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, 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 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. *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.

<u>NextStep</u>. 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.

<u>LeaderStep</u>. 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)

Freedom Weekend

Do you ever feel weighed down, entangled, or stuck—like something is holding you back from God's best? Join us at Harrison High School for a powerful weekend focused on discovering and walking in the freedom Jesus purchased for us.

Learn how to live each day with renewed strength, peace, and purpose. November 15–16, Friday: 6:30–8:30 PM, Saturday: 8:30 AM–12:30 PM (Brunch served mid-morning). Childcare NOT provided.



Josh Clarke October 26, 2025

What is Your Response?

2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (NIV) - For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

If you truly believe that Jesus _____ and

was	, the only reasonable response
is to	completely to Him.
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"You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

- C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

John 15:13 (ESV) - Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Romans 5:8 (ESV) - but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Common Wrong Responses to Jesus

1. No Response: _____

Luke 7:47 (ESV) - "Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."
2. Maybe:
Revelation 3:15-16 (ESV) - "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth."
3. Try to Earn It:
Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV) - "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God not a result of works, so that no one may boast."
The Only Right Response:
Luke 9:23 (ESV) - "And he said to all, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."
A Life All in for Jesus Is
How will you Respond?
Notes:

Individual Reflection

Small Group Discussion

1. What Compels You?

Paul says, "Christ's love compels us." What would you say most compels or motivates your daily choices right now—comfort, approval, fear, or love for Jesus?

2. Head vs. Heart:

You may know that "Jesus died for me" intellectually—but has that truth gripped your heart in a way that changes how you live? What does "being compelled by love" look like in your personal walk with God?

3. No Response:

When was a time you found yourself becoming indifferent or numb to grace? What helps you keep a fresh awareness of how deeply you've been forgiven? (Luke 7:47)

4. Half In, Half Out:

Jesus said He will "spit out" lukewarm faith (Revelation 3:16). Where might you be trying to keep one foot in the boat and one on the dock—living with partial surrender instead of full devotion?

5. Earning God's Love:

Do you ever feel the need to prove to God that you're "worth saving"? What's the difference between living for acceptance and living from acceptance? (Ephesians 2:8–9)

6. Surrendered Living:

What part of your life have you yet to fully place under Jesus' authority—your time, relationships, desires, or plans? What would full surrender look like in that area?

1. The Love That Compels:

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14–15 together. How does understanding the depth of Christ's love move a believer from obligation to genuine devotion? How might that kind of love reshape how we live day-to-day?

2. Responses to Jesus:

Review the three common responses—No Response, Half In, Trying to Earn It. Which do you see most often in our culture (or even in the church)? Why do you think people struggle to fully surrender?

3. The Only Right Response:

Luke 9:23 calls us to "deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Him." What does this look like practically in your routines, habits, or relationships?

4. Barriers to Going All In:

What fears, misconceptions, or attachments make people hesitant to go "all in" with Jesus? How can we encourage each other to overcome those barriers?

5. The Freedom of Surrender:

Read John 10:10. How is the life Jesus offers better than the one we try to hold onto? How have you experienced more freedom through surrender rather than control?

6. A Daily Response:

What are some simple, intentional ways you can begin each day by resurrendering to Jesus—aligning your will, desires, and words with His?