

General Information

Campus

Maranatha College is located in the growing town of Meridian, in the fertile Treasure Valley of southwestern Idaho, just a few miles from the capital city of Boise. The campus affords a perfect view of the rolling hills surrounding Boise. The Treasure Valley boasts several beautiful lakes and rivers, including the famous Snake River, and the Birds of Prey national wildlife preserve. The southern approaches to Idaho's majestic wilderness area can be reached by car in less than an hour, and not very far is Hell's Canyon—the nation's deepest gorge, and a breathtaking sight.

Idaho is a sportsman's paradise, well known for its hunting and fishing, and its endless opportunities for camping and hiking. Idaho also boasts several popular ski resorts, including the world-famous Sun Valley in south-central Idaho, and Bogus Basin, which is located just a few miles above Boise.

The Maranatha College campus currently consists of 7 acres of land. The main college building contains 8,450 square feet on the ground level, with more rooms located on a partial second level. The main building will contain the college classrooms, student kitchen and dining hall, recreation center, and student lounge. Next to the main building is the General Council Publishing building, which houses the college offices, and next to that a duplex dormitory unit. Also on the property are the camp meeting facilities where camp services are held every first week of July.

Prospective and current students as well as alumni and friends may contact the college at:

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Student Housing

For our on-campus students, housing is available. Maranatha College currently owns a duplex unit that will house eight (8) students, four in each side. Off-campus units will be leased by the College to accommodate additional students. Male and female students will never share housing, except in the case of married students who will be provided the appropriate accommodations for a married couple.

Statement of Faith

Maranatha College is committed to promote and defend the historic and basic doctrines of Christianity, as taught in the divinely inspired Scriptures:

- 1) The verbal inspiration of the Holy Scriptures as originally given.
- 2) God, our heavenly Father, is the supreme deity.
- 3) Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, and we believe in His divine nature; His virgin birth; His sinless life; His miracles; His vicarious and atoning death; His bodily resurrection late on the Sabbath day after being in the tomb for 3 days and 3 nights; His ascension to the right hand of God in heaven; and His personal return to establish His kingdom and rule this earth in great power and glory.
- 4) The fact that all men have sinned and consequently must be regenerated by the working of God's grace.
- 5) The only means of being justified and cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus and obedience to our Lord's command to be baptized (immersed) in water in the name of Christ.
- 6) The sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in the believer producing holiness of life and power for service.
- 7) Practical faith in the sufficiency of Christ for spiritual, temporal, and physical needs.
- 8) The Scriptures enjoin all those who are saved by God's grace to observe the Ten Commandments, including the observance and sanctity of the Seventh Day Sabbath (commonly called Saturday), to be observed from sunset on Friday until sunset on Saturday.
- 9) The Lord's Supper should be faithfully observed once a year at the proper and appointed time.
- 10) The value and promotion of spiritual unity and brotherly love among believers, demonstrated by the mutual acceptance and respect of putting others before us, and symbolically observed by washing one another's feet.
- 11) The purifying hope of the Lord's imminent return.
- 12) The urgency of preaching the gospel to all mankind that men may be saved.
- 13) The resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust—the just to eternal life and the unjust to eternal death.
- 14) The dead are in a state of no consciousness.
- 15) The pattern for the true Church in God's Word was to consist of localized bodies of believers, each responsible and accountable for their own local business and affairs, but united interdependently by mutual encouragement and faith, and working together to do God's work locally and throughout the world.

The true test of Christian fellowship is the acceptance and faith in the full and completed work of Jesus Christ. The true test of our faith is our respect and observance of the Commandments of God.

A New Vision

At the July 1999 Meridian Camp meeting held by the General Council of the Churches of God, 7th Day, a most unique and memorable business meeting was conducted. At this meeting, one item of discussion was the reopening of Maranatha College, a Bible school that had been closed for quite a few years. In the midst of the discussions, a \$25 donation was given as the initial beginning of Maranatha's reopening. By early afternoon, those in attendance had given or pledged a total of \$20,000 for the project. By the end of camp, more was donated and by the time plans were underway to reopen the college, total donations had increased to around \$35,000.

After the appointment of a college start-up committee of three men, many hours were invested in brainstorming ideas, considering many possibilities, researching the offerings and structures of other Bible college and schools, and in discussing the best course for the new Maranatha College. The highest priority was prayer—seeking God for a renewed vision, desiring Him to reveal His divine will. Overwhelmed by the feeling that God had truly shown His favor and will for Maranatha, the committee was unified into a strong vision.

In working on the vision for Maranatha College, the start-up committee was being constantly challenged by God to dream big by faith. Their very first attempts at defining the vision were discarded, as they expressed they were limiting themselves to the resources they had in hand, and what they felt could be supported by the current supporters and workers. Through prayer and special visions in the night, God revealed to them what His will was for Maranatha College.

Possessing a new faith and insight, the committee proceeded with their work based upon the question posed to them by the Lord:

“What would you do for me, if your resources and abilities were unlimited?”

This question was adopted by the committee as the “preamble” to the vision.

The committee stopped looking merely at what they had in their hands, and started focusing on what kind of Bible school needed to be developed. Their inspiration was to produce utterly devoted disciples of Jesus Christ that will follow their Lord and Savior wherever they are called, to do whatever they are called to do. Maranatha College is dedicated to the equipping and training of those with a willing heart to do the Lord’s work.

It was also an important part of the vision that all those involved with Maranatha College, whether as supporters, staff, or students, must realize that the work belongs entirely to God. All staff, volunteers, contributors, students, and all persons with any influence at all over the running of Maranatha College are only responsible stewards of God’s property and ministry, and are accountable as such.

Maranatha College, an independent, nonprofit religious institution, trains men and women for Christian ministries. The college is administered by the General Council of the Churches of God, 7th Day, with headquarters at 1828 W. 3rd St., Meridian, Idaho 83642.

The Purpose

Maranatha College is based upon a profound sense of purpose for why we exist:

The purpose of Maranatha College is to know the Son, to honor the Father, and to move by the Holy Spirit.

Because of this stated purpose, it is primarily the vision of Maranatha College that the students and staff members develop a strong and ever-deepening personal relationship with Jesus Christ, that they will strive above all else to make their lives a testimony of praise to God, and that they will learn to seek and rely upon the direction and anointing of the Holy Spirit for all of life and ministry.

The Mission

The mission of Maranatha College defines its primary activity:

The mission of Maranatha College is to train men to follow Christ, teach men to serve others, and help men to lead.

The term “men” is used in the sense of all “humankind.” It is inclusive in the Maranatha vision to develop women to serve in the capacities to which God has called them.

Core Values

To help guide the College Board and administration of Maranatha College to achieve our stated purpose and mission, ten core values were adopted to define the scriptural basis upon which all decision and activities are based.

These core values are the biblical, unchanging, foundational principles that define how decisions should be made, and how business should be conducted on behalf of Maranatha College. Those

involved with the oversight and business of the Bible College will refer to these principles constantly:

We Value...

- 1) Accomplishing the Great Commission
Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18; Acts 1:8
- 2) God's Will—God's Way
Job 42:1-6; Romans 11:29; Acts 17:24-31; Isaiah 55:8-11; Isaiah 40:25-31
- 3) God's Word as the only source and authority for truth
Psalm 119:130; Psalm 19:7-11; Hebrews 4:12; Proverbs 30:5,6
- 4) The biblical ministry, gifts, and fruit of the Holy Spirit
John 16:7-15; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 12:8-11; Galatians 5:22,23
- 5) Salvation by grace, through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ
Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 5:9,10; Hebrews 9:14; Isaiah 53:4,5; John 3:16
- 6) The development of prayer and fasting
Matthew 17:18-21; Mark 11:24; James 5:14-18; I John 5:14,15; Isaiah 58:6-9
- 7) Daily praise and worship
Psalm 100; John 4:23,24; Ephesians 5:18-20; I Chronicles 15:29; Habakkuk 3:17-19
- 8) Quality and excellence in all we do
Malachi 1:8; Proverbs 10:4
- 9) Willing and faithful service
II Corinthians 4:1,2; II Timothy 2:1-4; I Samuel 15:22; Exodus 19:5-7
- 10) God's Law given appropriate respect and support
Romans 7:12-14; John 14:21; Matthew 5:17-20; James 1:21-25; I John 3:22-24

Curriculum Divisions & Standards

The curriculum divisions and standards at Maranatha are a reflection of its mission and core values. We continue to strive for a powerful curriculum of study that is firmly rooted and grounded in Scripture. We are committed to our vision that the Bible should confirm the commentaries of men, not vice versa. By offering a wide range of curriculum and demanding high standards from our students, Maranatha College effectively trains dynamic and dedicated workers for the Lord.

Our curriculum divisions include Biblical Counseling Techniques (BCT), Biblical Evangelism (BEV), General Biblical Studies (BIB), Biographical Studies (BIO), Biblical Theology (BTH), Church Growth & Administration (CHU), Christian Service & Practicum (CSP), Doctrine (DOC), Greek (GRK), Hebrew (HEB), History of the Church (HIS), Homiletics (HOM), Leadership (LEA), Ministries (MIN), New Testament (NTE), Old Testament (OTE), Prophecy (PRO), and Religions (REL).

In order to obtain a Certificate of Ministry at Maranatha, students must achieve a 2.00 GPA or higher. In order to be considered for admissions into the Associate of Ministry program, students must have at least a 2.7 GPA. In order to graduate, students must maintain at least a 2.7 GPA throughout their Associate and/or Bachelor programs.

Discipleship training is the heart and soul of Maranatha College. Specialized and consistent exercise in prayer, Scripture meditations, worship, witnessing, fellowship, and practical Christian service is a way of life at Maranatha, experienced by students and staff. To aid in discipleship development, caring mentors provide friendship and guidance to each student during their enrollment at Maranatha College.

Teaching in English and in Spanish

Maranatha College is committed to the vision that all curriculums be offered and taught in both English and Spanish. Students attending Maranatha will need to have a certain degree of fluency in one of these languages. At this time, however, Maranatha College only has courses available in English.

Study at Home and Internet Accessibility

In 2004, Maranatha College launched its first online courses. Now, through the use of technology, students will be able to complete a Certificate of Ministry through distance learning. As well as using the Internet, our advanced students are required to work closely with churches and other ministries to gain credit through practicums and internships. As well as having special “live” classes throughout the United States, all students are invited to attend our special live classes at the college in Meridian.

Lifestyle Standards

Maranatha College is a private Christian institution that has sought to create and encourage the kind of atmosphere in which quality Christian education can flourish. It is believed that the College should provide the student with precept and example from which a student can develop personal values within a biblical framework.

In accordance with the objectives of the college, certain standards and norms have been adopted to create just such an atmosphere for the best possible educational experience.

The college expects its faculty, staff, and students to maintain personal conduct which is spiritually and morally constructive, thus, glorifying the Lord in all things.

The student should understand that attendance at Maranatha College is a privilege granted only to those who desire to work together in the carrying out and attaining of the aims of a Christian college.

When a student is accepted, there is implied an agreement to be diligent in studies and employment and to obey all Maranatha College regulations. The administration reserves the right to request any student to withdraw who is considered to be out of harmony with the spirit of the college. It is expected that the conduct of each student will give evidence of Christian standards of honesty, morality, and courtesy.

The policy of the college in promoting spiritual growth and the pursuit of learning is best summed up in these words: *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth* (2 Timothy 2:15, KJV).

The leaders of Maranatha College believe that the application of biblical principles in the lives of the faculty and the students will result in personal love and commitment to Christ, wholesome consideration for others, and a well-disciplined life.

Catalog Disclaimer

The provisions of this catalog are not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract between the student and the college. Maranatha College reserves the right to change any provision or requirement without notice at any time within the student’s term of attendance.