Morning Worship
February 23, 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		Aaron Buchholz
Call to Worship		Psalm 148
Congregational Song of Praise		Praise Team
Call to Confession		Bill Savage
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 59
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory		
	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn		#621
	"Tell Me the Old, Old Story"	
Scripture		Acts 21:27-40
Message		Pastor Jack
	Trouble at the Temple	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Jude 24-25

For Your Convenience…
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Nancy H., Heldur & Kathy H.
Next Week's Volunteers - March 2 - Kristen M., Myndi & Ethan F.
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
Washburn Baptist, Washburn, ND
Rick (Deb) Torkelson, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Alan & Judy Steier (Barnabas Int'l) - The Steiers minister from their home in Delaware; closer to a daughter and family. They've used new ways to communicate over the past several years for their conversations with fellow missionaries and mission organizations; continuing to connect via email and video chats. Alan recently made a trip with other Barnabas International colleagues to Indonesia, taking Shepherd's Apprentice training to Indonesians who care for Indonesian workers sent out with the Good News. Twelve participants took part in the training. For more information see the Steier's recent newsletter in the Missionary Pouch in the entryway.

Park Christian School - A Christ-centered kindergarten through 12th grade school. Strong academics, competitive athletics, expressive fine arts, and inspiring Christian emphasis combine to provide a positive, nurturing environment where students prepare for success in college and in life. Chapels, class devotions, and a variety of Bible studies, service opportunities, and events inspire students in their walk with the Lord. Spiritual Emphasis Week (fall) and Spiritual Emphasis Day (spring) provide concentrated times of discovering biblical truth and life application. A student's experience includes an 80-hour Bible-practicum often igniting their ministry passion and use of their spiritual gifts. See more at: http://www.parkchristianschool.org

NAB Missionary of the Week



Maureen Moody
NAB Missionary to Cameroon
Maureen has served as a missionary to the people of Cameroon in a variety of capacities throughout the years, much of the time alongside her husband, Craig. Though they moved back to Canada last year, Maureen continues to serve remotely in the role of field director for Cameroon. Pray for Maureen as she tackles the role of field director from half a world away. For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/maureen-moody

Youth News

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

Upcoming Events

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, and others, facing health issues:
  Morris Peterson, Arlene Franchuk, Sherry Buchholz, Gail Biby, Arlene Palm, Karen Parrott, Ron Parrott, Kevin Preston, Glenn Burrell, Joan Frey, and Steve Keiffer. Pray for peace, comfort, continued strength, and healing in each of their circumstances.
- Be in prayer for the **families of the victims and the survivors** of the recent airplane and helicopter crashes in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and Toronto.
- 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.
- Be in prayer for the **Degges family**, as they mourn the loss of **Susan's mother, Mary Nell Ray**; the Lord called her home, Tuesday evening, February 18th.
- Pray for **Kevin Preston and family**, following the loss of his **father, Steven**, in late January. Pray also for **Kevin's mom, Kathleen**, she is in the hospital.

MBC Church Family Praise

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

Announcements

Upcoming Events at Park Christian School:
Kindergarten Exploration Day - 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.

There are Registration Forms/Flyers from **Crystal Springs Baptist Camp** at the Resource Center for the following **2025 Winter/Spring Retreats**:
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

Announcements Continued

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**

Concessions will be available - hot dog supper & treats

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 God bless all of you.
Love in Christ Jesus, **Don & Arlene Palm**

The **New Life Center** is looking for candidates for several **Job Openings**:
FT Engagement & Events Specialist, FT Donor Relations Manager, FT Shelter Ministry Support Staff, FT Thrift Store Manager, FT Maintenance Associate, PT Recovery Ministry Advocate, FT Kitchen Associate, and FT Shelter Ministry Case Manager. For anyone interested in knowing more about the openings or applying, let the church office know, and we will forward you more information.

This Week

Today
9:15 am Fellowship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship

Monday, February 24
6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 25
1:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, February 26
6-6:25 pm Awana Check-In
6:25-8:10 pm Awana

Fri. & Sat., February 27- 28
Crafting 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	91
Amount Needed Weekly	$6,115
February 9, 2025	$2,333
Online week of 2-9-2025	$210
February 16, 2025	$5,276
Online week of 2-16-2025	$2,062

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

Pastor Jack will be Out of the Office
February 26th - March 10th

Upcoming Events

February 2025
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
April 2025
1 - O&E Board Meeting
3 - Deacon Meeting
4 - MBC Date Night
6 - Communion
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel
Next Meeting March 30, 2025

Recognitions

Birthdays
Bill Savage (Tuesday)

Family of the Week
Josh, Marissa, Uriah, Everson. Calvin, and Evangeline Svaleson

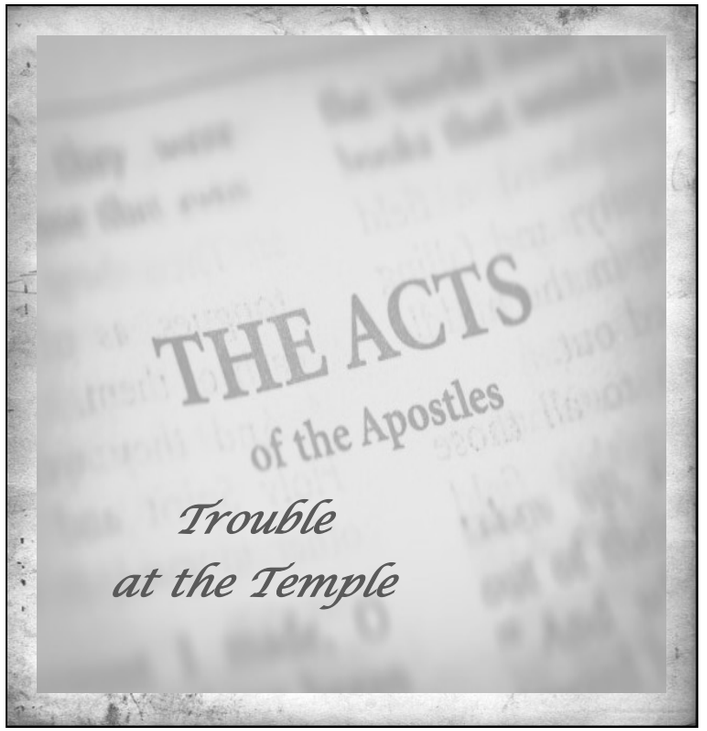
Caring Person for March
LeAnn Burrell

2:42 Groups

February		
Thurs. Feb. 27	6:00pm	Wolff
March		
Sun. Mar. 9	12:30pm	Burrell @ MBC
Sun. Mar. 16	5:00pm	Svaleson

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