Morning Worship
April 27, 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		Revelation 5:11-13
Congregational Song of Praise		Praise Team
Call to Confession		Clayton Harsch
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 68
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory		
	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn		#368
	"He Lives"	
Scripture		Acts 22:1-22
Message		Pastor Jack
	Boldness in the Face of Danger	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Hebrews 13:20-21

For Your Convenience…
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Myndi F., Jan F., Abbie B.
Next Week's Volunteers - May 4 - Sue M., Josh & Marissa S.
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
Ashley Baptist, Ashley, ND
Jason (Kris) Haas, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Craig & Maureen Moody (NAB Cameroon): Craig and Maureen have served as missionaries in Cameroon in a variety of capacities throughout the years. Though they moved back to Canada last year, Maureen continues to serve remotely in the role of field director for Cameroon.
Pray for Maureen as she tackles the role of field director from half a world away.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/maureen-moody

Child Evangelism Fellowship - CEF of Fargo/Moorhead is the local chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship that seeks to reach children in the Fargo, Moorhead, Dilworth, and West Fargo areas with the gospel of Jesus Christ and establish them in a local church and the Word of God for Christian growth. They hold Camp Good News camps during the summer. The new Ministry Coordinator is Michelle Brown, working full-time and running programs. Michelle and her husband Mike have 4 children. They previously served in Ecuador as missionaries. She has a passion and love for sharing the gospel and Christ's love with children and getting to pour into volunteers and staff. In January of 2024, Doug Sikkink took a role as part-time State Director of CEF, and is still the local CEF Director for the FM area.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Chris & Laurie Finchum
CityWalk Church in Yuba City, California
For twenty years, Chris and Laurie prayed for God to send people to plant life-giving churches in Yuba City, Laurie's hometown. The Holy Spirit prompted them while visiting family there in 2016 that they were the people they had been praying for. Citywalk is a church that seeks to walk people into a growing relationship with Jesus, whether they are a long-time follower or just investigating faith.
Pray for the continued impact of the second campus they launched that recently celebrated its one-year anniversary.
For more information go to: citywalkchurch.com

Youth News

SNAG
SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH

Watch your emails for upcoming events and 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, Darlene Wahl, Glenn Burrell, Steven Kieffer, Kathleen Preston, and Joan Frey.** Pray for peace, comfort, continued strength, and healing in each of their circumstances.

MBC Church Family Praise

- **We serve a Risen Savior!!**
- Praise! **LoRae Rackoczy's dad's, Larry Crooks**, pacemaker procedure went well. He will be in rehab for a while. Continue to pray for strength and healing.

Announcements

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.

Requests for **Summer Camp Scholarships for Crystal Springs Camp** need to be turned in to the CE Board by today, **Sunday, April 27th.**
Forms are available from the church office and should be placed in the CE mailbox in a sealed envelope.

Spring Work Day at MBC ! ***Saturday, May 3rd, 8 am - 12 noon.*** Come join us for a morning of church beautification, fellowship, and of course … coffee, juice and donuts.



A few things to be done: clean windows, gutters, yard area, dusting, or whatever the Trustees come up with.
Hope to see you there!



Announcements Continued



2025 Women's Brunch
"Where Is Your Treasure?"
Saturday, May 10th, 10:30am - MBC Fellowship Hall
Brunch ~ Devotional ~ Music ~ Make & Take Craft
Sign up available at the Resource Center - by May 7th
Adults $10 ~ 12 & under $5 ~ at the door
Invite relatives, friends, or neighbors to join you!

AWANA AWARDS 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.

2025 Summer Camps @ Crystal Springs Baptist Camp
True North (Boys) - Students completing grades 7-8
June 1-4 (registrations due 5/19)
True North (Girls) - Students completing grades 7-8
June 4-7 (registrations due by 5/21)
Junior High Camp - Students completing grades 6-8
June 16-21 (registrations due by 6/2)
Explorers Camp - Students completing grades 2-3
June 29 - July 2 (registrations due by 6/16)
Family I Camp - July 3-6 (registrations due by 6/19)
Pathfinders Camp - Students completing grades 4-5
July 7-11 (registrations due by 6/23)
Family II Camp - July 18-20 (registrations due by 7/4)
Senior High Camp - Students completing grades 9-12
July 21-26 (registrations due by 7/7)
Adventurers Camp - Students completing grades 5-6
July 28 - Aug 1 (registrations due by 7/14)

Men of MBC . . . Starting **June 2nd** at 6:30 pm ~ Join us for the 2nd Annual **"Mondays in the Summer"** meeting of the Dead Theologians Reading Society, reading through **J.I. Packer's** book, **"A Quest For Godliness."**
Sign up at the Resource Center by May 18th

Discover MBC Class: Saturday, May 31st, at MBC, 9am-noon
New to Metropolitan? Interested in learning more about MBC? Then this would be the class for you! If you are looking for more information or how to become a member, please see Pastor Steve or sign up at the Resource Center.

May is Foster Care Awareness Month, and at **Nexus-PATH Family Healing** there are lots of ways to help when and where you can in foster care. To learn more, contact them at NPH-info@nexuspath.org or visit their website at NexusPath.org Your next step could be the start of a healing journey for a child.

This Week

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

Wednesday, April 30
6-6:25 pm Awana Check-in
6:25-8:10 pm Awana

Saturday, May 3
8am-noon Spring Cleaning Day at MBC

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 April	96
Amount Needed Weekly	$6,115
April 13, 2025	$3,135
Online week of 4-13-2025	$511
April 20, 2025	$3,509
Online week of 4-20-2025	$316

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

May 2025
3 - Spring Cleaning Day @ MBC
4 - Communion
6 - O&E Board Meeting
7 - Awana Carnival
10 - Women's Brunch
12 - MBC Prays
13 - Board Meetings
14 - Awana Awards Program
25 - No Sunday School
26 - Memorial Day
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel
Next Meeting June 29, 2025

Recognitions

Birthdays
Savannah Mavis (Wednesday)
Willa Mavis (Wednesday)
Linda Moser (Saturday)
Tom Rakoczy (Saturday)

Family of the Week
Ron, Susan, and Carmen Degges

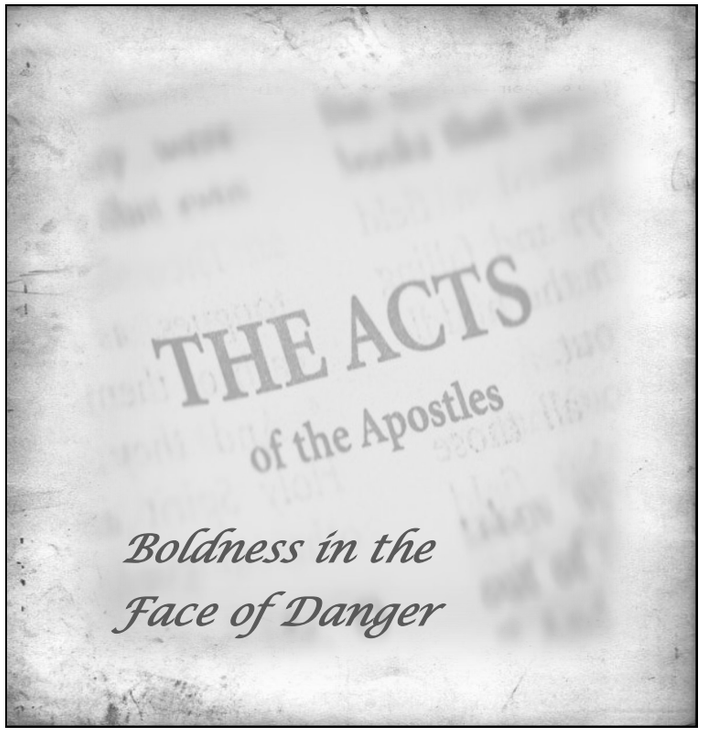
Caring Person for May
Sherry Buchholz

2:42 Groups

April
Sun. April 27 5:00pm Svaleson
May
Thurs. May 1 6:00pm Wolff

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