Morning Worship
January 26, 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 138:1-3
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 55
Church in Prayer		Pastor Steve
Offering /Offertory		
	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Church in Confession		Clayton Harsch
Preparation Hymn		#52
	"Blessed Be the Name"	
Scripture		Exodus 20:7, Matthew 12:36-37
Message		Pastor Steve
	Take Care With The Name	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Colossians 3:16-17

For Your Convenience…

There is Nursery available for parents with small children.

Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Myndi F., Dawn D., Abbie B.

Next Week's Volunteers - February 2 - Kristen M., Josh & Marissa S.

Children's Church Volunteer Today - Tess Hotchkiss

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

New Leipzig Baptist, New Leipzig, ND

Kevin (Beth) McLouth, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Craig & Maureen Moody (NAB Cameroon): Craig and Maureen have served as missionaries in Cameroon in a variety of capacities throughout the years. They just recently completed their most recent period of service and have returned home to Canada. However, Maureen will continue to remotely serve in the role of field director for Cameroon for the next year.

Pray for Maureen as she tackles the role of field director from half a world away.

For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/craig-and-maureen-moody/

Child Evangelism Fellowship - CEF of Fargo/Moorhead is the local chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship that seeks to reach children in the Fargo, Moorhead, Dilworth, and West Fargo areas with the gospel of Jesus Christ and establish them in a local church and the Word of God for Christian growth. They hold Camp Good News camps during the summer. The new Ministry Coordinator is Michelle Brown, working full-time and running programs. Michelle and her husband Mike have 4 children. They previously served in Ecuador as missionaries. She has a passion and love for sharing the gospel and Christ's love with children and getting to pour into volunteers and staff. In January of 2024, Doug Sikkink took a role as part-time State Director of CEF, and is still the local CEF Director for the FM area.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Claire & Tim Marker

NAB Missionaries in the Philippines

Claire is from Legazpi City and is a 2006 graduate of the Bicol Center for Christian Leadership, which she now leads as director. Claire has been involved in all aspects of the BCCL for over a decade and knows the ministry better than anyone else. Claire and Tim, an American, live in the Philippines full time.

Pray for the ongoing ministry of the BCCL and for Claire as she leads.

For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/claire-marker

Youth News

S.N.A.C.

SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH

Upcoming Events

Today - 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 in December. He is now at a rehab facility in Detroit Lakes.
- Continue to pray for **Susan Ray-Degges' mother, Mary Ray**. She had surgery early January to implant a pacemaker, was able to go home, but was back in the hospital this week.
- 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 also leaves behind his wife, **Amina.**
- Continue in prayer for **Carey McWilliams' aunt, Paula**; very ill following an infection, with several organs being affected. Pray for her **husband, Don**, to be able to handle the stress. 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

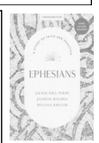
"Abide: A Study of 1,2, & 3 John" by Jen Wilkin

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

Upcoming Events at Park Christian School:
- **Kindergarten Exploration Days** - 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

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.

*** * 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.

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
9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:30 am Fellowship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship
5:00 pm Youth Group

Wednesday, January 29
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	91
Amount Needed Weekly	$6,115
January 12, 2025	$6,385
Online week of 1-12-2025	$204
January 19, 2025	$7,400
Online week of 1-19-2025	$413

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

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

March 2025
2 - Communion
4 - O&E Board Meeting
7 - Awana Grand Prix
7-9 - Winter SOULstice @ CSBC
11 - Board Meetings
12 - MBC Prays
30- Colloquium with Pastor Jack
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel
Next Meeting February 23, 2025

Recognitions

Birthdays
Roland McKeon (Today)
Gideon Wolhart (Thursday)
Lydia Mehl (Friday)
Jan Friez (Saturday)

Member of the Week
Jacque Ulstad

Caring Person for February
Sue Mavis

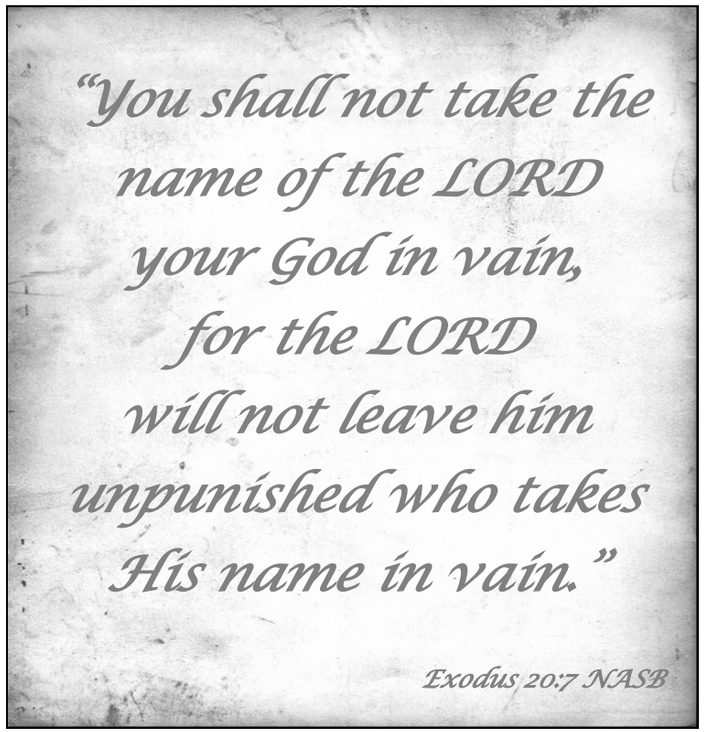
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February

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

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