



Morning Worship

January 18, 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	Josh Svaleson	
Call to Worship	Colossians 1:15-20	
Congregational Songs of Praise	Praise Team	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 104	
Church in Prayer	Pastor Jack	
Offering /Offertory	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn	"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"	#295
Scripture	Romans 1:8-17	
Message	Pastor Jack	
Closing Song	Praise Team	
Benediction	Romans 15:5-7	

For Your Convenience...

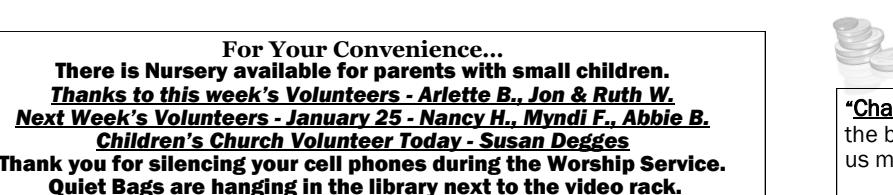
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.

Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Arlette B., Jon & Ruth W.

Next Week's Volunteers - January 25 - Nancy H., Myndi F., Abbie B.

Children's Church Volunteer Today - Susan Degges

Thank you for silencing your cell phones during the Worship Service.
Quiet Bags are hanging in the library next to the video rack.



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

Watch your emails for details of more upcoming events

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The Church in Prayer

NCA Pastors and Ministries of the Week

First Baptist, Plevna, MT

Jason (Christy) Castleberry, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Tamas & Tunde Modi - NAB Global Missionary Partners in Romania

Tamas and Tunde are Romanians working with the team of NAB missionaries at Camp Falcon Rock. Tamas is the camp director, and Tunde serves as the administrator. They are supported by NAB churches to enable them to serve as God has called them.

Pray for the camp ministry; they have increased capacity in recent years with the addition of the main lodge, allowing them to host groups year round.

For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/tamas-tunde-modi

Jail Chaplains - "Restoring lives to the community with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ." Jail Chaplains' mission is to provide inmates with spiritual guidance and support by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ; encouraging the inmates to grow in Christ; helping bridge the gap between the inmate and their family, and a local church, and to assist and help in practical ways, to encourage and help their graduates in a positive spiritual journey with Jesus Christ. For more information see their website at www.jailchaplains.com



Paul & Tanya Gericke

NAB Missionaries in 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 complete their tenure as NAB missionaries at the end of January, with Paul serving in a part-time role, February through August from Edmonton, assisting with ministry transitions.

Pray for their transition, as well as for the team in Romania, most of whom are Romanian nationals.

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

Youth News

Upcoming Youth Events

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

January 31st - Youth Conference at Bethel
9am -2:30pm

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!!



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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, Elmer Ackerman, 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.
- Praise! **Austen Tryfpter, Tom & LoRae Rakoczy's son-in-law**, is doing well and went back to work after experiencing irregular heartbeats recently.

Announcements

Annual Business Meeting & Lunch - Today - 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

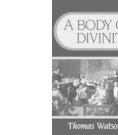
2025 Yearly Contribution Reports

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



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 began **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:

- **Kindergarten Exploration Days** - Jan. 22nd, Feb. 19th, and March 10th - hands on events for incoming kindergarten students and their parents. 5-6 pm
- **Preview Days** - February 26, March 26, April 21, and May 7 - current 1st-11th graders can shadow a student for the morning; 8:30-11:00 am
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

Taste the Heat, Feel the Heart - Come celebrate **Giving Hearts Day** as

Jail Chaplains, Amistad Worldwide, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and FCA ND host the **10th Annual Battle of the Churches Chili Cook Off** on Thurs. Feb. 12th

5:00 - 7:30 PM at Bethel E Free Church
2702 30th Ave. S., Fargo

Live entertainment, kids games, and door prizes. Enjoy a FREE bowl of chili (hotdog meal available) at this open house event and support these four Christian ministries. Please join them for this fun evening.

Thank you, Church Family, for your prayers, your meals, your gift cards and your notes of encouragement. How very blessed I am for your thoughtfulness. I am feeling well and progressing with Ron's help and the help of home healthcare.

Thank You! **Karen Parrott**

This Week

Today

- 9:15 am Fellowship
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Morning Worship
- 12:15 pm Lunch followed by Annual Meeting

Monday, January 19

6:45pm Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, January 20

1pm Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, January 21

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
January 4, 2026	\$7,890
Online week of 1-4-2026	\$1,140
January 11, 2026	\$11,113
Online week of 1-11-2026	\$20

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

18 - Annual Meeting w/ Lunch following Worship

February 2026

1 - Communion

3 - O & E Board Meeting

10 - Board Meetings

12 - MBC Prays

12 - Giving Hearts Day

20-21 - Arctic Blast Retreat @ CSBC

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

## Recognitions

### Birthdays

Arlyn Anderson (Tuesday)  
Myron Friez (Tuesday)  
Aaron Buchholz (Thursday)  
Brad Smith (Saturday)

### Family of the Week

Ervin & Waltraut Wolff

### Caring Person for January

Tess Hotchkiss

## 2:42 Groups

**January**  
Thurs. Jan. 22 6:00pm Wolff

**February**  
Sun. Feb. 22 12:30pm Svaleson

Pastor Steve's part time office hours:

Tuesday - Thursday  
9:00am - 1:30pm

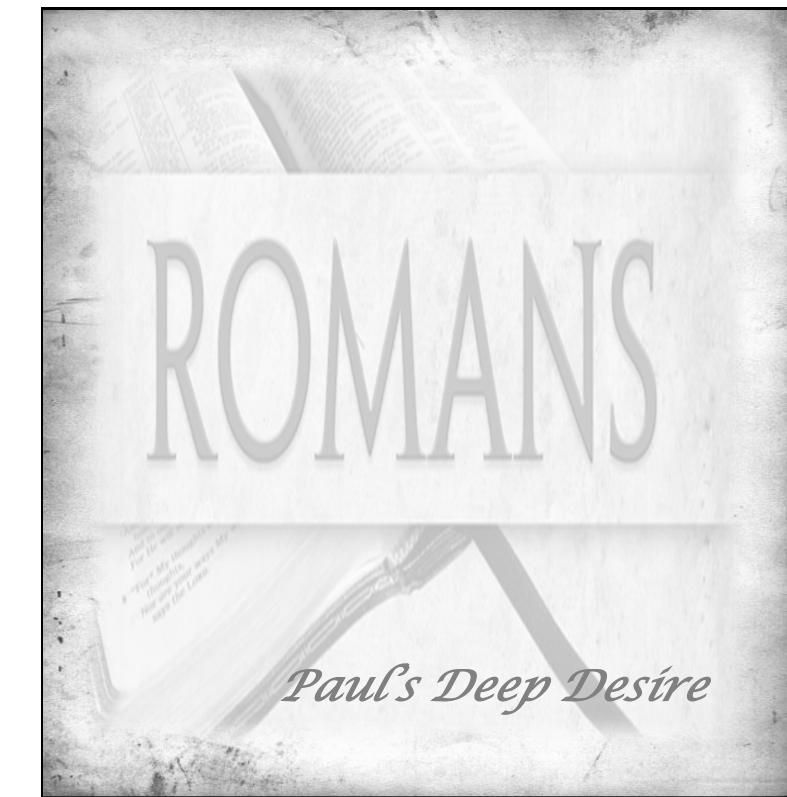


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*Romans 1:8-17*



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