Morning Worship
April 6, 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	"Why Should He Love Me So?"	#325
Welcome / Announcements		Pastor Steve
Call to Worship		Matthew 26:17-29
Communion Hymn	"Come to the Table"	#464
Call to Confession		Pastor Jack
Communion		Pastor Jack/Deacons
Hymn	"Were You There?"	#315
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 65
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory		
	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn		#686
	"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"	
Scripture		James 1:1-8
Message		Pastor Jack
	Suffering Well	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		II Thessalonians 2:16-17

For Your Convenience…
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Sue M., Jared & Kristen M.
Next Week's Volunteers - April 13 - Arlette B., TBD
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
First Baptist, Plevna, MT
Jason (Christy) Castleberry, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Shan Reed, NAB Missionary, 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. She will be leaving Japan April 10th.
Pray for Shan as she travels across North America; pray as well for this transition out of international missionary service.
For more information, visit www.nabonmission.org/missionaries/shan-reed.

Cru (Todd & Kamaya Singer) - Cru offers spiritual guidance, resources and programs tailored for people from all cultures in every walk of life through many diverse outreaches. Todd and Kamaya joined CRU full time in 2011. They believe college students are at a place that is very vulnerable with so many things fighting for their hearts and minds…also believe that college is the perfect time to give them an opportunity to know Jesus. Currently they work with college students on campuses in and around Grand Forks.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Micah & Rebecca Brookhart
Garden City Church in Prince George, British Columbia
Planting out of College Heights Baptist Church, Garden City officially launched in September 2024, and they are already seeing stories of God's redemption and renewal at work in the lives of people. There is a great influx of new believers and unbelievers coming to Garden City regularly.
Pray for God to raise up strong spiritual leaders and for financial provision..
For more information go to: thegardencitychurch.ca

Youth News

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

Upcoming Events
April 13th
Youth Group at Church
5:00 - 7:30 pm

"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, Steven Kieffer, Kathleen Preston, and Joan Frey. Pray for peace, comfort, continued strength, and healing in each of their circumstances.
- Be in prayer for **Tammy Kost, and the Vosika family**, **Tammy's brother, Dennis Vosika** passed away March 18th. Pray for comfort and peace for Tammy, Jay, Anders, and Brennan, and the entire Vosika family in their mourning.

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. 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 $2,389; including funds from the Missions Board. This will allow about four African schools to obtain Awana curriculum and receive Awana training.
Thank you to everyone for donating to such a worthy cause!!
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!!

Upcoming Event at Park Christian School:
Preview Day - 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.

Announcements Continued

"Spring into Crafting" - Crafting Weekend and Art Show @ MBC
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 11-13, 4 pm and beyond
Fun, Fellowship, and Food!!
Meals will be potluck - so bring something to share
Card Making with Dawn Diede - Friday evening
See sign up sheet at the Resource Center
Also . . . Watch your emails for additional projects,
or bring your own projects to work on in the company of fellow crafters.
Also, **MBC's Art Show** is returning;
Showcasing the many talented people of MBC!
Bring your art, needle work, etc. anytime after 4pm on Friday.
It will be displayed until Sunday, April 13th - pick up after the Worship Service
Join us for a weekend of Fun, Food, and Fellowship!!

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.

AWANA AWARD PROGRAM
WEDNESDAY, May 14th at 6:30pm
Please join us as the Clubbers receive their awards for 2024-2025

Crystal Springs Camp - 2025 Summer Staff needed . . . Looking for high school and college aged individuals to serve as summer staff. Make new friends, grow in your faith, and see God move in mighty ways. Volunteers are needed too!! Go to www.csbcamp.org for job descriptions and application forms.

This Week

Today
9:15 am Fellowship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship
12:15 pm Burrell 2:42 Group

Monday, April 7
6:45 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 8
1:00 pm Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Trustee Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 9
6-6:25 pm Awana Check-in
6:25-8:10 pm Awana

Friday, April 11 - Sunday, April 13
Crafting Weekend & Art Show

Saturday, April 12
12am-11:59 pm MBC Prays

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	
Amount Needed Weekly	$6,115
March 23, 2023	$1,425
Online week of 3-23-2025	$181
March 30, 2025	$4,792
Online week of 3-30-2025	$1,387

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

April 2025
6 - Communion
8 - Trustee Meeting
11-13 - Crafting Weekend &
Art Show @ MBC
12 - MBC Prays
13 - Palm Sunday
18 - Good Friday Service
20 - Easter Breakfast /No SS
22 - Quarterly Business Meeting
May 2025
3 - Spring Cleaning Day @ MBC
4 - Communion
6 - O&E Board Meeting
7 - Awana Carnival
12 - MBC Prays
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel
Next Meeting April 27, 2025

Recognitions

Birthdays
Gardner McKeon (Monday)
LoRae Rakoczy (Wednesday)

Family of the Week
Tom & LoRae Rakoczy

Caring Person for April
LoRae Rakoczy

2:42 Groups

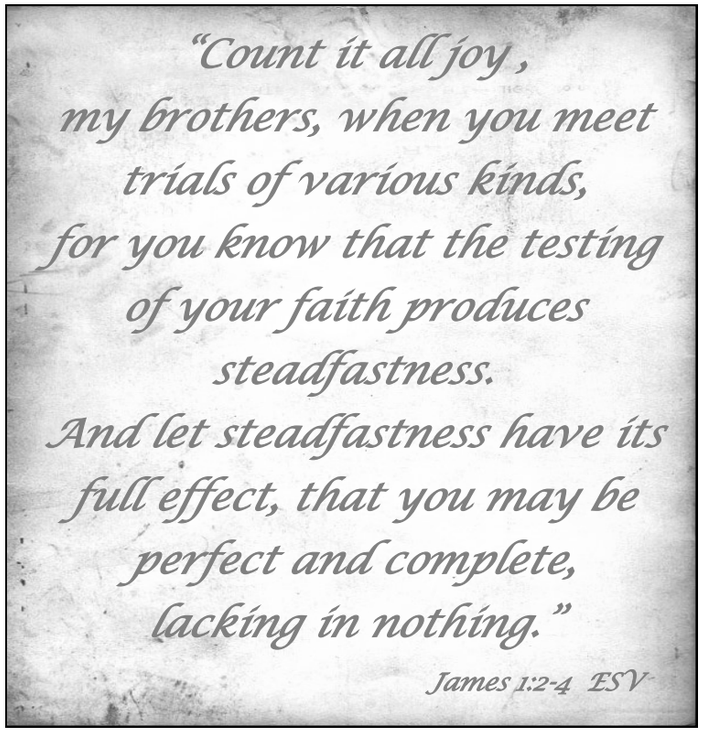
April

Sun. April 6	12:15pm	Burrell @ MBC
Thurs. April 10	6:00pm	Wolff
Sun. April 27	5:00pm	Svaleson

Pastor Steve will be out of the office
April 8th - 18th

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James 1:1-8

Suffering Well

April 6, 2025
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