Morning Worship
March 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	"We Are So Blessed"	#795
Welcome / Announcements		Pastor Steve
Call to Worship		Psalm 34:1-3
Congregational Song of Praise		Praise Team
Call to Confession		Josh Svaleson
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 63
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory		
	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn		#225
	"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"	
Scripture		Exodus 20:8-11
Message		Pastor Steve
	A Time to Reflect	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Hebrews 4:14-16

For Your Convenience…
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Nancy H., Tammy & Caleb B.
Next Week's Volunteers - March 30 - Myndi F., Marcia & Heidi 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
Herreid Baptist, Herreid, SD
John (Marisa) Swann, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Kristi TenClay, NAB Missionary, Cameroon. Kristi has been serving in Cameroon since 2010, teaching missionary children and international students at Rain Forest International School in Yaoundé. She completed her role at RFIS in 2024 and has been doing a mini home assignment to visit supporting churches and figure out where God will next invite her to serve.
Pray for Kristi's travels, as well as her discernment process.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/kristi-tenclay

Amistad Worldwide - **Tracy Alin** - Tracy founded Amistad Worldwide in 2010. Amistad's main goal is to demonstrate the love of Christ and develop the potential and dignity of the world's poorest people who live on $1 a day or less. Their aim is to accomplish this by partnering with those working in the Third World to bring the Gospel and sustainable solutions to poverty such as sponsorship and empowerment of orphans and widows, providing education and jobs, and placing clean water wells in impoverished villages. They currently work in 3 countries: India, Nepal, and Uganda.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Julie Stone
NAB Missionary to Cameroon
After thirty-two years of faithful service, Dr. Julie Stone is retiring at the end of this month. During her time as an NAB missionary, she served in Cameroon, mostly focusing on teaching, but she also cared for patients.
Pray for Julie as she makes the transition into retirement.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/julie-stone

Youth News

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

Upcoming Events
Tonight
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 **Kourtney Kieffer's dad, Steven**. Following an infection, he had surgery to amputate his foot recently. Prayer for complete healing, and endurance for rehabilitation.
- Be in prayer for **Tammy Kost, and the Vosika family**. **Tammy's brother, Dennis Vosika** was the victim of a fatal stabbing at a convenience store in Mankato, MN earlier this week. Pray for comfort and peace for Tammy, Jay, Anders, and Brennan, and the entire Vosika family in the aftermath of this tragedy.

MBC Church Family Praise

- Praise for God's grace and mercy, looking to what the Lord has for us in 2025!
- Praise the Lord! **Ron Degges' brother, Daniel**, came through his heart surgery well. He is at home and doing well. Thank you for all your prayers.
- Praise! **Claude Wahl's brother, Collin**, is doing much better. He is eating, drinking and is looking good.

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**

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 Event at Park Christian School:
Preview Day - April 3rd - 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 before and after SS & Worship ~~
Please submit a copy of your High School Graduation Picture to the church office by March 31st

"Spring into Crafting" - Crafting Weekend and Art Show @ MBC
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 11-13.
Fun, Fellowship, and Food!! More details coming soon.

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.

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**

Ladies - You are invited to a Women's Prayer Retreat!
Facilitated by Bonnie Lund
Friday, 3pm until Saturday afternoon, May 30th & 31st, at Crystal Springs Camp. Please RSVP on the signup sheet at the Resource Center or contact the church office by March 30th. Flyers, with details, were put in your mailboxes last week, or there are a few at the Resource Center.

March 30th - Colloquium with Pastor Jack - 5:30 pm - Questions & Answers

This Week

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 26
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	93
Amount Needed Weekly	$6,115
March 9, 2025	$4,193
Online week of 3-9-2025	$20
March 16, 2025	$8,061
Online week of 3-16-2025	$307

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 . . ."

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
Camille Heuer (Today)
DelRaye Meckle (Wednesday)
Dana Bluel (Friday)

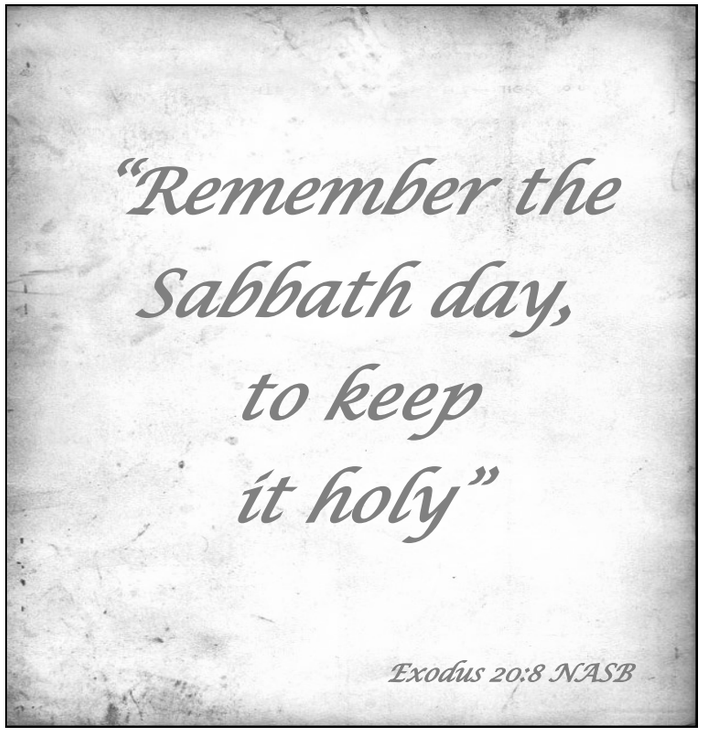
Family of the Week
Bill & Cindy Savage

Caring Person for March
LeAnn Burrell

2:42 Groups

March		
Thurs. March 27	6:00pm	Wolff
April		
Sun. April 13	12:15pm	Burrell @ MBC
Sun. April 27	5:00pm	Svaleson

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Exodus 20:8-11

A Time to Reflect

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