Morning Worship
January 12, 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		Psalm 145:1-3
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 53
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory		
Children Dismissed for Children's Church		
Church in Confession		
Preparation Hymn		#624
"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"		
Scripture		Acts 20:17-38
Message		Pastor Jack
The Voyage Home - Part II: A Pastor's Meeting in Miletus		
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		II Timothy 4:1-2

For Your Convenience…

There is Nursery available for parents with small children.

Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Arlette B., LeAnn B., Joslyn M.

Next Week's Volunteers - January 19 - Nancy H., Jon & Ruth W.

Children's Church Volunteer Today - Jared Mavis

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, Minot, ND

Kent (Trish) Hinkel, Sr. Pastor; Brandon (Melaney) Smith, Assoc. Exec. Pastor;
Chris (Jess) Easton, Youth; Elaine Carlson, Children's Ministry;
Christie (Trent) VanderVorst, Preschool Coordinator

MBC Supported Missions

NAB Ministries - NAB Home Missions/Resource Fund and Missions International, are some of the NAB ministries we support.

AWANA GO and William (Bill) & Cindy Hoppe, Awana Missionaries -

AWANA Global Outreach, is a community of passionate clubs and churches who are engaging their clubbers to reach more kids for Christ by raising money to provide children around the world with discipleship materials through AWANA.

Bill served as an Awana leader for over 40 years, becoming an Awana Missionary in 2012. As a part-time Awana missionary, Bill currently serves 99 churches registered with Awana in his territory of Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. He has a passion to see kids and parents clearly hear the Gospel and experience the love of Christ in their lives. He also enjoys training, encouraging leaders, and reaching out to pastors and leaders of non-Awana churches to have child discipleship conversations. Bill and Cindy live in Keewatin, MN

NAB Missionary of the Week



Drew & Carissa Steinhart

Disciples Church in Medina, Ohio

Beginning in October 2019 as a campus to Heartland Community Church, it was just this past year they officially became an autonomous church, changing their name to Disciples Church in the process. Drew credits the support of Heartland, the hard work of their church family, and the goodness of God.

Please be praying for unity in their leadership, wisdom in discerning who God might be calling them to partner with locally and globally, and for the many young adults and students they are seeking to encourage in their discipleship to Jesus.

For more information go to: www.disciplesmedina.org

Youth News

SNAG
SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH

Upcoming Events

Today - 3-5pm - Ice Skating at The Lights - see email for details

January 26th - Youth Group at Church - 5:00-7:30 pm

"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** .
- Continue to pray for **Susan Ray-Degges' mother, Mary Ray**. She had surgery on Monday to implant a pacemaker.
- Pray for the **Lorraine Kahler family. Lorraine**, a former member of MBC, passed away on Tues., January 7th. Pray for comfort and peace. Her funeral will be February 21st in Eden Prairie, MN.
- Please be in prayer for **Dan Meckle's sister and husband, Deb & Dale Hauser**. They lost their **only son, Aaron** January 5th. He was 38 years old and lived in Kenya. He leaves behind his wife, **Amina.**
- Pray for **Carey McWilliams' aunt, Paula**; very ill following an infection, with several organs being affected. Pray for God's will to be done.

MBC Church Family Praise

- Praise for the recent 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!

Announcements

2025 Feed My Starving Children, FargoMobile Pack - 11th year
Continues through January 15th at Atonement Lutheran Church
To Donate go to **https://fargopack.org**
as of Friday a.m. - all Volunteer positions were filled

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

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"

Announcements Continued

BEAN DAY AT MBC - **Today**
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 available at the Resource Center

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

**** * The 2025 Church Directories are available at the Resource Center * ****

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

2024 Yearly Contribution Reports are complete and are in your mailboxes.
Look them over & let **LoRae Rakoczy** know if any adjustments need to be made.

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**

This Week

Today
9:30 am Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship
12:30 pm MBC Prays
Appreciation Lunch

Tuesday, January 14
6:00pm Trustee Board Meeting
6:30pm Deacon Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 15
6-6:25 pm Awana Check-In
6:25-8:10 pm Awana

Through 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 January	93
Amount Needed Weekly	$6,115
December 29, 2024	$2,727
Online week of 12-29-2024	$295
January 5, 2025	$7,085
Online week of 1-5-2025	$20

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 . . ."

Upcoming Events

January 2025
12-15 - 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
Asher Buchholz (Today)
Matt Becker (Monday)
Jon Wolhart (Monday)
Caleb Bluel (Friday)

Family of the Week
Claude & Darlene Wahl

Caring Person for January
Ruth Wolhart

2:42 Groups

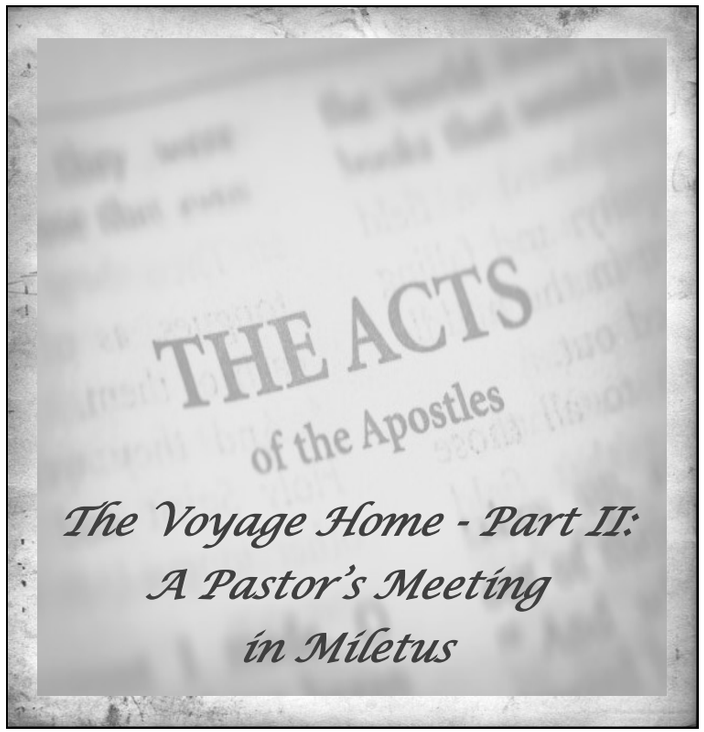
January

Sun. Jan. 12	5:00pm	Svaleson
Thurs. Jan. 16	6:00pm	Wolff

February

Sun. Feb. 9	12:30pm	Burrell @ MBC

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Acts 20:17-38

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