

## Historical Timeline

- 1927 Dr. Eugene C. Sanderson purchases the property and begins Christian Workers University
- 1928 Dr. T. H. Johnson becomes second president Christian Workers University becomes The Kansas Bible College
- 1929 Jolliffe Hall construction completed
- 1930 The Kansas Bible College becomes Manhattan Bible College
- 1949 Received accreditation from the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges (AABC)
- 1952 Mr. O. Ray Burgess becomes third president
- 1953 Dr. Burton B. Thurston becomes fourth president
- 1955 Dr. W. F. Lown becomes fifth president
- 1962 Charter member of the Midwest Christian College Conference (athletics)
- 1964 Johnson Hall is constructed as the first residence hall
- 1968 Dual-degree program with Kansas State University begins
- 1971 Manhattan Bible College becomes Manhattan Christian College
- 1973 Koinonia Campus Center is constructed
- 1974 Triumphant Sound and Inspiration Ringers are formed and MABICO Singers becomes Celebration Singers
- 1976 Sanderson Hall is purchased as a residence hall
- 1978 First Woman's World convention hosted by MCC Women
- 1981 Mr. Kenneth Cable becomes sixth president
- 1982 Campus Center is renovated, enlarged, and renamed Coffin Memorial Campus Center
- 1986 J. Donald Coffin Memorial Hall completed as administration/classroom building
- 1991 NBCAA (National Bible College Athletic Association) National Champions - Men's Soccer
- 1992 NBCAA Division I National Champions - Women's Volleyball
- 1993 Kenoyer Hall constructed as a women's residence hall  
NBCAA Division I National Champions - Women's Volleyball
- 1994 Adult degree completion program (LEAD) begins Joined the National Christian College Athletic Association
- 1995 Sanderson Hall closed as a residence hall
- 1996 NCCAA Division IIA National Champions - Men's Basketball
- 1998 Candidacy status with North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA)
- 2000 Received accreditation with North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA)  
Facilities Management Building completed
- 2001 Dedication of Heritage Court
- 2002 75th Anniversary Year
- 2005 NCCAA Division II National Champions - Men's Soccer
- 2006 Mr. Kevin Ingram becomes seventh president
- 2007 Reaffirmation of accreditation from Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)  
NCCAA Division II National Champions - Men's Soccer
- 2008 NCCAA Division II National Champions - Men's Soccer
- 2009 Jolliffe Hall Dedication following major renovation project to house chapel, library, and classrooms  
Online distance education degree completion program approved by HLC and ABHE  
NCCAA Division II National Champions - Women's Soccer
- 2010 2,000th Degree Granted NCCAA Division II National Champions - Women's Soccer
- 2017 Reaffirmation of accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)  
Howie's Activity Center completed and dedicated

## Location

Manhattan, Kansas, is a community that provides its approximately 50,000 residents cultural and educational opportunities unavailable in most communities its size, yet it has a wholesome life-style not found in larger cities. Kansas State University, a well-respected collegiate institution, is across the street from MCC. Airline and bus connections to all parts of the world, modern medical facilities, and numerous shopping areas are available within walking and short-driving distances. Several large reservoirs are located within a few miles of the city and provide many opportunities for outdoor recreation.

## What We Believe

Manhattan Christian College pleads for the unity of all believers on the common ground of commitment and obedience to the lordship of Christ. Believing that creeds of men, however correct, perpetuate sectarianism and create division within the church when made tests of fellowship, we have no creed except faith in Jesus as the Christ, God's Son and humankind's Savior. It is our desire to call all people of all nations to faith and obedience to Him as revealed in scripture. When asked, "What do you believe?", it is tempting to hand one the Bible and suggest, "This is what we believe." However, for those not familiar with Manhattan Christian College, it may be helpful to identify foundational doctrines taught in our classes based on our understanding of the Scriptures.

1. We believe that there is one God, creator of the universe, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that we are called to live to the praise of His glory.
2. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious death and atonement through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal and visible return in power and glory.
4. We believe the only terms of salvation that we may proclaim are those expressed in the New Testament: faith, repentance, confession of faith in Jesus Christ, and baptism by immersion in water for the remission of past sins and for the promised presence of the Holy Spirit.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life, and by whom the church is empowered to carry out Christ's Great Commission.
6. We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved unto the resurrection of life and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

## Our Calling

To live to the praise of His glory.

## Our Mission

To educate, equip, and enrich Christian leaders.

## Our Vision

Every student and graduate will be prepared and motivated to penetrate the world with the gospel of Christ regardless of chosen profession.

## Our Core Values

Manhattan Christian College is a private institution of higher education, committed to the Christian mission of winning the world to Christ. With the conviction that every member of the body of Christ is a minister, the college seeks to foster in all students a world-wide vision of the mission of the church: preparing them to be servant leaders as Christ modeled and challenged us all to become, providing opportunities for spiritual growth toward Christian maturity, and promoting the Restoration Movement ideal of becoming Christ's church as revealed in the New Testament. Thus, our institutional core values are:

### Lordship of Christ

All believers should live a life devoted to Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Lord and Savior that reflects Christ-like character and conduct.

### Excellence

As servants of Jesus Christ we must strive for excellence in ministry and life.

### Applying God's Word

The inspired Word of God should be normative for faith and practice with effective exegesis used to rightly apply God's Word to our daily lives.

### Discipleship

In fulfillment of the Great Commission, all believers, regardless of chosen profession, are included in God's plan to make disciples of all nations.

## **Evangelism**

Christians are commanded to penetrate the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and call all to a saving relationship with Him.

## **Relationships**

A Christian must have a high value placed on personal relationships built on God's love, truth, and grace.

## **Stewardship**

All believers are purely stewards of the time, talent, and treasure given to them by God.

## **Heart for Learning**

A heart for learning and personal growth is important to sustain a lifetime of service and commitment for Christ.

## **Integrity**

Christian leaders should live lives of integrity in public and private.

## **Prayer**

Practicing a life of prayer and worship is vital to live a life of service to Christ.

## **Our Institutional Objectives**

Every Manhattan Christian College graduate will:

1. Understand and apply Scripture responsibly.
2. Think critically with the ability to evaluate, problem-solve, and plan.
3. Communicate effectively.
4. Develop a cultural awareness that promotes influence from a biblical worldview in different cultures.
5. Recognize personal leadership skills and abilities.
6. Demonstrate Christ-like character and conduct in all aspects of life.
7. Develop skills and attitudes necessary for lifelong learning.

## **Our Philosophy of Education**

We believe that all people are learners. A fundamental element of human nature is the process of adapting to new experiences in such a way as to improve the condition of self and others. With this in mind, we believe that learning is a perpetual circumstance whether it is pursued intentionally or occurs unintentionally.

We believe education is holistic. Effective education includes the cognitive, affective, behavioral, and spiritual domains of a person. It is important for the learner to experience opportunities in each of these areas consistently.

We believe that although all people learn, individual learners are unique. People can engage different learning styles as a general way of processing data. People also can adapt to and utilize different styles based on the unique conditions of learning experiences. As a result, we believe that educators must be sensitive to some uniqueness while teaching in a general context.

We believe education can be conducted through a variety of means. People are able to learn in a classroom setting, through practical field experiences, and through distance learning platforms, among many other means of education.

We believe educators are responsible to establish relevant learning outcomes for those who participate in their educational experiences. It is important for educators to assess how effectively these outcomes are being achieved in order to improve and enhance the effectiveness of their work in the future.

## **Our Educational Apologetic**

Educational philosophies are established in terms of three major ideas: (a) What is the nature of man? (b) What is the nature of the universe? (c) What is the nature and function of society? These questions may be phrased in different ways, but their essential substance is always present when people seek to set down an educational apologetic. The educational apologetic subscribed to by Manhattan Christian College is as follows:

The institution is committed to the faith that God has revealed Himself fully and finally in the Hebrew-Christian scriptures, with the culmination of that revelation expressed through Jesus Christ in the New Testament. In Christ and His message the truth about the nature of man, society, and the universe is made manifest.

What and who is humanity? Created in the image of God, but rebellious against the will of God for his life, man is in need of that kind of redemption which will restore fellowship with the Creator and answer the question of his nature and identity. With the Bible at the center of its curricular program, MCC answers the cry of every person for an adequate sense of self-identity, with the invitation to become children of God through Jesus Christ. Secular education in the United States cannot give this answer.

What is society? Society is a functioning group of human beings working together in the pursuit of their major corporate interest, self-maintenance, self-perpetuation or continuity, and order in associational relationships. The college subscribes to the belief that the identity and value of the individual as revealed in Jesus Christ constitutes the fundamental basis upon which the social organization and order are established. The political system known as the democratic process is the most adequate system for the operation of free men; but this system is undergirded by the concept of humanity and society as seen in the Christian scriptures. A philosophy of education most suited to the needs of man and society is not complete, therefore, without the content of scriptural truth incorporated into the educational program.

What is the nature of the universe? Modern educators are concerned with the necessity of providing an adequate worldview for those who are being educated. Manhattan Christian College holds the view that the total universe is the result of the creative power of God. God is the giver and sustainer of its order and His revelation of Himself in Christ and the scriptures are in harmony with all the truth which may be discovered about the universe. Furthermore, it is held that an adequate worldview cannot be achieved apart from an inclusion of both creation and revelation.

## **Programs**

Established in 1927 as a part of the Bible college movement, Manhattan Christian College offers undergraduate degree programs with a curriculum centered on the Bible as the Word of God. General education develops an understanding of self and others, communication skills, critical and creative thinking, and cultural awareness thereby establishing an integrated Christian world view. The majority of the college's specialized majors prepare people for professional, church-related leadership, and service. In cooperation with Kansas State University and Manhattan Area Technical College, our degree programs enable people to utilize other careers to meet the needs of people around the world. Programs are also organized to provide continuing education for church leaders and appropriate services and resources for churches and Christian groups.

## **Accreditation and Academic Standing**

### **North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC-NCA)**

Manhattan Christian College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Initial accreditation was received in 2000 and was reaffirmed in 2013.

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### **Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)**

Manhattan Christian College was initially accredited in 1948 and was reaffirmed for accreditation in 2017 for 10 years. ABHE is a national undergraduate institutional accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). ABHE is listed by the United States Department of Education as the recognized accrediting agency for undergraduate Bible college education. Further ABHE is recognized by the Department of Justice, Veterans Administration, and other relevant federal agencies.

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Students who have a complaint against the college may contact in writing or call HLC-NCA or ABHE.

**Transfer Credit Practices of Designated Educational Institutions**, published by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, indicates a general acceptance of MCC credits, for the transfer of courses that are substantially equivalent. Manhattan Christian College is empowered by the State of Kansas to “confer such scholastic degrees or certificates of graduation as are usually conferred by Institutions of Higher Learning.”

The Kansas Veterans Commission has approved the college for the training of veterans under Public Law 550, 82nd Congress. The college is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students.

Students at Manhattan Christian College are eligible for PELL Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans, and the Federal Workstudy Program under the U.S. Department of Education.