Morning Worship
March 9, 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
Mission Moments	Awana GO	Janet Kirsch
Call to Worship		Isaiah 9:2-7
Congregational Song of Praise		Praise Team
Call to Confession		Clayton Harsch
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 61
Church in Prayer		Pastor Steve
Offering /Offertory		
	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn		#626
	"The Lily of the Valley"	
Scripture		Colossians 4:2-6
Message	Randy Jaspers, NPR Regional Minister	
	An Open Door	
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., Ruth & Jon W.
Next Week's Volunteers - March 16 - Sue M., Arlette B., Jan F.
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
White Cross Ministries U.S., Bismarck, ND
Robyn Wonnenberg, Ministry Asst., Dan & Debbie Long, Volunteers

MBC Supported Missions

North Central Association - The North Central Association is composed of all organized and recognized North American Baptist Churches in the northern part of South Dakota, all of North Dakota and eastern Montana. There are currently 31 churches that belong to the North Central Association. The NCA exists to infuse every community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ …as healthy churches….with well trained leaders…. through cooperative ministry projects. Randy Jaspers serves as the Regional Minister. Visit http://npregion.org for more info.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Joe & Sarah Caples
Microchurch Collective in Roseville, California
When Joe and Sarah Caples moved to Roseville, California, it was with the specific intent to begin a new work in the growing community, alongside Pleasant Grove Community Church. What they have established is the Roseville Microchurch Collective. Their goal is to expand the Kingdom by impacting the lives of people who wouldn't normally attend church on Sunday.
Pray for Joe and Sarah as they continue to build and deepen relationships in their neighborhood.
For more information go to: pgcc.church/new-communities

Youth News

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

Upcoming Events
Today - 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, and Joan Frey. 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 last weekend in Missouri.
- Pray for **Kevin Preston and family**, following the loss of his **father, Steven**, in late January. Continue in prayer for **Kevin's mom, Kathleen**; she is out of the hospital but still recovering.
- 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.
- Be in prayer for **Kourtney Kieffer's dad, Steven**. Following an infection, he had surgery to amputate his foot on Thursday. Prayer for complete healing, and endurance for rehabilitation.

MBC Church Family Praise

- Praise for God's grace and mercy. Looking forward to what the Lord has for us in 2025!
- Praise the Lord! **Ron Degges' brother, Daniel**, came through his heart surgery well on Tuesday. He is at home and doing well. Thank you for all your prayers.

Announcements

Our **Awana Club** annual **Awana Global Outreach (GO)** campaign raised $____. This will allow ___ African schools to obtain Awana curriculum and receive Awana training. Thank you to everyone for donating to such a worthy cause!! (Janet Kirsch will be filling in the blanks this morning) **MBC Awana Club**

Announcements Continued

There are Registration Forms/Flyers from **Crystal Springs Baptist Camp** at the Resource Center for the **Men's NCA 2025 Spring Retreat at CSBC - 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!!




MBC Retro Grill & Soda Shop ~ 50's Style
Date Night - Friday, April 4th - 6:30pm
Hamburgers & Fries with Malts / Root Beer Floats
$20 per Couple ~ Trivia & Clips of the 50's
Child Care Provided - $5 per Child/$10 per Family

~~ Tickets will be available beginning March 16th ~~





Good Friday Service
Friday, April 18th
6:30 pm at Metropolitan Baptist Church



Easter Breakfast - April 20th
9:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall
Men!! Aaron Buchholz is looking for help with set-up and/or to help cook and serve breakfast.
There is a sign-up sheet at the Resource Center

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.

This Week

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

Monday, March 10
6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 11
1:00 pm Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Trustee Board Meeting
6:30 pm Deacon Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 12
12 am - 11:59 pm MBC Prays
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 March	85
Amount Needed Weekly	$6,115
February 23, 2025	$9,031
Online week of 2-23-2025	$335
March 2, 2025	$11,125
Online week of 03-02-2025	$448

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
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
20 - Easter/No Sunday School
22 - Quarterly Business Meeting
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel
Next Meeting March 30, 2025

Recognitions

Birthdays
No Birthdays this Week

Member of the Week
Patsy Souter

Caring Person for March
LeAnn Burrell

2:42 Groups

March

Sun. Mar. 9	12:15pm	Burrell @ MBC
Sun. Mar. 16	5:00pm	Svaleson
Thurs. March 20	6:00pm	Wolff

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Colossians 4:2-6

An Open Door

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