has made improvements to our service planning, transitions, announcements, and special elements in the service. Our congregation has responded in big ways to our worship and special prayer times.
- We launched a new website and logo with a modern and clean look.
- Macomb Kids is going strong, and we are seeing increased numbers at Shine! on Wednesdays. Our VBS had big improvements and increased attendance from our church and the community.

- A Safety Team was created to provide safe environments, respond to emergencies, and lead people through safe procedures, so guests may attend without fear or distraction.
- There has been a renewed commitment from our leadership toward prayer and pastoral care. God wants His Church to be a house of prayer, and we are making it a bigger part of our culture.
- **Perhaps the most important celebration is the 37 people who have chosen to love and obey Jesus by being baptized in his name.**
- Our attendance has grown 27% since this time in 2023, and we have 31 new members.
- This fall, we have seen 45 people plug into a new Life Group.

Giving

We are incredibly encouraged by the positive giving trend this year; we are celebrating a **17% increase in giving from this time last year!** Over the past few years, our leadership has been open and honest with the financial struggles of our church. For over 10 years, we have consistently spent more than we received at an average loss of \$89k per year. The approved budget for this year included a projected loss of \$100k to be withdrawn from emergency savings. However, through the grace of God and continued generosity from our congregation, we anticipate ending 2025 with significantly less withdrawn from savings than projected.

2026 Budget

Because of our growth trends, faithful giving from our congregation, and careful spending considerations, **we project a balanced budget in 2026.** This has not happened in many years and shows how God is truly blessing our church. The budget includes four ministers, full admin staff, an increased budget for local Outreach, and reserve funds for building maintenance. A vote of affirmation indicates your willingness to help sustain and grow the ministries of Macomb Christian Church. We ask you to approve the Budget for 2026 as a measure of faith in God and the needs of our ministry.

2026 Elder Candidate

We are excited to present one new candidate for Elder, Mike Minke. A bio and picture are available at the website listed above. He has been interviewed by your current Elders and found to be qualified for this new challenge. He would serve for a term of three years, beginning in 2026. A two-thirds majority of all members voting is required for affirmation. If you have any biblical concerns about this candidate, please contact the Elders directly.

- Elders provide godly leadership, shape the overall direction for the church, shepherd the congregation, and promote sound doctrine. This group of men are the direct overseers of the Lead Minister and indirect leaders of the entire church. Elders are volunteers who serve a term of three years and are approved through a congregational vote.

Prayer

We ask the congregation to begin praying for our church and the vision the leadership has laid out for 2026.

- "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14 [NIV]

Our Church cannot continue without God being at the center of everything, and to do that we need to be a people of prayer.

Absentee

If you cannot join us in person on November 9, an absentee ballot is available online at macombcc.org/annual25. It will be active on Sunday, November 9. Online ballots are not anonymous; personal information will be kept private after membership status is confirmed by an elder.

Questions

If you have any questions, Elders will be available to **discuss any questions on Sunday, November 2, at 9:00am and 10:30am in room 104**. You may also email the Elders at the address listed below.

Because of your continued willingness to faithfully give, serve, and pray for our church, our leadership can dream big dreams. What you do matters and we look toward the future with hope. We have confidence in the calling God has for our church, and we thank you for joining us in this journey. We pray God will continue to show his blessings as we lead people to love Jesus.

Please come to support your church at the Annual Meeting. May God bless.

The Elders

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