



Morning Worship

January 25, 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 Bill Savage

Call to Worship Psalm 147:1

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 #295
"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

Scripture Romans 1:8-17

Message Pastor Jack

Closing Song Praise Team

Benediction Romans 15:5-7

****Annual Meeting immediately following Worship Service****

For Your Convenience...

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The Church in Prayer

NCA Pastors and Ministries of the Week

United Community Church, Anamoose, ND

Tim (Tracey) Houck, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Shan Reed - NAB Missionary to Japan / Mobilization Director -

Shan began serving as a long-term missionary in Japan in 2001, working in church planting, evangelism, and women's and youth ministries with the Japan Baptist Conference. She ended her time as an NAB missionary at the end of 2025, but she began a new role in September as the Mobilization Director, working with regional ministers, churches, and individuals to cultivate a culture of sacrificial sending and meaningful partnership in global missions.

Pray for Shan as she continues to visit supporting churches and shares about her new role, which still requires the financial support of partners.

For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/shan-reed

Cru (Todd & Kamaya Singer) - Cru offers spiritual guidance, resources and programs tailored for people from all cultures in every walk of life through many diverse out-reaches. Todd and Kamaya joined CRU full time in 2011. They believe college students are at a place that is very vulnerable with so many things fighting for their hearts and minds...also believe that college is the perfect time to give them an opportunity to know Jesus. Currently they work with college students on campuses in and around Grand Forks.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Marijana Cizmanski NAB Global Missionary Partner in Serbia

Marijana is a Global Missionary Partner working with ZZ, the Serbian branch of Community Health Evangelism, which integrates evangelism, discipleship, and church planting with community health and development. Marijana has a background in hospice care and social services, both of which have helped shape her love for those in great need.

Pray Marijana's final exam in psychotherapy, which should be taking place next month. Pray as well for the potential expansion of the ZZ/CHE work in Serbia and for the health of her team.

For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/marijana-cizmanski

Youth News

Upcoming Youth Events

Today - Youth Group - 5 - 7:30pm

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

Watch your emails for details of more
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, 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

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 **February 9th** - 6:30pm @ MBC
reading through **Thomas Watson's "A Body of Divinity"**

Sign up is available at the Resource Center
(Note change of start date)

There are still months available for **Caring Person 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

Announcements Continued

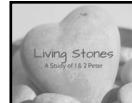


Leaders and/or Listeners Needed - see Janet Kirsch



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** - 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 come 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

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
12:00 pm Annual Meeting
immediately following Worship
5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, January 26

6:45pm Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, January 27

1pm Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, January 28

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

Saturday, January 31

9am-2:30pm Youth Conference
@ Bethel Church

Metropolitan Staff

Jack Bluel	Senior Pastor
Steve Burrell	Associate Pastor
Nancy Harsch	Worship Coordinator
Neal & Erica Anderson	Youth Coordinators
Sue Mavis	Administrative Assistant
Sue's Office Hours: Tues.-Fri	8:30am-3:00pm

Attendance & Giving

Avg. Attendance for January	95
Amount Needed Weekly	\$5,777
January 11, 2026	\$11,113
Online week of 1-11-2026	\$20
January 18, 2026	\$0
Online week of 1-18-2026	\$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

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 February 22, 2026

## Recognitions

### Birthdays

Arlyn Anderson - January 20th  
Myron Friez - January 20th  
Aaron Buchholz - January 22nd  
Brad Smith - January 24th  
Roland McKeon (Mon., Jan. 26th)  
Gideon Wolhart (Fri., Jan. 30th)  
Lydia Mehl (Sat. Jan. 31st)

### Families of the Week

18th - Ervin & Waltraut Wolff  
25th - Neal, Erica, Aleksia,  
Arlyn, and Adalie Anderson

### Caring Person for February

Ruth Wolhart

## 2:42 Groups

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| January        |                  |
| Thurs. Jan. 29 | 6:00pm Wolff     |
| February       |                  |
| Sun. Feb. 22   | 12:30pm Svaleson |

Pastor Steve's part time office hours:

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

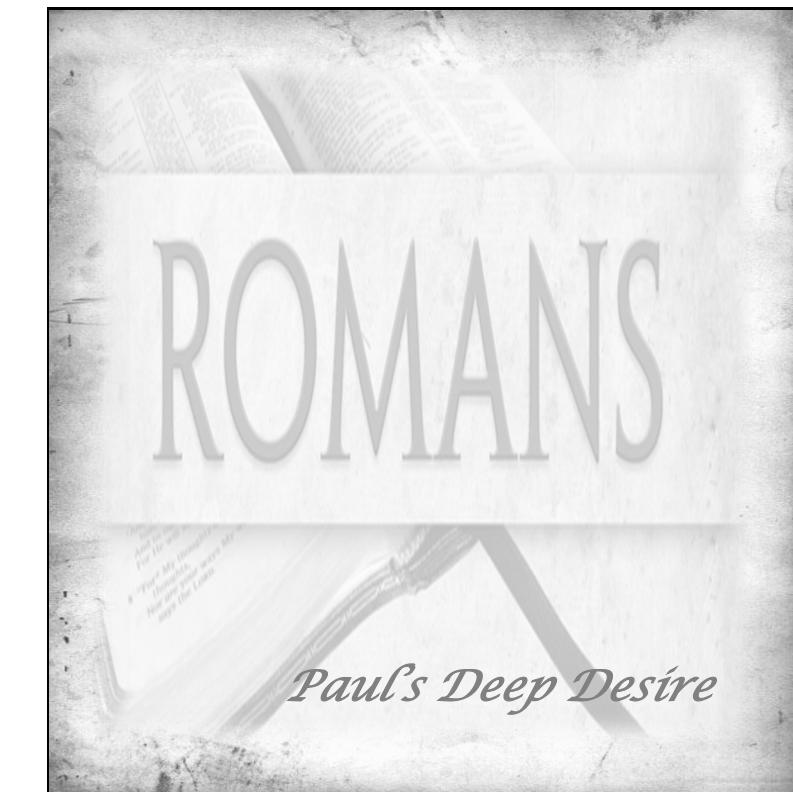


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*Paul's Deep Desire*

*Romans 1:8-17*



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