Morning Worship
February 16, 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		Ephesians 1:3-10
Congregational Song of Praise		Praise Team
Call to Confession		Bill Savage
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 58
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory		
	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn		#56
	"To God Be the Glory"	
Scripture		Acts 21:17-26
Message		Pastor Jack
	Paul's Puzzling Purification	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Hebrews 10:19-22

For Your Convenience…

There is Nursery available for parents with small children.

Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Arlette B., Jennifer K., Jadyn F.

Next Week's Volunteers - February 23 - Nancy H., Heldur & Kathy H.

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

Venturia Baptist, Venturia, ND

Gordon (Janis) Bakan, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Mbingo Cancer Research Center Project (NAB in Cameroon) - Access to radiation therapy is extremely limited in sub-Saharan Africa, and the majority of patients presenting with tumors can benefit from treatment with radiation. As part of the plan to develop a comprehensive cancer center, Mbingo Baptist Hospital is working to install a radiation therapy unit consisting of a large bunker containing two linear accelerators. The design of the bunker has been officially approved by the national radiation safety board of Cameroon, and a used linear accelerator has already been donated. In addition to the NAB, the CBC Health Services and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute at Harvard will be supporting the funding of the bunker.

Chain of Love Homes, Brazil - Chain of Love is an NAB partner organization in Brazil led by Telmo Camargo, Executive Director. Chain of Love operates a system of foster homes with house parents/caregivers who are committed to the integral care of the children and adolescents referred to them by protective measures of the Judiciary; providing a family environment, healthy development and a good quality of life. For more information visit: www.larcolmeia.com.br

NAB Missionary of the Week



Azad Barwari

Kurdish Christian Church in El Cajon, California

Some years back, Magnolia Baptist in Anaheim, California, began a relationship with Azad, who had recently moved to Southern California, to plant an evangelistic ministry to reach Kurds with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Since then, the ministry has grown significantly and moved to El Cajon, a suburb of San Diego. KCC, the first Kurdish Christian church in the US, serves the citizenship needs of immigrants, teaches English, hosts worship gatherings, and puts on a massive annual cultural festival, all aimed to connect Kurds together and announce the Kingdom of God through the Gospel of Jesus.

Pray for the continued impact of Azad and the church within the Kurdish community. For more information go to: https://kccusa.org

Youth News

S.N.A.C.
SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH

Upcoming Events

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

March 9th - 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 continued peace and for the rebuilding.
- 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**, as she is now in rehab, following surgery in early January to implant a pacemaker.
- 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.
- Be in prayer for the **families of the victims and the survivors** of the recent airplane/helicopter crash in Washington, D.C. and the medical plane crash in Philadelphia.
- Please pray for the **Gideon State Convention** to be held in West Fargo, March 28-30th. Pray for continued planning efforts and that God will provide volunteers needed, especially in the area of youth programming.

MBC Church Family Praise

- Praise for God's grace and mercy. Looking forward to what the Lord has for us in 2025!

Announcements

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

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

Preview Day - March 6th - Current 1st - 11th graders can shadow a student for the morning. 8:30-11:00am

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. were due 2/7
Crafting Retreat - **Feb. 28th - March 2nd,** reg. were 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 **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!!

Our **Awana Club** is collecting for our annual **Awana Global Outreach (GO)** campaign. We are focusing on the countries in Africa, as Awana is being used in the schools there in a mighty way. $650 will fund one school to obtain the Awana curriculum and receive Awana training.
We would like to fund two schools. We will be collecting through ***March 5th.***
If anyone would like to contribute, checks can be made payable to MBC.
See **Janet Kirsch** with any questions.

Join us for **AWANA Grand Prix**
Friday, **March 7th**
Enjoy an evening of racing and fellowship
Come and see the clubbers' creativity
Weigh-In at **6:00pm**
Races start at **6:45pm**

Save the Date - MBC Date Night - Friday, April 4th
Food - Fun - Fellowship
More details in the coming weeks

MBC Quarterly Business Meeting
Tuesday, April 22nd - 7:00pm

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.

Ladies Night at Atonement - Friday, February 28th, 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm)
Speaker: Amy Olson, former NDSU and LPGA golfer, niece of DelRaye Meckle, will be sharing her testimony and the importance of a relationship with Jesus and how faith impacts every part of life. Worship, Music, and Dessert.
This is a free event, but seating is limited. Register at atonement.live

MBC Family - **Thank you** for your prayers. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. It means so much to us. May God bless all of you.
Love in Christ Jesus, **Don & Arlene Palm**

This Week

Today
9:15 am Fellowship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship
5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, February 17
6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 18
1:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 19
6-6:25 pm Awana Check-In
6:25-8:10 pm Awana

Fri. & Sat., February 21-22
Arctic Blast Retreat @ CSBC

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 February	87
Amount Needed Weekly	$6,115
February 2, 2025	$8,460
Online week of 2-2-2025	$449
February 9, 2025	$2,333
Online week of 2-9-2025	$210

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 Steve will be Out of the Office
Monday, February 24th

Upcoming Events

February 2025
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
Pastor Steve Burrell
(Thursday)

Family of the Week
Pastor Jack, Tammy,
Abbie, and Caleb
Bluel

Caring Person for February
Sue Mavis

2:42 Groups

February

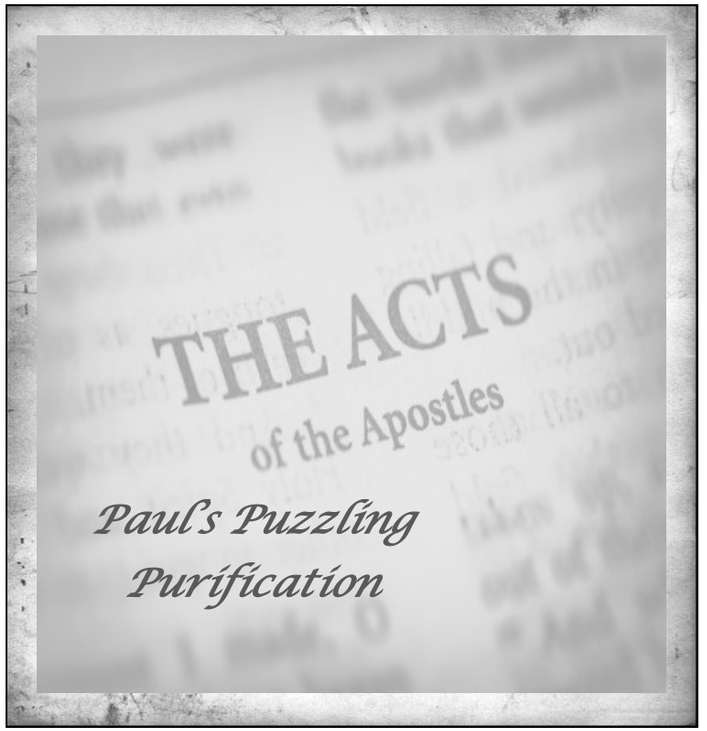
Sun. Feb. 16	5:00pm	Svaleson
Thurs. Feb. 20	6:00pm	Wolff

March

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

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Acts 21:17-26

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