



# Morning Worship

## March 22, 2026

Seeking to glorify God in all things through His son Jesus Christ.

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### 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	Great and Mighty	#129
Welcome / Announcements		Pastor Steve
Church in Confession		Pastor Steve
Call to Worship		Revelation 7:9-10
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalms Reading		Psalms 112
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory		
	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn		#521
	"A New Name In Glory"	
Scripture		Romans 2:17-29
Message		Pastor Jack
	Pride & Hypocrisy	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Philippians 1:9-11

**For Your Convenience...**

**There is Nursery available for parents with small children.**  
**Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Kristen M., Jon W., Ruth W.**  
**Next Week's Volunteers - March 29 - Jennifer K., Marcia B.**  
**Children's Church Volunteer Today - Andersons**

**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  
**Metropolitan Baptist, Fargo ND**  
 Jack (Tammy) Bluel, Sr. Pastor; Steve (LeAnn) Burrell, Outreach/Evangelism

MBC Supported Missions

**Alan & Judy Steier (Barnabas Int'l)** - The Steiers minister from their home in Delaware; closer to a daughter and family. They've used new ways to communicate over the past several years for their conversations with fellow missionaries and mission organizations; continuing to connect via email and video chats. Alan recently made a trip with other Barnabas International colleagues to Indonesia, taking Shepherd's Apprentice training to Indonesians who care for Indonesian workers sent out with the Good News. Twelve participants took part in the training. For more information see the Steier's recent newsletter in the Missionary Pouch in the entryway.

**Park Christian School** - A Christ-centered kindergarten through 12th grade school. Strong academics, competitive athletics, expressive fine arts, and inspiring Christian emphasis combine to provide a positive, nurturing environment where students prepare for success in college and in life. Chapels, class devotions, and a variety of Bible studies, service opportunities, and events inspire students in their walk with the Lord. Spiritual Emphasis Week (fall) and Spiritual Emphasis Day (spring) provide concentrated times of discovering biblical truth and life application. A student's experience includes an 80-hour Bible-practicum often igniting their ministry passion and use of their spiritual gifts. See more at: <http://www.parkchristianschool.org>

NAB Missionary of the Week



**Brandon & Marci Jones**  
 NAB Missionaries in Brazil

Brandon and Marci joined the NAB missionary team in Brazil in 2018. Brandon holds a PhD in Theological Studies and enjoys teaching theology and ethics at the Baptist seminary where he serves. Brandon also serves as director of Kairos Brazil. Marci handles promotions and media for the mission work at the seminary and with Kairos. They have three children: Daniel, Monica, and Olivia.

**Pray:** Pray for the new church-planting network to help many area churches plant new churches in the Porto Alegre region. Pray as well for the Jones - Brandon, Marci, Monica, and Olivia - as they begin to look ahead to their year-long home assignment beginning in July.

For more information visit: [nabonmission.org/missionaries/brandon-marci-jones](http://nabonmission.org/missionaries/brandon-marci-jones)

## 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**

**Sunday, March 29th**  
**Youth Group- 5-7:30pm@ The Anderson's**

**"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

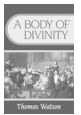
*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."  
 Romans 12:12 ESV*

- 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, Linda Moser, Arlene Palm, Karen Parrott, Ron Parrott, Kevin Preston, Jacque Ulstad, 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 estimates for repair of the kitchen, gym and storage areas have been sent to insurance for review.
- **Praise** that **Darlene Wahl** is back home and doing better.

## Announcements



**Men's Reading Group**  
 Monday, March 23rd - 6:30pm @ MBC  
 reading through **Thomas Watson's**  
**"A Body of Divinity"**

**Upcoming Events at Park Christian School:**  
 - **Preview Days** - 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.

**From the New Life Center:** Join us as we honor the men graduating from New Life Center's **Genesis Recovery Program**. You'll hear each graduate share his testimony and celebrate the incredible work God has done in their lives as they reach this important milestone. Friday, March 27th, 10:30 am, New Life Center Shelter Chapel, 1902 3rd Ave. N., Fargo

## Announcements Continued



Leaders and/or Listeners Needed - see Janet Kirsch



Join us for **AWANA Grand Prix**  
**May 6, 2026**  
 Enjoy an evening of racing and fellowship  
 Come and see the clubbers' creativity  
**Weigh-In at 6:00pm**  
**Races start at 6:45pm**



### Good Friday Service

Friday, April 3rd  
 6:30 pm at Metropolitan Baptist Church

### No Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 5th

### 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.

### 2025/26 Impact Report Update from Feed My Starving Children

From 03-01-25 to 02-28-26 FMSC provided 382,120,176 Total Meals. That meant that 1,046,904 children have been fed a daily meal for a year. The goal for this fiscal year is to provide 410 million meals. Please pray that they will reach their goal so that many more children will be fed.

### Did you miss a sermon or would just like to listen to a sermon again?

Go to [www.mbcfargo.org](http://www.mbcfargo.org)>About Us>Sermons and select by the date to listen to a sermon. Bulletins are also available online!

### IN THE EVENT OF A CARDIAC EMERGENCY (HEART ATTACK) or LIFE THREATENING INJURY:

Metropolitan Baptist has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) located in the back hallway across from the office door, and a Medical Oxygen & Trauma Kit. Also available in the kit: Narcan, for Opioid Overdose Emergencies.

**Call 911**, and then locate these items to administer medical care until help arrives. The AED uses simple voice commands and can quickly restore proper heart rhythm to save a life when seconds count!



## This Week

### Today

9:15 am Fellowship  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Morning Worship

### Monday, March 23

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

### Tuesday, March 24

1pm Ladies Bible Study  
 6:30pm Deacon Board Mtg

### Wednesday, March 25

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

## Metropolitan Staff

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

## Attendance & Giving

Avg. Attendance for March	92
Amount Needed Weekly	\$5,820
March 8, 2026	\$4305
Online Week of 03-08-2026	\$1002
March 15, 2026	\$8,564
Online Week of 03-15-2026	\$1,523

### 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

29 - Colloquium with Pastor Jack

### April 2026

3 - Good Friday Service  
 5 - Communion  
 No Sunday School  
 7- O&E Board Meeting  
 10-11 - Crafting Weekend @ MBC  
 12 - MBC Prays  
 14- Board Meetings  
 28 - Quarterly Business Meeting  
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 Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel  
 Next Meeting March 29, 2026

## Recognitions

### Birthdays

Camille Heuer (Monday)  
 DelRaye Meckle (Thursday)  
 Dana Bluel (Saturday)

### Family of the Week

Pastor Jack, Tammy, Abbie & Caleb Bluel

### Caring Person for March

LeAnn Burrell

## 2:42 Groups

### March

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| Sun. Mar. 22   | 12:30pm | Burrell  |
| Thurs. Mar. 26 | 6:00pm  | Wolff    |
| Sun. Apr. 19   | 12:30pm | Svaleson |

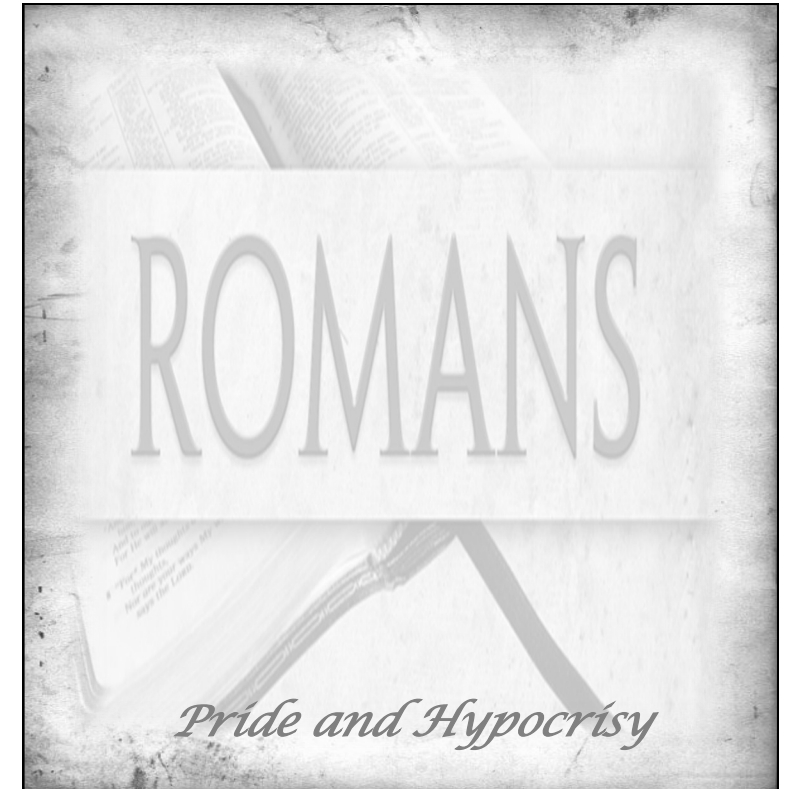


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*Romans 2:17-29*



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