Morning Worship
February 2, 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	"Think About His Love"	#158
Welcome / Announcements		Pastor Steve
Call to Worship		John 6:52-58
Communion Hymn	"Come to the Table"	#464
Call to Confession		Pastor Jack
Communion		Pastor Jack/Deacons
Hymn	"I Will Remember Thee"	#463
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 56
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory		
	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn		#696
	"God Leads Us Along"	
Scripture		Acts 20:28-38
Message		Pastor Jack
	The Voyage Home - Part 4:	
	A Pastor's Meeting in Miletus, Ephesians' Future	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Romans 16:25-27

For Your Convenience…

There is Nursery available for parents with small children.

Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Sue M., Josh & Marissa S.

Next Week's Volunteers - February 9 - Kristen M., Heldur & Kathy H.

Children's Church Volunteer Today - Jan Friez

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

Turtle Lake Baptist, Turtle Lake, ND

Steve (Carol) Vetter, Pastor; Josh (Clara) Vetter, Asst. Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Jim & Lisa Black, Converge Missionaries , partnering with NAB, Sub-Saharan Africa - Jim has served as Regional Director for Converge for many years; but as of the end of 2023, he will take on the leadership of an initiative in Nigeria. Jim will be traveling to Nigeria one month out of each quarter, to interact directly with two major ethic groups in eastern Nigeria to make disciples who will make disciples. He will still be working with Converge, but in this different capacity. Continue to pray for this ongoing ministry to a people group where the resistance to the gospel has grown stronger.

Email: Jimb@converge.org or for more information go to: www.converge.org/missionary/jim-lisa-black

Crystal Springs Baptist Camp - This camp combines both good clean fun with sound Christian teaching in a beautiful lake side setting. Located 65 miles east of Bismarck, Crystal Springs is an oasis in the midst of North Dakota's gently rolling plains. It was founded in 1954 with a special purpose in mind: Present the love of Jesus Christ to all who attend, and invite each to have a personal relationship with Him. The camp welcomed 2800 campers between the months of May and August 2024.

NAB Missionary of the Week



John & Sarah Cassidy

Hope Community Church in Antelope, California

John has felt a call to plant a church in the Antelope area since 2004, but it wasn't until March 2019 that Hope Community Church officially launched. Since then, they have seen many people renew or begin relationships with Jesus.

Pray that new followers of Jesus will continue to find their way back to God at Hope. Pray for John and Sarah to have resilience in the midst of the everyday struggles of life.

For more information go to: www.hopeantelope.com

Youth News

S.N.A.C.

SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH

Upcoming Events

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

February 16th - Youth Group @ Church - 5:00 - 7:30pm

"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

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Philippians 4:6 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 last week, and is now in rehab.
- 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 good reports from the **Annual Meeting** and looking forward to what the Lord has for us in 2025!

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"

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.

Announcements Continued

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.
If anyone is interested in making some chili and representing MBC in the Chili Cook-Off, please let the church office know as soon as possible.

The **Christian Education Board** is currently looking for a **Director/Co-Directors** for the 2025 **VBS.** Please talk with a Board of CE member; **Jennifer Kastl, Tammy Bluel, Marcia Becker, or Arlette Buegel,** or email the church office if interested.
Thank you!!

The Board of Christian Education has decided to change the start time of **Sunday School from 9:45 am to 9:30am starting on February 16th,** based on input from the congregation. (Fellowship Time will then begin at 9:15am)

Requests for **Summer Camp Scholarships for Crystal Springs Camp** need to be turned in to the CE Board by **Sunday, April 27th.** Forms are available from the church office and should be placed in the CE mailbox in a sealed envelope.

If anyone missed **"Bean Day"** on January 12th - there are still several bags of beans available in the church office. Contact John Buegel or Sue Mavis

MBC Family - Thank you for praying for my **aunt Colleen Hauser** over the years. She passed away on January 11th, at the age of 100 years. **John Buegel**

This Week

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

Monday, February 3
6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 4
1:00 pm Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm O&E Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 5
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	93
Amount Needed Weekly	$6,115
January 19, 2025	$7,400
Online week of 1-19-2025	$413
January 26, 2025	$2,413
Online week of 1-26-2025	$336

2:42 Groups

February

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

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
Miatta Taylor (Today)
Waltraut Wolff (Wednesday)
Dan Meckle (Wednesday)
Bethany Mehl (Thursday)

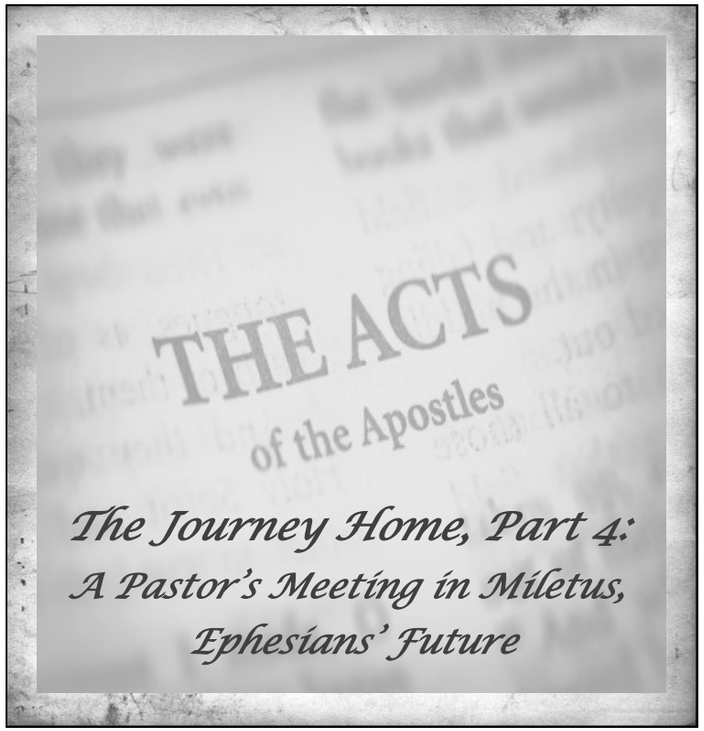
Family of the Week
Bill & Gail Biby

Caring Person for February
Sue Mavis

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 . . ."

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Acts 20:28-38

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