Morning Worship
January 5, 2025

Seeking to glorify God in all things through His son Jesus Christ.

Worship Service 10:30am

Metropolitan Baptist Church warmly welcomes our visitors today. If you are visiting with us, please fill out the card located in the pew/rack and place it in the offering plate so we can get to know you better.

Call to Gather	"It Took a Miracle"	#494
Welcome / Announcements		Pastor Steve
Call to Worship		Mark 14:22-25
Communion Hymn	"Come to the Table"	#464
Call to Confession		
Communion		Pastor Jack/Deacons
Hymn	"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"	#602
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 52
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory		
	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn		#688
	"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"	
Scripture		Acts 20:1-16
Message		Pastor Jack
	The Voyage Home - Part I: Strengthening the Church	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		John 13:34-35

For Your Convenience…

There is Nursery available for parents with small children.

Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Sue M., Jared & Kristen M.

Next Week's Volunteers - January 12 - Arlette B., LeAnn Burrell & helper

Children's Church Volunteer Today - Ron & Susan Degges

Thank you for silencing your cell phones during the Worship Service.

Quiet Bags are hanging in the library next to the video rack.

The Church in Prayer

NCA Pastors and Ministries of the Week

First Baptist, Mercer, ND

Paul (Stella) Stout, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Brandon and Marci Jones - NAB Missionaries in Brazil - Brandon and Marci joined the NAB missionary team in Brazil in 2018. Brandon holds a PhD in Theological Studies and enjoys teaching theology and ethics at the seminary. Brandon also serves as director of Kairos Brazil. Marci handles promotions and media for the mission work at the seminary and with Kairos. They have three children: Daniel, Monica, and Olivia. Pray for the funding needed for the Kairos Brazil students. For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/brandon-marci-jones/

Perry Center - The purpose of the Perry Center is to minister the love of Jesus Christ to single women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy by providing for their physical, emotional and spiritual needs in a residential setting. The Perry Center is a quiet, reflective place with counselors experienced in helping to guide women in crisis pregnancy situations. The Perry Center is licensed annually by the ND DHS.

Youth News

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SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH

Looking forward to an exciting 2025,

filled with Fellowship and Glorifying God with the Youth Students!

"Change to Make a Change" The Youth Group Missions Donation Box is located in the back of the sanctuary. Drop your spare change or donations in the box to help us make a change in the world through missions; for future Youth Mission trips.

Every penny helps!! ***Thank You!! MBC Youth Group***

Prayer & Praise Items

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

Romans 12:12 ESV

- Pray for **Cameroon** due to the civil unrest that continues. Pray for God to bring peace to Cameroon.
- Pray for the **Russia-Ukraine conflict**. Pray for peace.
- Pray for **Israel.** God's will be done.
- Pray for the **leadership** of our country, state and city. May they see their need for a Savior and seek Him!
- **Continue to pray for salvation** for all those we know who need the Lord; family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.
- Continue in prayer for those in our church family facing health issues: **Morris Peterson, Arlene Franchuk, Sherry Buchholz, Gail Biby, Arlene Palm, Karen Parrott, Ron Parrott, Lynn Iverson, Kevin Preston, Glenn Burrell, and Joan Frey.** Pray for peace, comfort, continued strength, and healing in each of their circumstances.
- Continue in prayer for **Kourtney Kieffer's, father, Steven**, following a car accident. Also pray for **Kourtney & her mom, Sandy** in the waiting.
- Continue to pray for **Susan Ray-Degges' mother, Mary Ray**, recovering from a mild heart attack and pneumonia. She is going through physical therapy to regain her strength.
- Pray for **Lorraine Kahler, former member of MBC**; she fell and is in the hospital in the Cities. Pray for the Lord's will to be done.

MBC Church Family Praise

- Praise for the season of **Celebrating the Birth of our Savior and the Worship of our Lord** and looking forward to what the Lord has for us in 2025!
- Praise for those who have been ill, and are recovering, and are able to worship with us again!

Announcements

2025 Feed My Starving Children, FargoMobile Pack - 11th year

January 7th - 15th at Atonement Lutheran Church

To Volunteer or Donate go to **https://fargopack.org**

Pease register yourselves; as a family, group or individual





Women's Bible Study beginning **January 13th @ MBC**

Monday evenings, 6:45 - 8:15pm

"Abide: A Study of 1,2, & 3 John" by Jen Wilkin

There is a sign-up sheet at the Resource Center - **by January 8th**

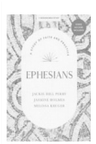
Women's Daytime Bible Study

Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30pm at MBC, beginning January 14th

Studying Jackie Hill Perry, Jasmine Holmes, and Melissa Kruger's,

"Ephesians, A Study in Faith and Practice"

There is a sign-up sheet at the Resource Center



Announcements Continued

BEAN DAY AT MBC - **Coming January 12, 2025**
During Sunday School and Service Times
FREE 5-pound bag of dried edible beans (numerous varieties to choose from)
For members and regular attendees
One bag per family, or two bags for families with 4 or more at-home children
First come, first choice of bean variety
There will be a drawing for a door prize at the end of the event!



Annual Business Meeting & Lunch - ***January 19, 2025***
following the Morning Service, Meeting @ 1pm
Each family is asked to bring a main dish to share.
Families A - K bring a salad ~ L - Z bring a dessert
Serving **Group 1** will help serve and **Group 4** will help with clean up.
Annual Reports are due to the office by **Wednesday, January 8th**
. . . Trustee Board

Upcoming Events at Park Christian School:
- **Preview Day** - January 23rd - current 1st-11th graders can come shadow a student for the morning. 8:30-11:00 am
- **Kindergarten Exploration Days** - Jan. 23rd, Feb. 20th, and March 4th - hands on events for incoming kindergarten students and their parents. 5-6 pm
See postings on the entryway bulletin board for more details.

There are Registration Forms/Flyers from **Crystal Springs Baptist Camp** at the Resource Center for the following **2025 Winter/Spring Retreats**:
Arctic Blast - 4th & 5th Graders - **February 21st - 22nd,** reg. due 2/7
Crafting Retreat - **Feb. 28th - March 2nd,** reg. due 2/13
Winter SOULstice - 6th - 8th Graders - **March 7th - 9th,** reg. due 2/28
CSBC Men's Retreat - **May 2nd - 4th,** reg. due 4/25

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(as of Friday, Jan. 3rd, there were still some openings)



Remember to pick up your Christmas cards from your mailbox in the back hallway

A Special Thanks to ***Ervin and Waltraut Wolff*** for providing the ***Poinsettias*** that have adorned the sanctuary over the holidays. If you would like to provide a home for a plant (or two), please help yourself after the worship service today. There are plant sleeves/bags available for transport.

This Week

Today
9:30 am Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship

Tuesday, January 7
6:30 pm O&E Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 8
6-6:25 pm Awana Check-In
6:25-8:10 pm Awana

Thursday, January 7 - Wed. Jan. 15
Feed My Starving Children @ Atonement Lutheran

Metropolitan Staff

Jack Bluel	Senior Pastor
Steve Burrell	Pastor of Outreach & Evang.
Nancy Harsch	Worship Coordinator
Neal & Erica Anderson	Youth Coordinators
Sue Mavis	Administrative Assistant

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

Attendance & Giving

Avg. Attendance for December	95
Amount Needed Weekly	$6,115
December 22, 2024	$2,997
Online week of 12-22-2024	$236
December 29, 2024	$2,727
Online week of 12-29-2024	$295

2:42 Groups

January

Thurs. Jan. 9	6:00pm	Wolff
Sun. Jan. 12	5:00pm	Svaleson

February

Sun. Feb 9	12:30pm	Burrell @ MBC

Upcoming Events

January 2025
5 - Communion
7 - O&E Board Meeting
7-15 - FMSC Fargo MobilePack
12 - MBC Prays
12 - MBC Prays Appreciation Lunch
14 - Board Meetings
19 - Annual Meeting w/ Lunch following Worship

February 2025
2 - Communion
11 - Board Meetings
12 - MBC Prays
13 - Giving Hearts Day
21-22 - Arctic Blast Retreat @ CSBC
2/28 - 3/2 - Crafting Retreat @ CSBC
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel
Next Meeting January 26, 2025

Recognitions

Birthdays
Nancy Harsch (Tuesday)
Everson Svaleson (Wednesday)

Family of the Week
Neal, Erica, Aleksia, Arlyn, and Adalie Anderson

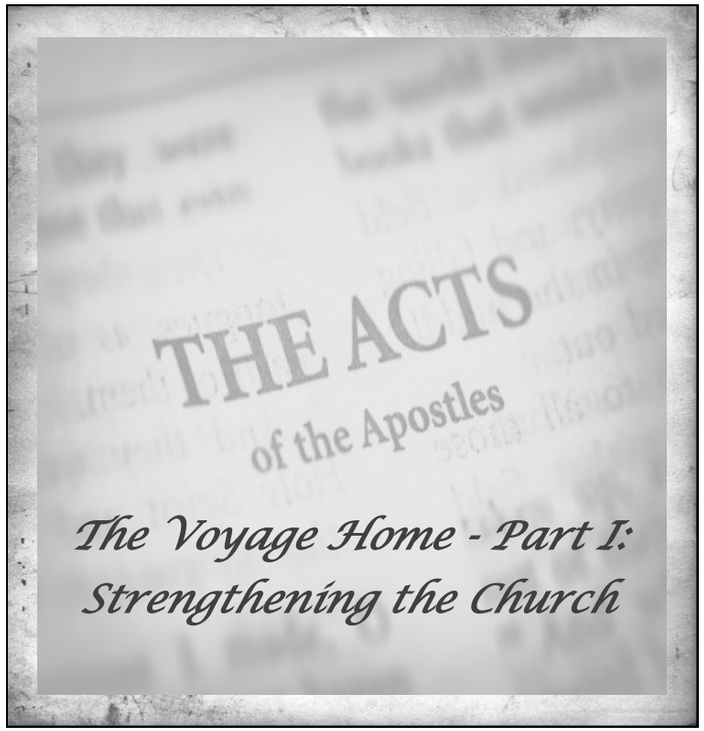
Caring Person for January
Ruth Wolhart

Are you continuing to read the MBC Evangelism & Outreach Minutes?
Watch your email, weekly on Tuesday mornings, for an inspiring, short thought to motivate and enhance your witness.
"One Thing You Can't Do In Heaven . . ."

Weather Related Announcements - -
Please use your own discretion in coming to a Sunday morning service or any activity. The Deacons will assess the conditions by **7 am** on the affected Sunday and determine if the service is cancelled. If cancelled, every effort will be made to send out an email notice or text to known addresses and phone numbers.
A notice will also be placed on the **MBC Facebook** page.
- **Deacon Board**

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Acts 20:1-16

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