Morning Worship
May 4, 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	"So Send I You"	#440
Welcome / Announcements		Pastor Steve
Call to Worship		John 6:53-58
Communion Hymn	"Come to the Table"	#464
Call to Confession		Pastor Jack
Communion		Pastor Jack/Deacons
Hymn	"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"	#591
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 69
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory		
	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn		#630
	"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"	
Scripture		Acts 22:22-29
Message		Pastor Jack
	Portrait of a Faithful Citizen	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Numbers 6:24-26

For Your Convenience…
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Sue M., Josh & Marissa S..
Next Week's Volunteers - May 11 - Kristen M., Heldur & Kathy H.
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
Immanuel Baptist, Beulah, ND
Jeremy (Sara) Nelson, Sr. Pastor
Toby (Courtney) Haas, Assoc. Pastor of Youth & Family Discipleship (July/Aug. 2025)

MBC Supported Missions

Rick & Debbie Bardin (NAB Cameroon): Rick and Debbie serve at Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Bamenda, Cameroon. Rick is a board-certified medical doctor in Internal Medicine and Pathology, and Debbie is a staff nurse. Praise God that the Pathology Lab, where Rick works, recently hired two new staff, who are being trained, and purchased new equipment to facilitate faster turnaround on pathology slides.
Pray the patients at Mbingo to be able to get to the hospital for the care they need and for the light of Christ be evident to all.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/dr-rick-debbie-bardin

Baptist Health Care Center, Bismarck, ND Pray for Baptist Health Care Center; who has provided care to their residents for over 75 years. Uphold the 140 residents who either have skilled nursing, rehab or memory care needs. Pray for the staff: Administrator, Deanna Berg; Chaplains, Merle Hoots and Don Schmidt; Director of Nursing, unknown at this time; Business Administrator, Fern Lindteigen; and the other 250 staff who look after the needs of the residents.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Lyndell Campbell-Réquia
NAB Seminary Professor in Brazil
Lyndell serves at Rio Grande do Sul Baptist Theological Seminary in Porto Alegre; in addition, she has also recently begun teaching at a new Baptist seminary. Through significant work on Lyndell's part, Kairos University has partnered with the Rio Grande do Sul seminary to run cohorts in Portuguese, which opens up theological education to a larger number of pastors and leaders. Lyndell is married to Paulo, a Brazilian national who serves with TeachBeyond and as a local pastor.
Pray for the transition phase teaching at two seminaries will go well and that the Lord will guide her as she trains the students.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/lyndell-campbell

Youth News

SNAG
SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH

Youth Group
Today ~ 5:00 - 7:30 pm
at 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.
- Be in prayer for **Mark Frey's mother, Joan**, as she was hospitalized this week, following a platelet infusion for the treatment of Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

MBC Church Family Praise

- **We serve a Risen Savior!!**
- Praise! **LoRae Rakoczy'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.



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

Announcements Continued

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.

Congratulations to our 2025 High School Graduate!!
Joslyn McKeon - Park Christian School

Again this Summer - **SACK LUNCH Sundays** - **June 22nd & *July 20th*** after church. Think of it as a picnic, indoors, without the ants!! You are invited to bring your own food and enjoy the fellowship of others instead of eating by yourself. Mingle with those you know & meet those you don't know! Coffee and juice will be provided.

Park Christian School is a growing, thriving K-12 Christian school serving over 600 students. We are looking for passionate, motivated teachers and professionals to join our expanding staff in our mission "to equip students to think biblically, live wisely, and serve faithfully." Visit the website at https://www.parkchristianschool.org/about/employment for details and application.

This Week

Today

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

Wednesday, May 7
6:30 - 7 pm Awana Awards Program **Practice**
7 - 8:10 pm Awana Carnival

Saturday, May 10
10:30 am Women's Brunch

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	93
Amount Needed Weekly	$6,115
April 20, 2025	$3,509
Online week of 4-20-2025	$316
April 27, 2025	$6,365
Online week of 4-27-2025	$480

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
4 - Communion
6 - O&E Board Meeting
7 - Awana Carnival
10 - Women's Brunch
12 - MBC Prays
13 - Board Meetings
14 - Awana Awards Program
18 - Graduation Recognition
25 - No Sunday School
26 - Memorial Day
31 - Discover MBC Class
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel
Next Meeting June 29, 2025

Recognitions

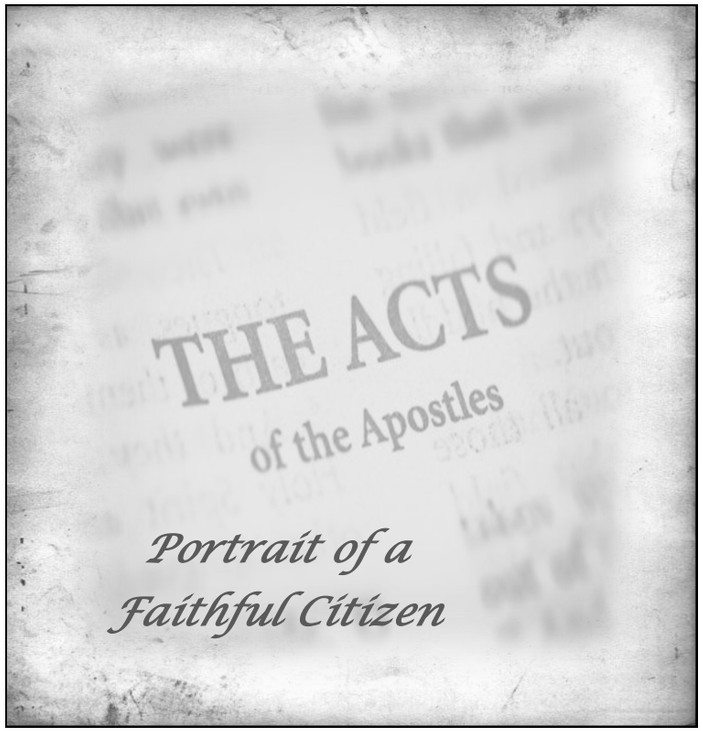
Birthdays
Kristen Mavis (Monday)
Pastor Jack Bluel (Monday)
Elijah Wolhart (Tuesday)
Carol Hudelson (Wednesday)

Member of the Week
Morris Peterson

Caring Person for May
Sherry Buchholz

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Acts 22:22-29

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