



Morning Worship

January 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.

Call to Gather "Each One, Reach One" #442

Welcome / Announcements Pastor Steve

Church in Confession Pastor Jack

Call to Worship John 10:27-30

Communion Hymn "Come to the Table" #464

Communion Pastor Jack/Deacons

Hymn "I Know Whom I Have Believed" #527

Congregational Songs of Praise Praise Team

Psalm Reading Psalm 102

Church in Prayer Pastor Jack

Offering /Offertory Children Dismissed for Children's Church

Preparation Hymn #3

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Scripture Romans 1:1

Message Pastor Jack

The Apostle to the Gentiles

Closing Song Praise Team

Benediction I Timothy 1:17

For Your Convenience...

There is Nursery available for parents with small children.

Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Jared & Kristen M.

Next Week's Volunteers - January 11 - Sue M., LeAnn B., & Willow M.

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

NCA Churches in Transition

Seeking a lead Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Paul & Tanya Gericke - NAB Romania - After more than a decade of living in Romania to help establish Camp Falcon Rock as a destination for students, churches, and leaders to be educated about spiritual, emotional, and physical health, Paul & Tanya are finished out their time as NAB missionaries in August. Up until then, they helped to run summer camps as usual. Pray for their transition, now that they've left Romania; to reintegrate well back into Canadian life. Paul shared with us during this past year's Mission Conference.

For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/paul-tanya-gericke

Youth for Christ - YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to prayer and the Word of God, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement. Local Staff: Greg Everett, Executive Director; Danielle Beyer; Special Projects Coordinator; William Lawyer, Tim Brown and Tanner Drath, Ministry Staff.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Lindsey Gelinis

NAB Missionary to Japan

Lindsey is among the newest NAB missionaries, assigned to serve in Japan. She first felt God calling her to life-long missionary service overseas during her first mission trip, which was to Tijuana, Mexico. Since graduating in 2023, she has been serving at local NAB churches in Edmonton, Alberta, mostly recently with the youth at Southwest Community Church, where she will continue to serve until she leaves for Japan, which is planned for 2027.

Pray for Lindsey's efforts to gather churches, families, and individuals who are willing to pray for and support her financially.

For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/lindsey-gelinis/

Youth News

MBC Family & Friends:

Please consider hosting a

Youth Group Supper

Sunday evenings, 5:00 - 7:30pm.
A schedule is posted on the
Youth Bulletin Board
for the opportunity to sign up.

Thank You!!



"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!!

Upcoming Youth Events

Watch your emails for details
of upcoming events



Annual Business Meeting & Lunch - January 18, 2026

following the Morning Service, Meeting @ 1pm

Each family is asked to bring a main dish to share.

Families A - K bring a salad ~ L - Z bring a dessert

Serving Group 1 will help serve and Group 4 will help with clean up.

Annual Reports are due to the office by **Wednesday, January 7th**

... Trustee Board

Prayer & Praise Items

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people."

I Timothy 2:1 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**. God's will be done. Pray for peace and 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, Larry Crooks, Arlene Palm, Karen Parrott, Ron Parrott, Kevin Preston, Jacque Ulstad, Darlene Wahl, Waltraut Wolff, Elmer Ackerman, Tammy Bluel, Linda Moser, Bob Weier, Glenn Burrell, Steven Kieffer, and Joan Frey.** Pray for peace, comfort, continued strength, and healing in each of their circumstances.
- Pray for **Karen Parrott**; she had hip replacement surgery on Friday, Jan 2nd. Pray for a quick recovery and complete healing.

MBC Church Family Praise

- Praise for this season of celebrating the Birth of our Savior and the Worship of our Lord!
- Praise for the birth of Kevin & Carrie Preston's granddaughter, Roselyn Marie, December 23rd in West Virginia.

Announcements

For anyone interested in Baptism - Pastor Jack will be having an informational meeting after worship, 12:30pm, **today, January 4th** in the Chapel. If you have any questions, see Pastor Jack. Baptismal Class is required for children prior to baptism.

**Remember to pick up your Christmas cards
from your mailbox in the back hallway**

Please check out the SAMPLE 2026 Directory at the Resource Center.

See sign for more details - or ask Sue Mavis. Thank You!



Announcements Continued

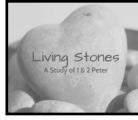


Leaders and/or Listeners Needed - see Janet Kirsch

NCFCA Christian Speech & Debate Tournament - January 15-17, 2026
at Salem Church, 1111 30th Ave. So., Moorhead, MN - Moorhead, MN Qualifier
Volunteers needed to judge, No previous experience needed, Training provided
The Bluel and Anderson families are both involved in this event.
Questions: moorheadjudges@ncfca.org



Ladies Daytime Bible Study
Tuesday afternoons, 1:00-2:30pm at MBC, beginning **January 6th**
Studying Lisa Whittle's, "Body & Soul"
There is a sign-up sheet at the Resource Center



Women's Bible Study beginning **January 12th @ MBC**
Monday evenings, 6:45 - 8:15pm
"Living Stones: A Study of 1 & 2 Peter" by Michelle Lesley
There is a sign-up sheet at the Resource Center

2026 Feed My Starving Children, FargoMobile Pack
February 22nd - 28th at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds
To Volunteer or Donate go to <https://fargopack.org>
which began December 11th
Please register yourselves; as a family, group or individual



Upcoming Events at Park Christian School:

- **Preview Day** - January 15th - current 1st-11th graders can come shadow a student for the morning. 8:30-11:00 am
- **Kindergarten Exploration Days** - Jan. 22nd, Feb. 19th, and March 10th - hands on events for incoming kindergarten students and their parents. 5-6 pm
See postings on the entryway bulletin board for more details.

There are Registration Forms/Flyers from **Crystal Springs Baptist Camp**
at the Resource Center for the following **2026 Winter Retreats**:
Arctic Blast - 4th & 5th Graders - February 20th-21st, reg. due 2/6
Crafting Retreat - March 6th-8th reg. due 2/20
Winter SOULstice - 6th - 8th Graders - March 13th-15th, reg. due 2/26

This Week

Today
No Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship

Tuesday, January 6

1pm Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, January 7

6-6:25 pm Awana Check-in
6:25-8:10 pm Awana
Annual Reports Due Today

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 December	86
Amount Needed Weekly	\$5,777
December 21, 2025	\$4,413
Online week of 12-21-2025	\$20
December 28, 2025	\$2,557
Online week of 12-28-2025	\$49

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

January 2026

- 4 - No Sunday School
- 4 - Communion
- 6 - O & E Board Meeting
- 7 - Annual Reports Due
- 12 - MBC Prays
- 13 - Board Meetings
- 18 - Annual Meeting w/ Lunch following Worship

February 2026

- 1 - Communion
- 3 - O & E Board Meeting
- 10 - Board Meetings
- 12 - MBC Prays

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

### Recognitions

#### Birthdays

Marcia Becker (Today)  
Nancy Harsch (Wednesday)  
Everson Svaleson (Thursday)

#### Family of the Week

Jon, Ruth, Gideon,  
Selah, & Elijah Wolhart

#### Caring Person for January

Tess Hotchkiss

Pastor Steve's part time office hours  
will begin this week:  
Tuesday - Thursday

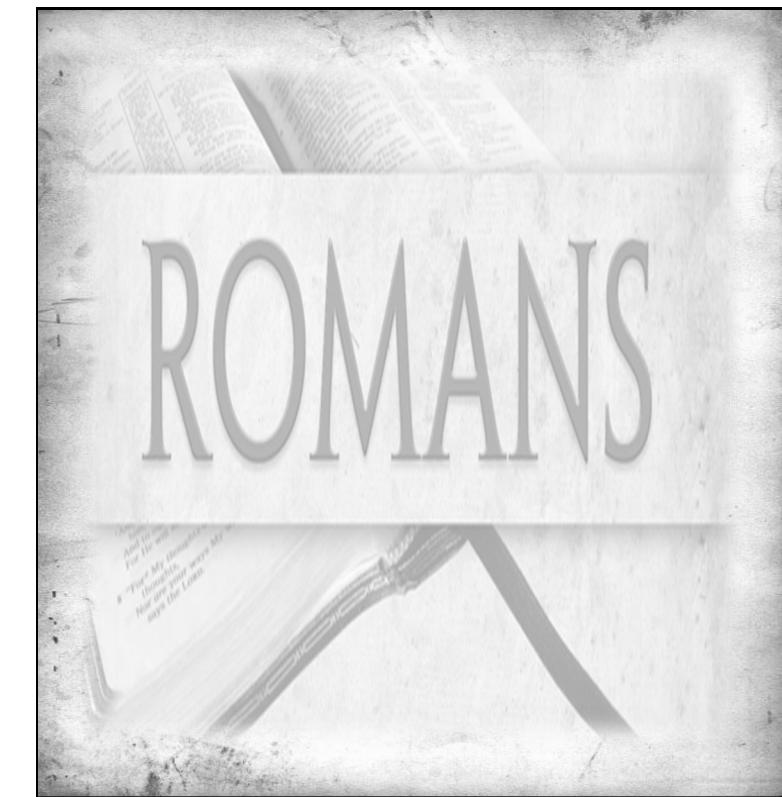


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*Romans 1:1*



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