Morning Worship
March 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	"We Are So Blessed"	#795
Welcome / Announcements		Pastor Steve
Call to Worship		Psalm 34:1-3
Communion Hymn	"Come to the Table"	#464
Call to Confession		Pastor Steve
Communion		Pastor Steve/Deacons
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 60
Church in Prayer		Josh Svaleson
Offering /Offertory		
	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn		#528
	"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"	
Scripture		Luke 19:1-10
Message		Aaron Buchholz
	Overcoming Greed with the Gospel	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		II Corinthians 8:9

For Your Convenience…

There is Nursery available for parents with small children.

Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Marissa S., Myndi & Ethan F.

Next Week's Volunteers - March 9 - Myndi F., Tammy & Caleb B.

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

First Baptist, Wishek, ND

Devin (Betsy) Hiller, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Debbie Guimon (Uganda Mission) - Debbie serves as Public Relations Coordinator for Soroti Orphan Assistance Project. SOAP is reaching out to the orphan children of Uganda with the Gospel and was organized for the purpose of providing a "living tool" to evangelize Uganda through church planting. As one of Uganda's greatest and most overlooked living resources - orphans - are transformed into servants of God, they are becoming effective ministers to their own people reaching the un-reached masses in Uganda and beyond with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) - Feed My Starving Children believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development.
The 2025 MobilePack took place January 7th-15th at Atonement Lutheran Church. The 8 day event packed 1,034,208 meals, feeding 2,833 kids for a year. Over the Fargo MobilePack's 11-year history, it has packed more than 20 million meals.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Yuri Nakano

NAB Missionary in Japan

As a Japanese-Canadian, Yuri has a unique, God-given background to reach the people of Japan as a missionary sent from North America. God has placed a burden on her heart to bring the hope of the Gospel to Japan and has called and equipped Yuri to serve in evangelism, discipleship, and church planting alongside a faithful team of missionaries.
Pray for Yuri as she continues to work through the logistics of closing the legal religious status and as she works with TEAM Japan.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/yuri-nakano

Youth News

SMAC
SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH

Upcoming Events

March 9th - Youth Group @ Church - 5:00 - 7:30pm

March 23rd - Rend Collective Concert @ Bethel Church

"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.
- 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. A Celebration of Life was held yesterday in Missouri.
- 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.
- Be in prayer for **Claude Wahl's brother, Collin**. Pray he will continue to eat and drink to keep up his strength, and stay healthy.

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. were 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.

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.

It's That Time of Year... Spring Forward DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

*Set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour Saturday evening/Sunday morning, March 8th/March 9th*

This Week

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 5
6-6:25 pm Awana Check-In
6:25-8:10 pm Awana

Friday - Sunday, March 7-9
Winter SOULstice Retreat @ CSBC

Friday, March 7
6 pm Awana Grand Prix

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	88
Amount Needed Weekly	$6,115
February 16, 2025	$5,276
Online week of 2-16-2025	$2,062
February 23, 2025	$9,031
Online week of 2-23-2025	$335

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 through March 10th

Upcoming Events

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
8 - Trustee Meeting
11-13 - Crafting Weekend & Art Show @ MBC
12 - MBC Prays
18 - Good Friday Service

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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel
Next Meeting March 30, 2025

Recognitions

Birthdays
Calvin Svaleson (Monday)
Jacque Ulstad (Monday)

Family of the Week
Aaron, Sherry,
Asher, and Emma Buchholz

Caring Person for March
LeAnn Burrell

2:42 Groups

March

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

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Luke 19:1-10

Overcoming Greed with the Gospel

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