

NC Church Sees Nearly 200 People Baptized: 'What a Move of God!'

Almost 200 people were baptized during a Sunday night worship service and a planned outdoor event hosted by Manna Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

As CBN News has reported, Manna Church is a multi-campus congregation whose expressed mission is to plant a church near every U.S. military base around the globe.

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The church hosted a "Worship & Baptism in the Park" event at Festival Park in Fayetteville and saw 193 people make a public declaration to put their faith in God, as many more gathered to praise the name of Jesus.



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"The MOST incredible night at Festival Park. Around 200 people made the decision to go public with their faith through water baptism! What a move of God!" the church said in a Facebook reel.

"I felt really compelled to practice my faith – one of the basic fundamentals of our faith, the sacrament of water baptisms – right out in front of everybody," Manna Church Pastor Chris Fletcher shared in a video message ahead of the event.

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The church pastored by Fletcher is located near Fort Bragg, one of the Army's largest installations.

In total, there are 33 Manna Church sites near U.S. military bases, as shown in a map on a wall in the church. The greatest concentration of campuses is in North Carolina and Virginia, but multiple locations are growing in other parts of the country, from Florida to Colorado, Missouri to Hawaii, and even overseas.

The vision to equip "His people to change their world" and plant "churches with the same world-changing vision" began with Fletcher's father, Pastor Emeritus Michael Fletcher.

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Chris Fletcher told CBN News last year that God gave his father a vision of how to reach the military almost a decade ago, after the church lost more than 1,100 people to military transfers in just one year.

"And so he kind of sat back in his chair and said, 'This is crazy. Like how are we going to build a church this way? We're sending people that God's beginning a work in, to nobody,'" Fletcher explained, recalling what happened with his dad.

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