

## 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  
MABICO Singers becomes Celebration Singers
- 1976 Sanderson Hall is purchased as a residence hall
- 1978 First Woman's World conference 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 NBCCA (National Bible College Athletic Association) National Champions - Men's Soccer
- 1992 NBCCA Division I National Champions - Women's Volleyball
- 1993 Kenoyer Hall constructed as a women's residence hall  
NBCCA 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. J. 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 90th Anniversary Year  
Reaffirmation of accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)  
Howie's Activity Center completed and dedicated
- 2019 Started the *Thunder Online+* program for the Non-Traditional Campus

## Location

Manhattan, Kansas, is a community that provides its 54,000+ residents world-class cultural and educational opportunities and 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 in the role that the Christian college can accomplish within students preparing to serve the Lord. The guiding perspective behind the Manhattan Christian College educational practice is the belief that God has created, redeems, and is recreating all things. We believe that college education can facilitate transformational change for students and subsequently for those whom students influence in the present and the future. That transformational change is comprised of theological, ethical, social, and professional education regardless of a student's chosen profession.

Since we believe that education occurs both within the classroom and outside of it, we are committed to an educational approach that acknowledges formal and informal learning environments. Our commitment to this transformational change at Manhattan Christian College is founded on four components:

**Learning Environment** - We are all students and teachers engaged in lifelong learning and a spirit of inquiry characterized by self-awareness, dialogue, and relational connectedness. The learning environment is characterized by mutual trust, mutual respect, mutual helpfulness, freedom of expression, and acceptance of difference. The learning environment is collaborative and co-creative. Faculty and students co-create the space within which material is presented, discussed, and applied. A goal is to create a supportive space within which communication and learning may occur.

**Active Learning** - The student's active involvement in the learning process is essential to good practice. Faculty serve not only as teachers but also as facilitators of learning. They manage the learning process by engaging students in a variety of activities leading to an understanding of course content along with development of academic and professional competence.

**Collaboration** - Students benefit from opportunities to network, learn from others, and share resources and ideas. The learning community provides a space for collaboration and connection.

**Emphasis on Application and Relevance** - The best learning occurs when bridges are built between new knowledge and the learner's experience. Education is not complete until acquisition of knowledge matures into relevant application.

## 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, a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Initial accreditation was received in 2000 and was reaffirmed in 2013.

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[www.hlcommission.org](http://www.hlcommission.org)

### 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 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.