



Morning Worship

February 8, 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	“Abba Father”	#81
Welcome / Announcements		Pastor Steve
Baby Dedication	Jahdiel M. Jeor Daughter of Rufus & Alice Jeor	Pastor Jack
Church in Confession		Bill Savage
Call to Worship		Revelation 19:6-7
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 106
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory	Children Dismissed for Children’s Church	
Preparation Hymn	“One Day”	#294
Scripture		Romans 1:24-27
Message	Descent Into Darkness: Part I	Pastor Jack
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Ephesians 3:20-21

For Your Convenience...
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week’s Volunteers - Sue M., Heldur & Kathy H.
Next Week’s Volunteers - February 15 - Myndi F., Jennifer K, Jady N F.
Children’s Church Volunteer Today - Marcia Becker
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

Ashley Baptist, Ashley, ND

Jason (Kris) Haas, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

NAB Ministries - NAB Home Missions/Resource Fund and Missions International, are some of the NAB ministries we support.

AWANA GO and William (Bill) & Cindy Hoppe, Awana Missionaries -

AWANA Global Outreach, is a community of passionate clubs and churches who are engaging their clubbers to reach more kids for Christ by raising money to provide children around the world with discipleship materials through AWANA. Bill served as an Awana leader for over 40 years, becoming an Awana Missionary in 2012. As a part-time Awana missionary, Bill currently serves 99 churches registered with Awana in his territory of Minnesota, North Dakota, and Wisconsin. He has a passion to see kids and parents clearly hear the Gospel and experience the love of Christ in their lives. He also enjoys training, encouraging leaders, and reaching out to pastors and leaders of non-Awana churches to have child discipleship conversations. Bill and Cindy live in Keewatin, MN

NAB Missionary of the Week



Trevor & Melissa Berry
MTC Nights in Calgary, Alberta

MTC Nights is an evening campus of McKenzie Towne Church that meets on Sunday nights. Trevor has been at MTC since 2020, but they only recently launched this evening gathering to allow space for those unable or unwilling to attend the morning service.

Pray they can continue building meaningful community as new people join them and look for connection. Pray as well for several individuals in their congregation who are walking through significant mental health struggles.

For more information go to: mckenziatownechurch.com/mtc-nights

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!! Thank You!! MBC Youth Group

Upcoming Youth Events

February 22nd & March 8th
Youth Group - 5-7:30pm
Location TBD

Watch your emails for details

Prayer & Praise Items

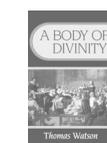
“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.”
1 Timothy 2:1 ESV

- 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 turmoil in the **Twin Cities of Minnesota**. Pray for wisdom and safety for all.
- 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.
- Continue in prayer for those in our church family, and others, facing health issues: **Morris Peterson, Arlene Franchuk, Sherry Buchholz, Gail Biby, Larry Crooks, Rodney Kitzan, Arlene Palm, Karen Parrott, Ron Parrott, Kevin Preston, Jacque Ulstad, Darlene Wahl, Linda Moser, Darlene Wahl, 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** that demo and estimates for repair of the kitchen, gym and storage areas have begun.

Announcements



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

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

The **Christian Education Board** is currently looking for a **Director/Co-Directors** for the **2026 VBS**. Please talk with a Board of CE member; **Marcia Becker, Tammy Bluel, or Arlette Buegel**, or email the church office if interested, by March 1st.
 Thank you!!

Announcements Continued



Leaders and/or Listeners Needed - see Janet Kirsch



Ladies Daytime Bible Study

Tuesday afternoons, 1:00-2:30pm at MBC
Studying Lisa Whittle's, "Body & Soul"



Women's Bible Study @ 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. were 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.

Requests for **Summer Camp Scholarships for Crystal Springs Camp** need to be turned in to the CE Board by **Sunday, April 26th**. Forms are available from the church office and should be placed in the CE mailbox in a sealed envelope.

Special Business Meeting Proposal from Trustee Board: One of the two furnaces that heat the sanctuary has a failing heat exchanger. Due to the age of the units, replacement parts are no longer available, making repairs impossible. The cost to replace a single furnace is \$5,720. However, replacing both units at the same time is quoted at \$8,600, providing significant cost savings compared to replacing them individually. Given the age of both units, the lack of available parts, and the cost efficiency of a dual replacement, the Trustees recommend replacing both furnaces at the same time.

This Week

Today

9:15 am Fellowship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship
12:00 pm Special Business Mtg

Monday, February 9

6:45pm Ladies Bible Study
6:30pm Men's Reading Group

Tuesday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 11

6-6:25 pm Awana Check-in
6:25-7:40 pm Awana

Thursday, February 12

12am-11:59pm MBC Prays
Giving Hearts Day

Metropolitan Staff

Jack Blueel 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 February	95
Amount Needed Weekly	\$5,820
January 25, 2026	\$5,996
Online week of 1-25-2026	\$1,193
February 1, 2026	\$8,726
Online week of 2-1-2026	\$2,569

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

10 - Board Meetings
12 - MBC Prays
12 - Giving Hearts Day
20-21 - Arctic Blast Retreat @ CSBC

March 2025

1 - Communion
3 - O&E Board Meeting
6 - Awana Grand Prix
6-8 - Crafting Weekend @ CSBC
13-15 - Winter SOULstice @ CSBC
10 - Board Meetings
12 - MBC Prays
29 - Colloquium with Pastor Jack
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel  
Next Meeting February 22, 2026

## Recognitions

### Birthdays

Katie Mehl (Thursday)

### Family of the Week

Mandy Asare & Phil

### Caring Person for February

Ruth Wolhart

## 2:42 Groups

### February

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|----------------|---------|----------|
| Thurs. Feb. 12 | 6:00pm  | Wolff    |
| Sun. Feb. 22   | 12:30pm | Svaleson |

### Pastor Steve's part time office hours:

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

### Pastor Jack will be Out of the Office

February 11 - 16

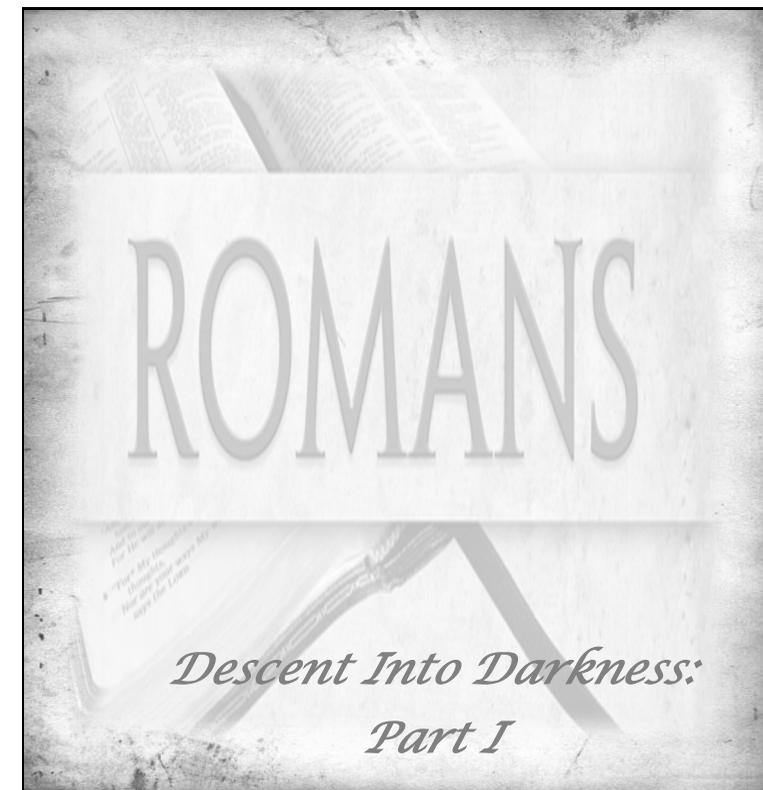


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Romans 1:24-27



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