

Ministry Designs — Review Summary (3.5/5)

A free summary from ChurchCreation.com

Verdict: A genuinely useful done-for-you church website service with a strong feature set and an established track record — held back by high recurring cost, a template (not custom) reality, opaque pricing, undisclosed giving fees, a 1-year contract on the managed tier, and an almost total absence of independent reviews. **Best for** churches with no tech help and no time that want it fully handled; **not ideal for** budget-conscious, DIY-capable, or custom-design-seeking churches.

Pricing

Site (DIY)	\$97/mo, no contract — you build & manage
Site Management (done-for-you)	\$247/mo, 1-year commitment — their team builds & maintains (~\$9k over 3 years)
Nazarene Partnership	\$25–\$55/mo discounted denominational tier
Giving fees	Not published — ask before signing (benchmark: Tithe.ly 2.9% + \$0.30)

Pros & cons

- Pros**

 - Truly done-for-you; unlimited changes on managed tier
 - Church features built in (giving, sermons, events, Plan a Visit)
 - 80k+ free church graphics; SEO focus + ranking guarantee
 - DIY tier has no contract; 13+ yrs, BBB A+
- Cons**

 - Expensive over time (~\$9k/3 yrs managed)
 - Template-based, not custom design
 - Lock-in + 1-yr contract; no stated exit policy
 - Opaque pricing; giving fees undisclosed; few independent reviews

How it compares

PATH	COST	CHOOSE IF
Done-for-you (Ministry Designs)	~\$97–\$247/mo ongoing	No skill + no time; want it fully managed
DIY builder (Tithe.ly / Squarespace)	\$16–\$119/mo	You have a capable volunteer; want low cost + control
Freelance designer	~\$2,500–\$7,500 once	Want a custom site you own outright