



Morning Worship

April 5, 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.

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| Call to Gather | While We Are Waiting, Come | #760 |
| Welcome / Announcements | | Pastor Steve |
| Church in Confession | | Pastor Jack |
| Call to Worship | | Luke 24:1-12 |
| Communion Hymn | “Come to the Table” | #464 |
| Communion Hymn | “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?” | #306 |
| Congregational Songs of Praise | | Praise Team |
| Psalm Reading | | Psalm 114 |
| Church in Prayer | | Pastor Jack |
| Offering /Offertory | | |
| Preparation Hymn | “Worship Christ, the Risen King” | #361 |
| Scripture | | Romans 3:9-18 |
| Message | | Pastor Jack |
| Closing Song | The Reason For The Cross | Praise Team |
| Benediction | | 1 Peter 1:18-21 |

For Your Convenience...

There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week's Volunteers - No SS, Jared & Kristen M.
Next Week's Volunteers - April 12 - Sue M., Jan F., Willow M., Marcia B.
Children's Church Volunteer Today - No Children's Church
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
NCA Church Planting/Ministry Multiplication

MBC Supported Missions

North Central Association - The North Central Association is composed of all organized and recognized North American Baptist Churches in the northern part of South Dakota, all of North Dakota and eastern Montana. There are currently 31 churches that belong to the North Central Association. The NCA exists to infuse every community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ ...as healthy churches....with well trained leaders.... through cooperative ministry projects. Randy Jaspers serves as the Regional Minister. Visit <http://npreion.org> for more info.

NAB Missionary of the Week




Philip & Robin Long
 Hope Point Church in Tacoma, Washington
 Philip and Robin have been serving at Hope Point Church for nearly 10 years, though it wasn't until recently it was known by that name. At Hope Point, they seek to nurture a culture and mindset centered on the Kingdom of God, prioritizing being with Jesus and being present in their community as a missional movement to be a point of intersection for God's Kingdom and the community. Pray for their ongoing revitalization efforts in one of the least religious regions of the United States. For more information go to: tacomahope.org

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

Friday, April 10th
Youth Group- 7pm "Pack the Shac"

"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 **Cameroun** 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 **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.
- Pray for **Perry Kallis**, Pastor Steve and LeAnn's brother-in-law, his brain cancer has returned and he has been given less than a year to live. Pray for healing and for the family as they prepare for the future.
- Continue in prayer for those in our church family, and others, facing health issues: **Morris Peterson, Arlene Franchuk, Sherry Buchholz, Gail Biby, Janet Kirsch, Rodney Kitzan, Linda Moser, Arlene Palm, Karen Parrott, Ron Parrott, Kevin Preston, Jacque Ulstad, Darlene Wahl, Bob Weier, Donald Siebert, and Joan Frey**. Pray for peace, comfort, continued strength, and healing in each of their circumstances.

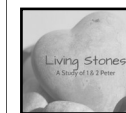
MBC Church Family Praise

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



Women's Bible Study @ MBC
 Monday evenings, 6:45 - 8:15pm
"Living Stones: A Study of 1 & 2 Peter" by Michelle Lesley



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

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

Upcoming Events at Park Christian School:

- **Preview Days** - 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.

Pastor Steve will be out of the office April 9-24.

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.

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

Go to 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

No Sunday School
 10:30 am Morning Worship

Monday, April 6

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

Tuesday, April 7

1pm Ladies Bible Study
 6:30pm O&E Board Mtg

Wednesday, April 8

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

Friday, April 10

7pm Pack the Shac

Sunday, April 12

12am - 11:59pm MBC Prays

Metropolitan Staff

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| 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

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| Avg. Attendance for March | 91 |
| Amount Needed Weekly | \$5,820 |
| March 22, 2026 | \$3892 |
| Online Week of 03-22-2026 | \$20 |
| March 29, 2026 | \$4,820 |
| Online Week of 03-29-2026 | \$496 |

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

April 2026

5 - Communion
 No Sunday School
 7- O&E Board Meeting
 10-Pack the Shac
 12 - MBC Prays
 14- Board Meetings
 27- CEF Board Meeting
 28 - Quarterly Business Meeting
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 Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel  
 Next Meeting April 26, 2026

## Recognitions

### Birthdays

Gardner McKeon (Tuesday)  
 LoRae Rakoczy (Thursday)

### Family of the Week

Aaron, Sherry, Asher, & Emma  
 Buchholz

### Caring Person for April

Margaret Ptacek

## 2:42 Groups

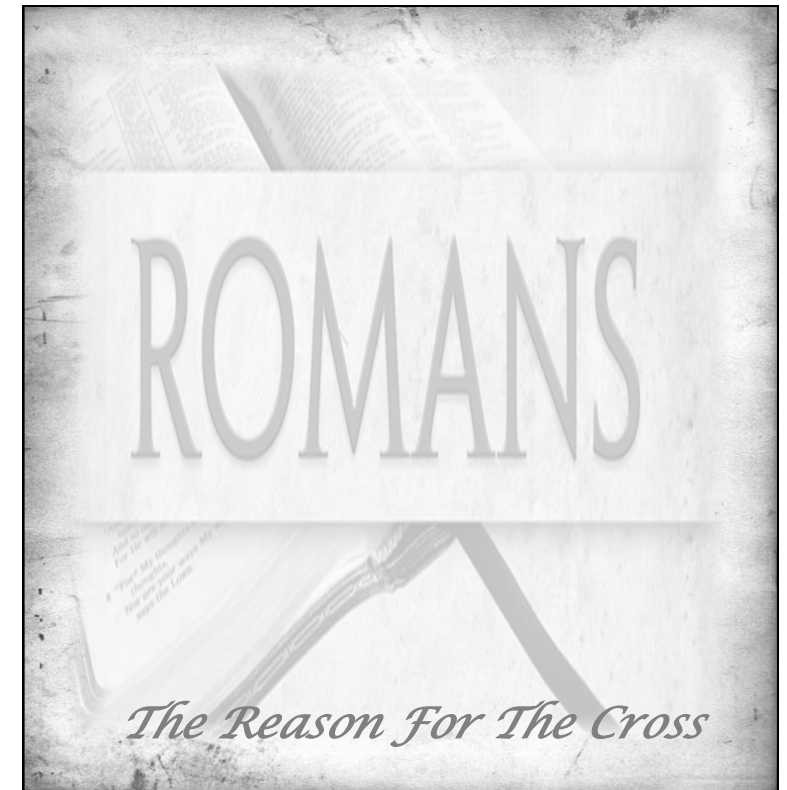
| April         |         |          |
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| Thurs. Apr. 9 | 6:00pm  | Wolff    |
| Sun. Apr. 19  | 12:30pm | Svaleson |
| Sun. Apr. 26  | 12:30pm | Burrell  |



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*Romans 3:9-18*



*April 5, 2026*



*He is Risen Indeed!*