



Morning Worship

January 11, 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	
Mission Moments	Chris Nellermoe, Park Christian School	
Church in Confession	Clayton Harsch	
Call to Worship	I Chronicles 29:10-13	
Congregational Songs of Praise	Praise Team	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 103	
Church in Prayer	Pastor Jack	
Offering /Offertory	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn	#438	
	"Jesus Saves!"	
Scripture	Romans 1:1-7	
Message	Pastor Jack	
Closing Song	Praise Team	
Benediction	Psalm 89:1, 52	

For Your Convenience...

There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Sue M., LeAnn B. & Willow M.
Next Week's Volunteers - January 18 - Arlette B., Jon & Ruth W.
Children's Church Volunteer Today - Heldur & Kathy 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

McIntosh Baptist, McIntosh, SD
 Audie (Wendy) Brockel, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Becky and Eriya Kato - SEND International - Japanese Diaspora - As Missionary Appointees for SEND, Becky and Eriya are preparing to move from Japan to Orange County, CA to share the gospel with Japanese residing there. Becky grew up in Japan as an NAB missionary kid, attended NAB College & Taylor Seminary, and served as an NAB missionary for 8 years before marrying Eriya in 2014. Eriya, raised in a Christian home in Japan, felt a calling to ministry at the age of 14, but later strayed from his faith. He rededicated his life to Christ in 2000. He did a 2.5 year internship in Florida, followed by Japanese ministry in southern California before eventually returning to Japan. He has served alongside his parents in their house church and Montessori preschool, but the Lord is calling them (along with their 3 children) to be a light to Japanese students in SoCal. Pray that God would grow their team of prayer and financial partners as they get ready to move to Orange County next summer.

Amistad Worldwide - Tracy Alin - Tracy founded Amistad Worldwide in 2010. Amistad's main goal is to demonstrate the love of Christ and develop the potential and dignity of the world's poorest people who live on \$1 a day or less. Their aim is to accomplish this by partnering with those working in the Third World to bring the Gospel and sustainable solutions to poverty such as sponsorship and empowerment of orphans and widows, providing education and jobs, and placing clean water wells in impoverished villages. They currently work in India, Nepal, and Uganda.



NAB Missionary of the Week

Patrick & Nicole Kalout
Redeemed Life Church – Oahu in Oahu, Hawaii
 Patrick and Nicole knew God was calling them to plant a new community of believers in Hawaii, where Nicole is from, but they also knew it was all about God's timing. After nearly two years, and many prayers, Patrick and Nicole moved to Hawaii to build a launch team. Their first in-person service took place last April. Since then, their ministry has continued to impact many with the Good News, through words and deeds. One of their newest ministries is RLC Radio, an online radio stream of worship, stories of hope, and messages, launched on Christmas Day.

Pray for their many forms of outreach, from RLC Radio to their many service projects.

For more information go to: redeemedlifeoahu.church

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!!



Upcoming Youth Events

Today - January 11th

"The Forge" movie @ Andersons, 5 - 7:30pm

January 25th - Youth Group @ MBC, 5 - 7:30pm

Watch your emails for details of upcoming events

"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

"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.

MBC Church Family Praise

- Praise! **Karen Parrott** is doing well following hip replacement surgery on January 2nd. She is home, with home healthcare nurse, PT and OT each visiting to encourage recovery. She feels blessed to have such services during this time of year. Continue to pray for a quick recovery and complete healing.

Announcements

Annual Business Meeting & Lunch - Next Sunday, 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 available at the Resource Center

2025 Yearly Contribution Reports

are complete and are in your mailboxes.
 Look them over & let **LoRae Rakoczy** know
 if any adjustments/corrections need to be made.

* * The 2026 Church Directories are available at the Resource Center * *

Men's Reading Group

Monday evenings, beginning January 26th - 6:30pm @ MBC
 reading through **Thomas Watson's "A Body of Divinity"**

Sign up is available at the Resource Center

Announcements Continued



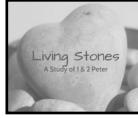
Leaders and/or Listeners Needed - see Janet Kirsch

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, began **January 6th**
Studying Lisa Whittle's, "Body & Soul"



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

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

There are still months available for **Caring Person for 2026** - sending cards for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Member/Family of the Week, encouragement, etc.

If you have questions, ask Arlette Buegel, Camille Heuer, or Sue Mavis
Sign up is available at the Resource Center

This Week

Today

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

Monday, January 12

6:45pm Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, January 13

1pm Ladies Bible Study
6pm Trustee Board Meeting
6:30pm Deacon Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 14

6:6:25 pm Awana Check-in
6:25-8:10 pm Awana

Metropolitan Staff

Jack Bluel	Senior Pastor
Steve Burrell	Associate Pastor
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 January	95
Amount Needed Weekly	\$5,777
December 28, 2025	\$2,557
Online week of 12-28-2025	\$49
January 4, 2026	\$7,890
Online week of 1-4-2026	\$1,140

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

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

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

## Recognitions

### Birthdays

Asher Buchholz (Monday)  
Matt Becker (Tuesday)  
Jon Wolhart (Tuesday)  
Amelia Smith (Friday)  
Caleb Bluel (Saturday)

### Member of the Week

Elmer Ackerman

### Caring Person for January

Tess Hotchkiss

## 2:42 Groups

### January

|                |         |          |
|----------------|---------|----------|
| Sun. Jan. 11   | 12:30pm | Svaleson |
| Thurs. Jan. 15 | 6:00pm  | Wolff    |

Pastor Steve's part time office hours:

Tuesday - Thursday  
9:30am - 1:30pm

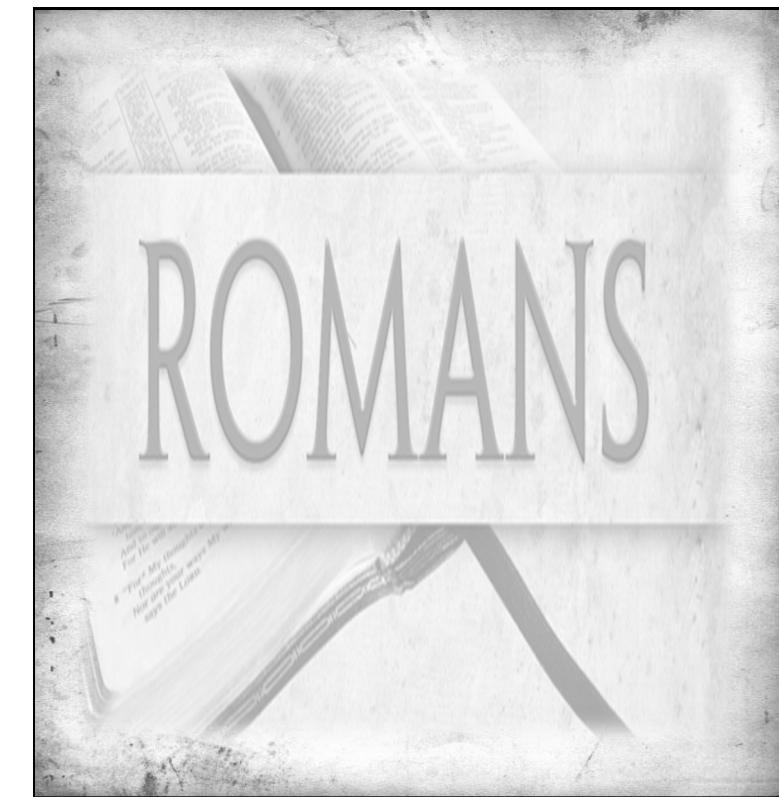


Metropolitan Baptist Church

2612 25th St SW Fargo, ND 58103

701-237-6183

[mbcfargo@gmail.com](mailto:mbcfargo@gmail.com) \* [www.mbcfargo.org](http://www.mbcfargo.org)



*Romans 1:1-7*



*January 11, 2026*