# Morning Worship
# October 4, 2026

**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.

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| **Call to Gather** | "All the Glory Belongs to Jesus" | #172 |
| **Welcome / Announcements** | | Pastor Steve |
| **Church in Confession** | | Pastor Steve |
| **Call to Worship** | | |
| **Communion Hymn** | "Come to the Table" | #464 |
| **Communion** | | Pastor Steve/Deacons |
| **Congregational Songs of Praise** | | Praise Team |
| **Psalm Reading** | | Psalm 129 |
| **Church in Prayer** | | Josh Svaleson |
| **Offering /Offertory** | | |
| Children Dismissed for Children's Church | | |
| **Preparation Hymn** | "Just As I Am" | #488 |
| **Scripture** | | Luke 15:11-32 |
| **Message** | The True Elder Brother | Aaron Buchholz |
| **Closing Song** | | Praise Team |
| **Benediction** | | Luke 15:7 |

**For Your Convenience…**
**There is Nursery available for parents with small children.**
***Thanks to this week's Volunteers -Sue M., Jared M., Kristen M.,***
***Next Week's Volunteers -October 11- Arlette B., LeAnn B., Willow M.***
***Children's Church Volunteer Today - Tess H., Annabella H.***
**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**
**NCA Pastor, Staff and Spouse Retreat**, Bismarck, ND: October 16

**MBC Supported Missions**

**Alan & Judy Steier (Barnabas Int'l)** - The Steiers minister from their home in Delaware; closer to a daughter and family. They've used new ways to communicate over the past several years for their conversations with fellow missionaries and mission organizations; continuing to connect via email and video chats. Alan recently made a trip with other Barnabas International colleagues to Indonesia, taking Shepherd's Apprentice training to Indonesians who care for Indonesian workers sent out with the Good News. Twelve participants took part in the training. For more information see the Steier's recent newsletter in the Missionary Pouch in the entryway.

**Park Christian School -** A Christ-centered kindergarten through 12th grade school. Strong academics, competitive athletics, expressive fine arts, and inspiring Christian emphasis combine to provide a positive, nurturing environment where students prepare for success in college and in life. Chapels, class devotions, and a variety of Bible studies, service opportunities, and events inspire students in their walk with the Lord. Spiritual Emphasis Week (fall) and Spiritual Emphasis Day (spring) provide concentrated times of discovering biblical truth and life application. A student's experience includes an 80-hour Bible-practicum often igniting their ministry passion and use of their spiritual gifts.
See more at: http://www.parkchristianschool.org

**NAB Missionary of the Week**



Vern & Gloria Wagner
NAB Missionaries in Romania
After retiring as NAB missionaries in 2022, Vern and Gloria Wagner returned to Camp Falcon Rock for what was initially just one year of service, but they have opted to continue serving at the camp and with the people they love so dearly. Vern serves across the camp in various building and maintenance projects, while Gloria serves in the realm of housekeeping and hospitality. Pray for the Wagners as they spend time in Canada for the next few months. Pray for wisdom as they discern their next steps in ministry.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/vern-and-gloria-wagner

# Youth News

**Upcoming Youth Events**
**Today~Sunday October 4th** -
Youth Group at MBC - 5-7:30pm

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**Save the Date~MBC Youth Missions Trip Bazaar and Garage Sale**
**Friday, October 30 & Saturday, October 31**
The Youth Group will be having a Garage Sale/Bazaar to raise funds for their upcoming Missions Trip in 2027. Rooms 206 and 208 have tables set up for receiving Garage Sale items. Please keep big items at your residence until Thursday, October 29th.

# Prayer & Praise Items

*""Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."*
***Romans 12:12 ESV***

- Pray for **Cameroon** due to the civil unrest that continues. Pray for God to bring peace to the country.
- Pray for the **Russia-Ukraine** conflict. Pray for peace.
- Pray for **Israel, and the Middle East.** God's will be done. Pray for peace.
- Pray for the **leadership** of our country, states, and cities. 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.
- Pray for **Perry Kallis,** Pastor Steve and LeAnn's brother-in-law, his brain cancer has returned and he has been given less than a month to live. Pray for healing and for the family as they prepare for the future.

Continue in prayer for those in our church family, and others, facing health issues: **Morris Peterson, Arlene Franchuk, Sherry Buchholz, Kevin Preston, Gail Biby, Janet Kirsch, Arlene Palm, Ron Parrott, Darlene Wahl, and Joan Frey.** Pray for peace, comfort, continued strength, and healing in each of, their circumstances.

**MBC Church Family Praise**

- Praise that the kitchen cabinets and countertops have been put in.

# Announcements



**Monday Evening Ladies Bible Study**
6:45-8:15pm @ MBC- Bible Study based on the book
**"Colossians: Rooted in Hiim" by The Daily Grace Co**




**Tuesday Afternoon Ladies Bible Study**
1:00-2:30pm at MBC
Studying Kelly Minter's book:
**"NEHEMIAH: a heart that can break"**

**AWANA -**Wednesday Evenings
Check-In: 6-6:25pm Club Begins: 6:25pm
**Leaders and/or Listeners Needed: for T&T - see Janet Kirsch**
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## Announcements Continued

**2026 Missions Conference**

**Saturday, October 10th**
- 10:10am - Greg Everett & Youth for Christ - followed by lunch
- 1:00pm - Emily Kaiser & Down Home
- 2:30pm Mission Project - Operation Christmas Child
- 4:30pm Sadie Anderson & New Life Center - followed by supper

**Sunday, October 11th**
- 9:30am - Preschool - Regular Sunday School Class
  K-5th - with CEF
  Jr. & Sr. High, & Adults - with New Life Center
- 10:30am - Church Service with Greg Everett & Red River Youth for Christ
- 12:00 noon - **Pot Luck Lunch** for all and the Missionaries

***CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES (CEF) AND NURSERY AVAILABLE EACH DAY***

Sign Up Sheet for CEF is at the Resource Center




**Ladies Reading & Fellowship**
Thursday, **October 15th** @ 10am
**"A Lineage of Grace" by Francine Rivers**
**Five Stories of unlikely women who changed eternity.**
**October's Story will be "Unafraid: Mary" @ Patsy 's House-**

Ladies of MBC - **WMF** is looking for help to serve the meal for the **Oct 16th New Life Center Auxiliary Luncheon**, at the New life Center 2nd floor. We are asked to serve the meal (prepared by NLC Staff). There is a sign-up sheet at the Resource Center to indicate whether you can help serve. Volunteers requested to be at NLC by 11:30am. If you have any questions, please see Arlette B, Sue M, Camille H or Cindy S.

**Quarterly Business Meeting - Tuesday, October 20th, 7pm**
Elections & 2027 Budget
Reminder to Board Chairpersons -
2027 Budget requests due by **September 29**

Join Child Evangelism Fellowship for the **2026 Vision Dinner - A Life Impacted** - on **Thursday, October 22 at the Sanctuary Event Center. Doors open at 6 pm.** Come hear how a Life Impacted has a ripple effect in the community and how the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship impacts lives. There will be a plated dinner, inspiring testimonies, and a message by Neil Wockenfuss. Invite a friend! **RSVP by October 8th at ceffm.org .**

**Carrie Preston** would like to invite the church to join her on **Saturday, October 24th from 4-8pm in the MBC gym.** She will be celebrating her 50th birthday. She asks that you please **RSVP by Monday, October 19th.**

## This Week

**Today**

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| **9:15 am** | **Fellowship** |
| **9:30 am** | **Sunday School** |
| **10:30 am** | **Morning Worship** |
| **12:30 pm** | **Burrell 2:42 Group** |
| **12:30 pm** | **Svaleson/Wolhart 2:42** |

**Monday, October 5**
6:45pm Ladies Bible Study

**Tuesday, October 6**
1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study
6:30 pm O& E Board Meeting

**Wednesday, October 7**
6-6:25 pm Awana Check-in
6:25-8:10 pm Awana

**Saturday-Sunday, October 10-11**
Missions Conference

## Metropolitan Staff

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| Jack Bluel | Senior Pastor |
| Steve Burrell | Associate Pastor |
| Nancy Harsch | Worship Coordinator |
| Neal & Erica Anderson | Youth Coordinators |
| Tess Hotchkiss | Administrative Assistant |

Tess's Office Hours: Tues.-Fri 8:30am-3:00pm

## Attendance & Giving

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| Avg. Attendance for September | 94 |
| Amount Needed Weekly | $5,820 |
| September 20, 2026 | $4,116 |
| Online Week of 09-20-2026 | $109 |
| September 27, 2026 | $4,995 |
| Online Week of 09-27-2026 | $0 |

Pastor Jack will be out of the office September 30th-October 12th.

## Upcoming Events

**October**
4- Communion
6- O & E Board Meeting
10-11 Missions Conference
11-Evangelism Moments
12- MBC Prays
13-Trustees Board Meeting
13- Deacon Board Meeting
15- Ladies Reading & Fellowship
17-NCA Annual Meeting
20- Quarterly Business Meeting
23-25 Senior High Camp @CSBC
24- Carrie Preston Birthday Party
25- C.E. Board Meeting

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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel
Next Meeting October 25, 2026

## Recognitions

**Birthdays**
Caleb Mehl (Monday)
Tess Hotchkiss (Friday)

**Family of the Week**
Sean, Tess & Annabella Hotchkiss

**Caring Person for October**
Margaret Ptacek

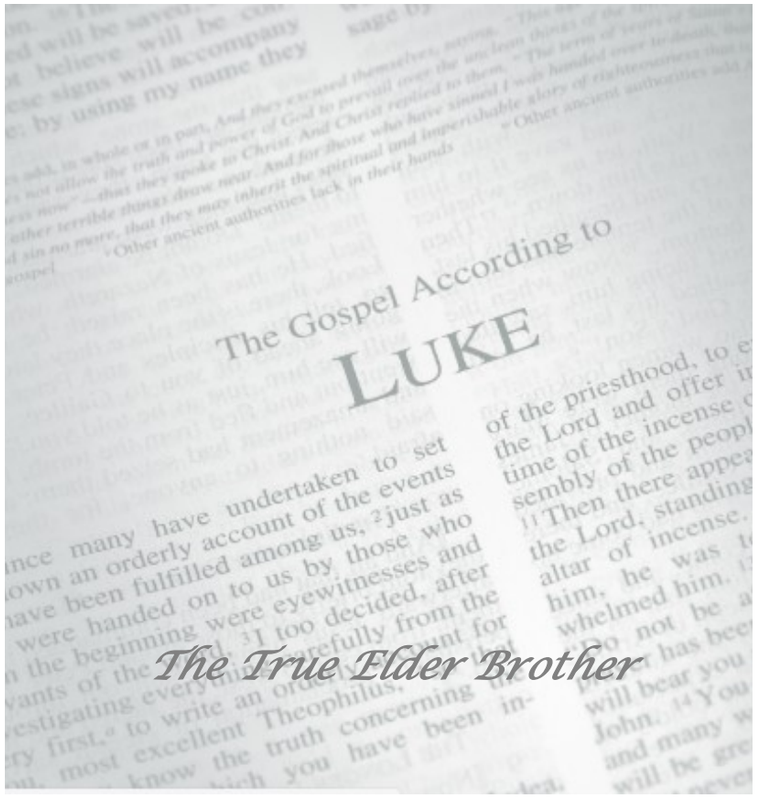
## 2:42 Groups

**September**

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| Thurs., Oct. 8 | 6:00pm | Wolff |
| Sun., Oct. 4 | 12:30pm | Burrell |
| Sun., Oct. 4 | 12:30pm | Svaleson/ Wolhart |

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## Luke 15:11-32

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