Morning Worship
March 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	"We Are So Blessed"	#795
Welcome / Announcements		Pastor Steve
Call to Worship		I Chronicles 16:23-34
Congregational Song of Praise		Praise Team
Call to Confession		Josh Svaleson
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 62
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory		
Children Dismissed for Children's Church		
Preparation Hymn		#737
"Like a River Glorious"		
Scripture		Numbers 14:5-10
Message		Pastor Jack
Lessons from Caleb		
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		I Peter 1:13-16

For Your Convenience…
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Sue M., Arlette B., Jan F.
Next Week's Volunteers - March 23 - Nancy H., Tammy & Caleb B.
Children's Church Volunteer Today - Patsy Souter
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, Eureka, SD
Pat (Jody) Russell, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Paul & Tanya Gericke (NAB Romania) - Paul and Tanya moved to Romania at the end of 2014 to help establish Camp Falcon Rock as a destination for students, churches, and leaders to be educated about spiritual, emotional, and physical health. Camp facilities are continuing to be built, and there is still work to be done to get the camp to its full capacity, but they have already seen God do amazing things in those who've visited the camp.
Pray for Paul and Tanya as they connect with and serve the local churches.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/paul-tanya-gericke/

Youth for Christ - YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to prayer and the Word of God, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement. Local Staff: Greg Everett, Executive Director; Danielle Beyer; Special Projects Coordinator; William Lawyer, Tim Brown and Tanner Drath, Ministry Staff.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Shan Reed
NAB Missionary to Japan
Since she began serving as a long-term missionary in Japan in 2001, Shan's ministry has included church planting, evangelism, and women's and youth ministries with the Japan Baptist Conference. She will be ending her timing as an NAB missionary at the end of this year, during which she will be visiting with supporters one last time to end things well.
Pray for Shan as she travels across North America; pray as well for this transition out of international missionary service.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/shan-reed

Youth News

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

Upcoming Events

March 23rd - Rend Collective Concert @ Bethel Church
Watch your email for details

"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.
- 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 last 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 last week. 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) **MBC Awana Club**

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!!

Announcements Continued

Upcoming Events at Park Christian School:
Preview Days - April 3rd & May 8th - current 1st-11th graders can come and shadow a student for the morning. 8:30-11:00 am
See posting on the entryway bulletin board for more details.




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 are available beginning today, 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**: Engagement & Events Specialist, Donor Relations Manager, Shelter Ministry Support Staff, Thrift Store Manager, Maintenance Associate, Recovery Ministry Advocate, Kitchen Associate, and 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.

Dear Church Family, We want to express our deepest gratitude for your prayers and unwavering support during the passing of our beloved mother and grandmother, Mary Nell Ray. Your kindness and care have been a tremendous source of comfort during this difficult time. Mary was a woman of deep faith, and her belief in Christ sustained her throughout her life. Knowing that you all have stood by us has uplifted our spirits more than words can express.
Thank you from the bottoms of our hearts, **The Degges Family**

March 30th - Colloquium with Pastor Jack - 5:30 pm

This Week

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 19
No Awana - Spring Break

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
March 2, 2025	$11,125
Online week of 03-02-2025	$448
March 9, 2025	$4,193
Online week of 3-9-2025	$20

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
March 17th - 21st

Upcoming Events

March 2025
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
Shiela Nitschke (Thursday)

Family of the Week
John & Arlette Buegel

Caring Person for March
LeAnn Burrell

2:42 Groups

March		
Sun. Mar. 16	5:00pm	Svaleson
Thurs. March 20	6:00pm	Wolff
April		
Sun. April13	12:15pm	Burrell @ MBC

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"If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them."
Numbers 14:8-9 ESV

Numbers 14:5-10

Lessons from Caleb

March 16, 2025
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