Morning Worship
May 18, 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		Aaron Buchholz
Graduation Recognition		C.E. Board
	Joslyn McKeon	
Call to Worship		Isaiah 55:1, 6-13
Congregational Song of Praise		Praise Team
Church in Confession		Clayton Harsch
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 71
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory		
	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn		#596
	"I Surrender All"	
Scripture		Acts 22:30 - 23:11
Message		Pastor Jack
	Is Your Conscience Clean?	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		II Corinthians 13:11-14

For Your Convenience…
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Arlette B., Jennifer K., Jadyn F.
Next Week's Volunteers - May 25 - Nancy H., Janet & Ellie M.
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
Century Baptist, Bismarck, ND
Lead Pastor, open; Ethan (Heidi) Johnson, Exec. Pastor; Paul (Maxine) Herr, Adult Min.; Jason (Kristin) DuPaul, NexGen; Paul (Melissa) Ewing, Care; Danelle (Luke) Schlichenmayer, Elem. Min.; Melanie (Keith) Kost, Preschool Min.

MBC Supported Missions

Randy Schmor - NAB Gateway Director - Randy took over as the interim NAB Field Director for Hungary, replacing Ron and Jeannie Seck, who retired on December 31, 2023. He oversees the NAB Community Health Evangelism (CHE) teams who work in Hungary and north Serbia, and have done CHE projects in other parts of Central Europe and the Balkans. Pray as he continues in this new/additional role.
For more information go to: rschmor@nabconf.org

New Life Center - The New Life Center helps people who are homeless and hurting go from merely surviving to truly thriving. Their aim is to help them discover value and find hope, as a Christian multi-faceted emergency and crisis service center. Leadership Team: Rob Swiers, Exec. Dir.; Kevin Carpenter, Oper. Dir.; Billy Barnett, Program Dir.; Tim Kahnk, Social Enterprise Dir.; Andrea Feigum, Advancement Dir.; Sanjay Mendis, Finance Dir.; Stephanie Strum, Human Res. Dir.; Jennifer Swiers, Interim Donor Relations Mgr.; Tom O'Keefe, Donor Relations Mgr.; Daniel Miller, Recovery Services Mgr.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Charles & Haneeseah Stevens
Transformation Church in Sacramento, California
Transformation Church wants to walk alongside those in the journey of transformation. Charles Stevens, along with his wife Haneeseah and their two kids, planted the church in 2016 with the goal of being a ministry that outwardly demonstrates the Spirit that is inwardly directing us. After a multi-year struggle to find a building, they got a space all their own two years ago. Pray for the church as they seek to be a body of believers dedicated to helping transform the city for Christ.
For more information go to: www.sactransformation.com

Youth News

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

Youth Group
Today, 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, 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 recently, following a platelet infusion for the treatment of Acute Myeloid Leukemia.
- Pray for **Kevin Preston** and his brothers, following the death of their **mother, Kathleen**, last Saturday. Pray for peace and comfort.
- Be in prayer for **Arlyn Anderson and family**, as they await lab results relating to his liver.

MBC Church Family Praise

- **We serve a Risen Savior!!**
- Praise! **LoRae Rakoczy's dad's, Larry Crooks**, pacemaker procedure went well. He continues with rehab; pray for strength and healing.

Announcements

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 today, 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)

Summer Sunday School Classes will begin June 1st

Preschool - David C. Cook material - with Mr. & Mrs. Degges
K-5th - Gospel Project - with Marcia B., Tammy B., Jon & Ruth W.
Middle & High School - Studying the book of Judges - with Aaron Buchholz
Adults - Combined - View & discuss matters of three different videos:
The Essential Church, 1916 Project, & American Gospel Films - with Tom Rakoczy

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 "Fit 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**
5:00 pm	**Youth Group**

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	94
Amount Needed Weekly	$6,115
May 4, 2025	$5,267
Online week of 5-4-2025	$129
May 11, 2025	$2,853
Online week of 5-11-2025	$1,358

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 . . ."

Pastor Steve will be Out of the Office
May 19

Upcoming Events

May 2025
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
Abbie Bluel (Wednesday)
Kathy Hakk (Wednesday)
Bob Weier (Friday)

Family of the Week
Ron & Karen
Parrott

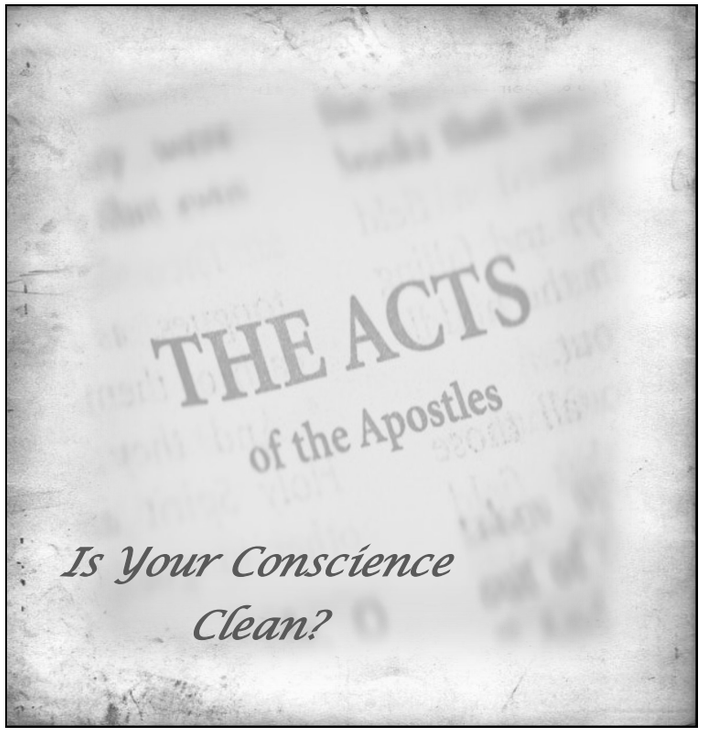
Caring Person for May
Sherry Buchholz



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

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Acts 22:30-23:11

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