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!

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, 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 6th to 12th 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 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 FirstStep or NextStep by going online or registering at our Info Center Table in the Main Lobby.

<u>FirstStep</u>. 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.

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. 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)

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."





Merry Christmas! December 24, 2025

Through Their Eyes - The Wisemen

Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV) - Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6 "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

1. Herod	•	
2. The Priests and Scribes _		•
3. The Wise Men		•

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Daniel 2:48 (ESV) - Then the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

Daniel 2:44 (ESV) - And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever

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Personal Reflection

1. How Do You Respond to Jesus?

Of the three responses in the story—opposing, dismissing, or worshiping—where do you most honestly see yourself right now, and why?

2. A Seeking Heart

What questions, doubts, or longings are currently driving your search for truth? How might God be meeting you on that road of pursuit?

3. Joy in His Presence

The wise men rejoiced exceedingly when they encountered Jesus. What tends to rob you of joy, and how might deeper closeness with Jesus restore it?

4. Costly Worship

The wise men offered valuable gifts in worship. What might it look like for you to offer something costly to Jesus—your time, control, comfort, or plans?

5. Leaving a Different Way

After encountering Jesus, the wise men returned home by another route. What change in direction might Jesus be inviting you to make in your life?

Small Group Discussion

1. Three Responses to One King

Why do you think people respond so differently to Jesus—opposition, dismissal, or worship—and which response do you see most often in our culture today?

2. Dismissing Without Opposing

Why can dismissing Jesus be just as dangerous as actively opposing Him? What are subtle ways people dismiss Jesus today?

3. God Meets Seekers Where They Are

What does the story of the wise men teach us about how God engages people who are genuinely searching for truth, even from different backgrounds or beliefs?

4. Worship Beyond Emotion

How do the wise men help us understand worship as more than a feeling, but a posture of surrender and generosity?

5. Transformation After Encounter

The wise men didn't leave the same way they came. What are some signs that someone has truly encountered Jesus and is being transformed by Him?