



Morning Worship

February 22, 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		Aaron Buchholz
Church in Confession		Bill Savage
Call to Worship		I John 4:10
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 108
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory		
	Children Dismissed for Children’s Church	
Preparation Hymn		#11
	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	
Scripture		Romans 1:28-32
Message		Pastor Jack
	Descent Into Darkness: Part II	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Colossians 3:15-17

For Your Convenience...

There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week’s Volunteers - Arlette B., Janet & Ellie M.
Next Week’s Volunteers - March 1 - Myndi & Ethan F.
Children’s Church Volunteer Today - Jennifer Kastl
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
Century Baptist, Bismarck, ND
 Dave Young, intentional Interim Lead; Nathan (Melissa) Seibel, Interim Worship;
 Paul (Maxine) Herr, Adult Ministries; Paul (Melissa) Ewing, Care;
 Jason (Kristin) DuPaul, Next Gen; Angela (Josh) Brown, Elementary Ministry Director;
 Melanie (Keith) Kost, Pre-School Director

MBC Supported Missions
Craig & Maureen Moody (NAB Cameroon): Craig and Maureen have served as missionaries in Cameroon in a variety of capacities throughout the years. Though they moved back to Canada last year, Maureen continues to serve remotely in the role of field director for Cameroon.
 Pray for Maureen as she tackles the role of field director from half a world away.
 For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/maureen-moody

Child Evangelism Fellowship - CEF of Fargo/Moorhead is the local chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship that seeks to reach children in the Fargo, Moorhead, Dilworth, and West Fargo areas with the gospel of Jesus Christ and establish them in a local church and the Word of God for Christian growth. They hold Camp Good News camps during the summer and Good News Clubs during the school year. Michelle Brown took over as the local chapter director as of the first of the year, as Doug Sikkink took over as the full-time state director. In January, Kody Pilch joined the local chapter as full-time Ministry Coordinator, assisting Michelle with the vital work in the FM area. Kody has volunteered as a summer missionary with CEF since June of 2008.

NAB Missionary of the Week
Emerson & Meybel Cardona
Tabernáculo Bíblico Bautista Burlington in Burlington, Ontario

 Tabernáculo Bíblico Bautista Burlington, affectionately referred to as Taber Burlington, is a Spanish-speaking church plant coming out of an NAB church in Kitchener, Ontario, Tabernáculo Bíblico Bautista Nueva Jerusalén, or Taber Kitchener. Emerson and Meybel moved to Burlington specifically to start this new congregation, which launched in July of 2024.
 Pray for the development of this new community – for contacts to join their church and for financial provision for this work.
 For more information go to: taberbiblico.com

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 - February 22nd @ Anderson’s
5:00 - 7:30 pm

March 8th
5:00 - 7:30 pm
Location TBD

“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.”
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, and the Middle East**. God’s will be done. Pray for peace.
 - Pray for the turmoil in **Minnesota**. Pray for wisdom, discernment, 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, Janet Kirsch, 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.
 - Be in prayer for **Ray Smith and his wife April**; family friends of Pastor Jack & Tammy. Ray has been diagnose with prostate cancer, and will be starting radiation treatments soon. They pastor a church in Lincoln, NE
- MBC Church Family Praise**
- **Praise** that demo and estimates for repair of the kitchen, gym and storage areas have begun, and we have new furnaces for the sanctuary.

Announcements

Men’s Reading Group
 Monday, February 23rd - 6:30pm @ MBC
 reading through **Thomas Watson’s**
“A Body of Divinity”

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

Our **Awana Club** is collecting for our annual **Awana Global Outreach (GO)** campaign. We are focusing on the countries in Africa, as Awana is being used in the schools there in a mighty way. \$650 will fund one school to obtain the Awana curriculum and receive Awana training. We would like to fund two schools. We will be collecting through **March 4th**. If anyone would like to contribute, checks can be made payable to MBC. See **Janet Kirsch** with any questions.



Join us for **AWANA Grand Prix**
Date to be announced
 Enjoy an evening of racing and fellowship
 Come and see the clubbers' creativity
Weigh-In at 6:00pm
Races start at 6:45pm

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** - 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:**

Crafting Retreat - March 6th-8th reg. were due 2/20

Winter SOULstice - 6th - 8th Graders - March 13th-15th, reg. due 2/26

Save the Date - MBC Date Night - Friday, April 17th - Tentative

Food - Fun - Fellowship
 More details in the coming weeks

MBC Quarterly Business Meeting

Tuesday, April 28th - 7:00pm

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.

This Week

Today

9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:15 am Fellowship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship
5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, February 23

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

Tuesday, February 24

1pm Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, February 25

6-6:25 pm Awana Check-in
 6:25-7:40 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
 Sue's Office Hours: Tues.-Fri 8:30am-3:00pm

Attendance & Giving

Avg. Attendance for February	93
Amount Needed Weekly	\$5,820
February 8, 2026	\$5,130
Online week of 2-8-2026	\$139
February 15, 2026	\$6,288
Online week of 2-15-2026	\$1,307

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

March 2026

1 - Communion
 3 - O&E Board Meeting
 6 - Awana Grand Prix - tentative
 6-8 - Crafting Weekend @ CSBC
 13-15 - Winter SOULstice @ CSBC
 10 - Board Meetings
 12 - MBC Prays
 29 - Colloquium with Pastor Jack

April 2026

1 - Communion
 3 - O&E Board Meeting
 6-8 - Crafting Weekend @ CSBC
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 Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel  
 Next Meeting March 29, 2026

## Recognitions

### Birthdays

Bill Savage (Wednesday)

### Family of the Week

Matt, Marcia & Heidi Becker

### Caring Person for March

LeAnn Burrell

## 2:42 Groups

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|                | <b>February</b> |          |
| Sun. Feb. 22   | 12:30pm         | Svaleson |
|                | <b>March</b>    |          |
| Thurs. Mar. 12 | 6:00pm          | Wolff    |

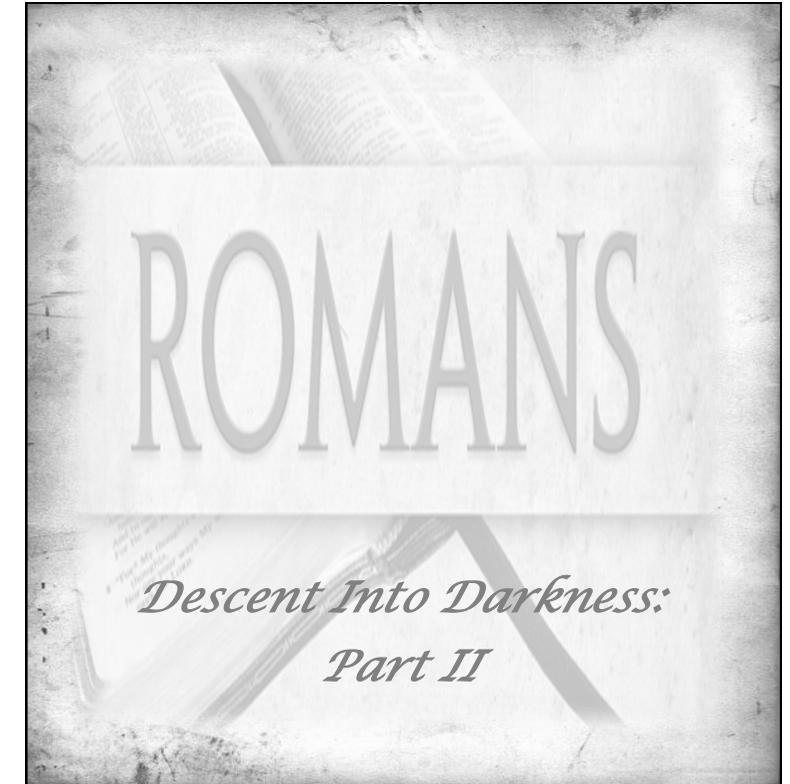


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*Romans 1:28-32*



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