Morning Worship
May 11, 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
Mother's Day Presentations		C.E. Board
Missions Moment		Janet Kirsch - Awana
Call to Worship	I Corinthians 1:23, Romans 11:33-36	
Congregational Song of Praise		Praise Team
Call to Confession		Josh Svaleson
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 70
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn	"Happy Our Home When God Is There"	#453
Scripture		Genesis 2:18-25
Message	The Blessing of Marriage	Pastor Jack
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Romans 15:5-6,13

For Your Convenience…
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Kristen M., Heldur & Kathy H.
Next Week's Volunteers - May 18 - Arlette B., Jennifer K., Jadyn F.
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
Baptist Health and Rehab, Bismarck, ND
Deanna Berg, Exec. Dir.; Merle (Dianne) Hoots, Chaplain;
Perry (Cynthia) Schnabel, Asst. Chaplain

MBC Supported Missions

Jim & Lisa Black, Converge Missionaries , partnering with NAB, Sub-Saharan Africa - Jim has served as Regional Director for Converge for many years; but as of the end of 2023, he will take on the leadership of an initiative in Nigeria. Jim will be traveling to Nigeria one month out of each quarter, to interact directly with two major ethic groups in eastern Nigeria to make disciples who will make disciples. He will still be working with Converge, but in this different capacity. Continue to pray for this ongoing ministry to a people group where the resistance to the gospel has grown stronger.
Email: Jimb@converge.org or for more information go to: www.converge.org/missionary/jim-lisa-black

Crystal Springs Baptist Camp - This camp combines both good clean fun with sound Christian teaching in a beautiful lake side setting. Located 65 miles east of Bismarck, Crystal Springs is an oasis in the midst of North Dakota's gently rolling plains. It was founded in 1954 with a special purpose in mind: Present the love of Jesus Christ to all who attend, and invite each to have a personal relationship with Him. The camp welcomed 2800 campers between the months of May and August 2024. Be in prayer for the upcoming 2025 camping season.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Vern & Gloria Wagner
NAB Missionaries in Romania
After retiring as NAB missionaries in 2022, Vern and Gloria Wagner have returned to Camp Falcon Rock for one year of service. In addition to jumping back into helping to continue develop the camp and work with the staff serving the campers, the Wagners have enjoyed rekindling relationships with local churches and others in the communities surrounding Camp Falcon Rock.
Pray for the leadership transition of the camp at the end of summer when both the Wagners and Paul & Tanya Gericke finish out their time as NAB missionaries.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/vern-and-gloria-wagner

Youth News

SNAC
SUNDAY NIGHT AFTER CHURCH

Youth Group
Next Sunday, May 18th ~ 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 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.
- Continue in prayer for **Mark Frey's mother, Joan**, as she was hospitalized last 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 is in rehab; continue to pray for strength and healing.

Announcements

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

Discover MBC Class: Saturday, May 31st, at MBC, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
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.

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

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.

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)



Congratulations to our 2025 High School Graduate!!
Joslyn McKeon - *Park Christian School*
Open House - Saturday, May 24th, 6-9 pm
1522 6th Ave. S., Moorhead

Back 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.

Want to help out and show the love of Jesus to our community?
"City Serve" week is June 2nd-7th and open for individuals or groups to sign up at www.cityservend.org. Choose Fargo from the drop down menu. Help move the "Child Evangelism" office, work at the "Emergency Food Pantry" or "New Life Center Thrift Store" on 52nd Ave. S., do outdoor landscaping at "Elim Care Center", help in detailing and maintenance at "Fix It Forward," or deliver for "Meals on Wheels," just to name a few.
Many more projects are on the website, so sign up today before your favorite one is full.

This Week

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

Monday, May 12
12 am - 11:59 pm MBC Prays

Tuesday, May 13
6:00 pm Trustee Board Mtg.
6:30 pm Deacon Board Mtg.

Wednesday, May 14
6:30 pm Awana Awards Program

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 May	92
Amount Needed Weekly	$6,115
April 27, 2025	$6,365
Online week of 4-27-2025	$480
May 4, 2025	$5,267
Online week of 5-4-2025	$129

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
12 - MBC Prays
13 - Board Meetings
14 - Awana Awards Program
18 - Graduation Recognition
25 - No Sunday School
26 - Memorial Day
31 - Discover MBC Class

June 2025
1 - Communion
1-4 - True North Boys Camp @ CSBC
3 - O&E Board Meeting
4-7 - True North Girls Camp @ CSBC
10 - Board Meetings
12 - MBC Prays
16-21 - Jr. High Camp @ CSBC
22 - Sack Lunch Sunday
6/29-7/2 - Explorers Camp @ CSBC
29 - Colloquium with Pastor Jack
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel
Next Meeting June 29, 2025

Recognitions

Birthdays
No Birthdays This Week

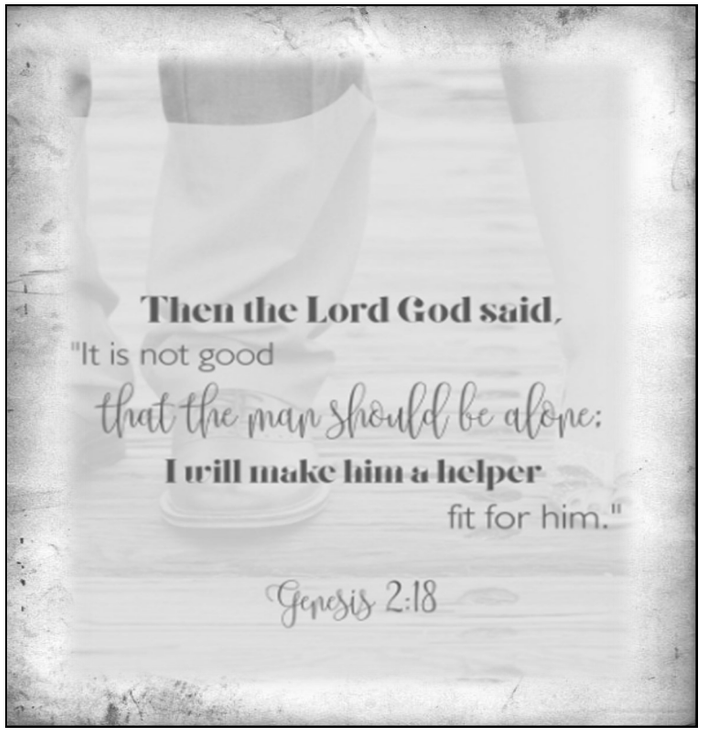
Family of the Week
Dennis, Dawn, and Evan Diede

Caring Person for May
Sherry Buchholz

Pastor Steve will be out of the Office
May 16 - 19

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Genesis 2:18-25

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