Morning Worship
January 19, 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		John 1:1-5, Colossians 1:15-20
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 54
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Church in Confession		Josh Svaleson
Preparation		#668
	"I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"	
Scripture		Acts 20:22-27
Message		Pastor Jack
	The Voyage Home - Part 3: A Pastor's Meeting in Miletus, Facing the Future	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Ephesians 3:20-21

For Your Convenience…

There is Nursery available for parents with small children.

Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Nancy H., Jon & Ruth W.

Next Week's Volunteers - January 26 - Myndi F., Dawn D., Abbie B.

Children's Church Volunteer Today - Patsy Souter & Emma Buchholz

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

Crystal Springs Camp, Medina, ND

Tim (Eliza) Brenner, Exec. Director.; LeAnn Lindteigen, Program Director; Andy (Brittney) Sprenger, Facilities Mgr.; Scott Quanbeck, Gen. Maintenance; Ellen Quanbeck, Finan. Mgr.; Liz Wingdenbeck, Custodian

MBC Supported Missions

Rick & Debbie Bardin (NAB Cameroon): Rick is a board certified medical doctor in Internal Medicine and Pathology. Rick is involved in discipleship with one of their CIMS residents and a Fulani young man. Debbie serves as a staff nurse and did outreach clinics to remote villages visiting patients who couldn't travel to refill their meds. Pray for the Bardins' continued relationships with their patients, that many more will come to know Jesus through the ministry of the hospital. Praise God for the successful installation of the new telepathology system and its use, and the arrival of a linear accelerator to Mbingo. Continue to pray for the instability in the country of Cameroon, and for wisdom in how to help the many needy people around them. For more information visit http://nabonmission.org/missionaries/dr-rick-debbie-bardin/

Baptist Health Care Center, Bismarck, ND Pray for Baptist Health Care Center; who has provided care to their residents for over 75 years. Uphold the 140 residents who either have skilled nursing, rehab or memory care needs. Pray for the staff: Administrator, Deanna Berg; Chaplains, Merle Hoots and Don Schmidt; Director of Nursing, unknown at this time; Business Administrator, Fern Lindteigen; and the other 250 staff who look after the needs of the residents.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Brandon & 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 God's guidance and wisdom as they seek to expand into new partnerships; pray as well for Marci as she continues to work toward her master of Divinity degree.

For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/brandon-marci-jones

Youth News

SNAG

SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH

Upcoming Events

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

February 9th - Super Bowl Party - 5:00 pm TBD

"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."

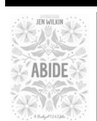
Romans 12:12 ESV

- 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 last week 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!
- **Feed My Starving Children Fargo MobilePack 2025** - The 8 day event packed 1,034,208 meals, feeding 2,833 kids for a year. Over the Fargo Mobile Pack's 11-year history, it has packed more than 20 million meals. Praise the Lord!

Announcements



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

Monday evenings, 6:45 - 8:15pm

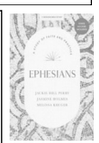
"Abide: A Study of 1,2, & 3 John" by Jen Wilkin

Women's Daytime Bible Study

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

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

"Ephesians, A Study in Faith and Practice"



Announcements Continued



Annual Business Meeting & Lunch - *Today*
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.

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 * ****

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.

Taste the Heat, Feel the Heart - Come celebrate **Giving Hearts Day** as Jail Chaplains, Amistad Worldwide, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and Fargo Elim host the **9th Annual Battle of the Churches Chili Cook Off** on **Thurs. Feb. 13th**
5:00 - 7:30 PM at Hope Lutheran Church South Campus
3636 25th St. S., Fargo
Live entertainment, kids games, and door prizes. Enjoy a FREE bowl of chili (hotdog meal available) at this open house event and support these four Christian ministries. Please join them for this fun evening.

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**

IN THE EVENT OF A CARDIAC EMERGENCY (HEART ATTACK) or LIFE THREATENING INJURY:
Metropolitan Baptist has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) located in the back hallway across from the office door, and a Medical Oxygen & Trauma Kit. **Call 911**, and then locate these items to administer medical care until help arrives. The AED uses simple voice commands and can quickly restore proper heart rhythm to save a life when seconds count!



This Week

Today
9:30 am Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship
12:15 pm Annual Meeting with Potluck Lunch

Wednesday, January 22
6-6:25 pm Awana Check-In
6:25-8:10 pm Awana

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	86
Amount Needed Weekly	$6,115
January 5, 2025	$7,085
Online week of 1-5-2025	$20
January 12, 2025	$6,385
Online week of 1-12-2025	$204

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 . . ."

Pastor Jack will be Out of the Office
January 22nd - 26th

Upcoming Events

January 2025
19 - Annual Meeting w/ Lunch following Worship

February 2025
2 - Communion
4 - O&E Board Meeting
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
Arlyn Anderson (Monday)
Myron Friez (Monday)
Aaron Buchholz (Wednesday)

Family of the Week
Matt, Marcia, and Heidi Becker

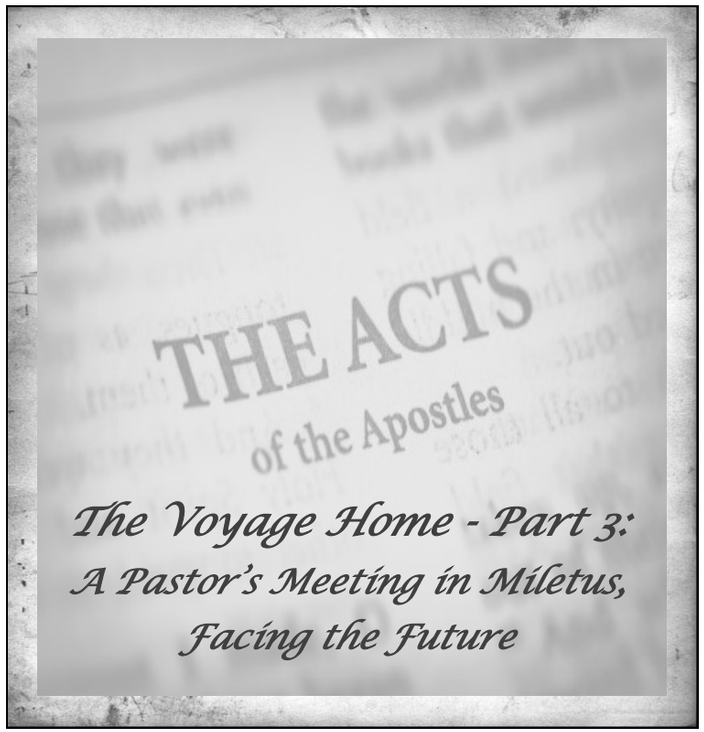
Caring Person for January
Ruth Wolhart

2:42 Groups

January		
Thurs. Jan. 23	6:00pm	Wolff
February		
Sun. Feb. 9	12:30pm	Burrell @ MBC
Sun. Feb. 16	5:00pm	Svaleson

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Acts 20:22-27

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