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WHAT'S NEW AT MANNA U

SPRING 2024

New Classes!

CLG 120 Jesus and Women

Dean Stefanie Ertel leads an exploration of Jesus' interactions with women in the Gospels within their original cultural and societal contexts.

BIB 110 Life of Christ

The Gospels each present the life and ministry of Jesus from a unique perspective and for a unique audience. Dive in with Dr. Carlo Serrano and study Jesus' life and teachings in each of the four Gospels.

BIB 220 Defense Against the Dark Arts

Spiritual warfare is real, and believers need to understand what we're up against. Dr. Carlo Serrano leads this study of basic demonology, tactics of the enemy, and warfare prayer.

HUM 210 European Study Tour

We're headed to London! Professor Frank Brazell leads students on an exciting journey in English history through the Middle Ages, Reformation, and Early Modern Era, culminating in a one-week trip to London at the end of the semester.



Manna University's *14th Annual*



DR. STEVEN CROWTHER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

March 22nd - Gates Four Golf & Country Club

Get ready to tee off for a day of golf, camaraderie, and giving back at the 14th Annual Dr. Steven Crowther Memorial Charity Golf Tournament! We invite you to join us for a spectacular day on the greens, filled with excitement, prizes, and the satisfaction of supporting a great cause. This tournament isn't just about birdies and eagles – it's about making a difference in the lives of students and academics at Manna University.

Your swing can help shape a brighter future!

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Rebecca Allup-Carlen

Master of Arts in Christian Leadership, Class of 2020



Rebecca Allup-Carlen is an alumna of Manna U (Formerly Grace College of Divinity) as well as a staff member who works with Manna U Latin America. We asked her some questions about what she learned at Manna University as a student and about the work she does as a staff member and instructor for courses offered in Spanish to students in Latin America and Spanish-speakers in the United States. She spoke about how as a dental hygienist she has the opportunity to show people the love of God in a context where they normally are uncomfortable. Rebecca shared, “I learned at Manna U that you don’t have to be serving in missions or inside a church, but that I can bring the Kingdom of God to my workplace.”

Then Rebecca elaborated on how Manna U Latin America came to exist, what she has seen, and the work she gets to affect, “It started in 2016 when Dr. Crowther started an institute in Colombia to train pastors,” but eventually, graduates of the institute wanted to progress further. They wanted to be part of Manna University, so work began in the Autumn of 2022, and in Spring of 2023, Manna U offered its first courses entirely in Spanish.

“The students’ tenacity impresses me,” Rebecca expounded, “as they have to overcome a lot, but if they are looking to get gold out of the courses, they are going to be challenged.” Most of all, Rebecca described how grateful she feels to be part of bringing the classes that have changed her life to other Spanish-speakers and how grateful she is at how people have supported the cause. “Most of our students come on scholarships which are made possible by generous donors to Manna U. All of our students are leaders in their churches and communities. They are using what they learn from us to train up other leaders around them.”



Make an Impact Today!

Your gift will help make an immediate impact on our city and everywhere our students go with what they've learned at Manna U. If you have any questions regarding how to become an active donor, please contact Dr. Carlo Serrano at cserrano@manna.edu.

Want to make an impact, but don't know where to start? Check out our Latin America Scholarship. With generous help from our partners, this scholarship gives Manna U Latin America students access to biblical higher education with courses available entirely in Spanish. Manna University exists to advance the Kingdom of God through biblical higher education - Everywhere.



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How can you pray for Manna University?

Wisdom for Manna University Leadership:

Ask for divine wisdom for Manna U leaders and administrators in managing and allocating resources wisely, making decisions that benefit the entire academic community.

Student Success:

Pray for the success, well-being, and personal development of the students whose education is made possible by the generosity of partners.

Faculty and Staff:

Lift up the faculty and staff in prayer, asking for guidance, inspiration, and resilience in their roles as educators and mentors.

Global Impact:

Pray for Manna University's continued partnerships internationally, as we support local churches worldwide by educating, equipping, and empowering emerging leaders in a variety of cultures.



Five Years at a Glance

At Manna University, we're all about developing and deploying emerging leaders. To this end, we offer a large selection of Summer courses each year, allowing our students to get the training they need year-round. The Summer 2023 semester was our largest-ever Summer term, as students enrolled in courses that took place between May and August. In all, 157 students decided to accelerate their leadership last Summer.



	Summer	Fall	Spring	Individual Students
2023	157	237	229	330+
2024				
2019	81	176	185	249
2020				





Mason Kerby's Manna U Journey: *Navigating Faith and Leadership*

In the heart of Abilene, Texas, current Manna U Major Mason Kerby, shares his transformative journey while studying at Manna University, emphasizing the profound impact of his time on his faith and leadership. Initially hesitant about online education, Mason's perspective changed during a conversation with his pastor, David McQueen, in high school, which led him to apply to Manna U. Through classes like Destiny and Calling, he recognized the universal call to ministry and embraced the principle that "God equips the called."

The unexpected connection with Manna U arose from a friendship between Pastor David McQueen and Manna Church's lead pastor, Chris Fletcher, who is also a professor and board member at Manna U.

This connection played a pivotal role in Mason's decision to pursue education at Manna U. Delving into his calling, Mason found the Applied Instrumental Techniques class to be a transformative experience, enhancing his vocal abilities and instilling newfound confidence.

Reflecting on the impact of the diverse curriculum, Mason expresses, "I finally feel confident in my singing, and that would have never happened if Manna U didn't offer lessons." Despite juggling work, a full class load, and navigating a demanding season in his life amidst unforeseen challenges, Mason finds solace in the support and prayers offered by the staff and faculty. He acknowledges that these trials are shaping and strengthening him, describing the experience as a refining fire season molded by the Lord's hand. "It is no secret that God calls us through hard things," he adds.

As Mason matures in his faith, his desire to sing songs of exaltation mirrors a profound understanding of worship's impact. "Worship is not just singing on stage. It is a lifestyle. It is Romans Chapter 12. It is bringing glory to the Lord." Amid life's challenges, Mason not only serves as a worship leader but also continues to pursue his call in education as he serves as our SGA President.

Mason's advice to fellow students centers on trusting in the Lord's timing and discerning between good and great opportunities. He emphasizes, "Trust in the Lord and trust in His time. Be careful about what you say yes and no to. Sometimes you have to say no to some good things and wait for God to bring the great things." In essence, Mason's story at Manna U is a testament to the transformative power of education and faith, intertwining to shape a leader dedicated to worship and service.





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OUR MISSION

Manna University is a biblical higher education institution dedicated to educating, equipping, and empowering emerging leaders to change the world.

OUR VISION

We exist to advance the Kingdom of God through biblical higher education - Everywhere.



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