

# Welcome to Manna Church! We are Glad You are Here!

## What to Expect On a Typical Sunday

The worship experience at Manna Church lasts approximately 70-75 minutes. It begins with a time of worship and a brief period of announcements, followed by a biblical and practical message delivered by one of our pastors. Service concludes with another short time of worship and prayer.

## Connection Card

If you're a first-time guest, we would love for you to fill out a connection card. No one is planning to call you or come by your house—we just want to thank you for joining us today and to let you know what is available to you here at Manna.

## Free Gift for First-Time Guests

If it is your first time with us, we have a gift available for you in the lobby at the end of service. We simply want to give you a gift to thank you for being with us today!

## Get the Church Center App

Scan the QR Code to download the Church Center App to get connected to all of our Small Groups, register for upcoming events, and more!



## Small Groups

Manna Church is not a church with small groups; we are a small groups church. On Sundays, we gather corporately to be inspired by the presence and Word of God. However, friendships, discipleship, and growth primarily happen in the context of a small group. You can find a list of available Small Groups to join by going on our website, [cos.manna.church](http://cos.manna.church), and clicking on the "Connect" tab.

## Manna Kids

We strive to provide a clean and safe environment where children can experience and enjoy the love of Jesus. The Nursery/Preschool experience is available for kids 6 weeks through 5 years old, and the Elementary experience is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. We would love to have your child join us!

## Manna Students

If you are in 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, come join us for Manna Students on Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Manna Church Offices! We meet weekly during the small group cycle for games, worship, biblical teachings, and small groups! We hope you will join us!

## Ways to Give

For a safe and secure way to give to Manna Church, scan the QR Code. Here, you can schedule a one-time gift or establish and manage a recurring gift through the Online Portal.



## Pizza With the Pastor

Whether you're visiting for the first time or have been part of Manna Church for a while, Pizza with the Pastor is a fantastic way to get connected and learn more about the mission and vision of the church. Join us on the first Sunday of every month at 5:00 P.M. at the Manna Church Offices (1580 E. Cheyenne Mtn. Blvd) for an evening with our pastors and staff. You can register online or at the Info Center in the main lobby! Childcare is provided.

## Growth Track

The Manna Church Growth Track is a series of small groups designed to facilitate your growth as a healthy, effective follower of Jesus Christ. Wherever you are in your journey, the Growth Track can equip you to fully experience your calling in God and your part in impacting your world. Sign up for NextStep by going online or registering at our Info Center Table in the Main Lobby.

FirstStep. In FirstStep, you will discover what a balanced, integrated, and healthy life of a disciple of Jesus looks like, specifically within the context of Manna Church. *Meets the first 4 Mondays of every month from 6:30p-8p. Scan the QR code to join.*



NextStep. NextStep is here for you to learn about Manna Church's Mission, Vision, and Values. You'll discover who we are, why we're here, where we're going, and how you can get connected while exploring God's unique purpose for your life.

*Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month in the Harrison High School Library.*

LeaderStep. LeaderStep prepares you to lead at Manna Church in areas such as small groups or serve teams. Built on our 12 Operational Principles, LeaderStep fosters spiritual growth, authentic relationships, and Kingdom impact, helping you discover how God can use you to make a difference. (Must have completed NextStep).

*Meets quarterly throughout the year. Check the Manna Church Colorado Springs website or ask anyone at our Info Center Table for dates and details.*

## Sermon Discussion Questions

Take the message deeper this week! We've created questions for your own personal devotional time and for rich conversation in your small group. Find them by scanning the QR code and clicking on "Sermon Notes."





### Parenting

Luke 2:52 (ESV) - And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 2:6 (ESV) - For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;

Proverbs 15:14 (ESV) - The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly.

Proverbs 16:16 (ESV) - How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

Proverbs 18:15 (ESV) - An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

ROLE	CARETAKER	COACH	CONSULTANT
AGE	0-9	10-14	15-18
LEARNING	KNOWLEDGE	UNDERSTANDING	KNOWLEDGE
PARENTS	EXERT CONTROL TO KEEP THEM ALIVE	EXERCISE AUTHORITY TO TEACH THEM HOW TO LIVE WELL	EQUIP WITH WISDOM SO THAT THEY CAN LIVE A LIFE OF SIGNIFICANCE
OUTCOME	OBEDIENCE	LEARNING JUDGEMENT AND CONSEQUENCES	KINGDOM IMPACT

- Learn to \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 9:10 (ESV) - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

- Accept the Bible as our \_\_\_\_\_ for life.

2 Timothy 3:14-16 (ESV) - But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

2. Grow in \_\_\_\_\_

1 Timothy 4:8 (ESV) - for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

3. Grow in \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 2:3 (ESV) - Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

- Develop \_\_\_\_\_

Psalms 101:6 (ESV) - I will look with favor on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks in the way that is blameless shall minister to me.

Proverbs 22:29 (ESV) - Do you see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men.

1 Timothy 4:12 (ESV) - Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

- Choose \_\_\_\_\_ carefully.

1 Corinthians 15:33 (ESV) - Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

4. Grow in \_\_\_\_\_

- Live in \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
- Respond in \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

Psalms 37:34 (ESV) - Wait for the Lord and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land; you will look on when the wicked are cut off.

Psalms 5:12 (ESV) - For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

John 15:14 (ESV) - You are my friends if you do what I command you

## Personal Reflection

### Priorities & Values

Are you investing as much intentional energy into parenting as you are into other areas of life (career, ministry, etc.)?

What does your current schedule reveal about what you truly value?

### Wisdom Development

Are you helping your kids (or those you influence) grow beyond knowledge into true biblical wisdom?

How can you more intentionally point them to God's Word as their source of truth?

### Modeling Faith

Are you modeling a genuine relationship with God that others can "catch," not just hear about?

Where might there be a gap between what you say and how you live?

### Relationships & Influence

Are you actively guiding the relationships and influences shaping your kids' lives?

How can you better help them build godly friendships and avoid harmful influences?

### Spiritual Leadership

Are you leading your family (or yourself) toward deeper intimacy with God through consistent practices?

What is one practical step you can take this week to prioritize spiritual growth at home?

## Small Group Reflection

### The Challenge of Parenting

Why is parenting often more difficult than other areas of success in life?

What are some common ways people succeed publicly but struggle at home?

### The Four Areas of Growth

Why are wisdom, stature, favor with man, and favor with God all important in development?

Which of these areas do you think is most neglected today and why?

### Teaching Wisdom vs Knowledge

What is the difference between knowledge, understanding, and wisdom?

How can parents (or mentors) intentionally help develop wisdom in the next generation?

### Influence of Culture vs Scripture

What messages about parenting and success does culture promote that conflict with Scripture?

How can families stay anchored in God's ways instead of drifting toward cultural norms?

### Modeling & Legacy

Why is modeling more powerful than simply teaching?

What kind of spiritual legacy do you want to leave, and what needs to change now to get there?