



Morning Worship

April 12, 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	While We Are Waiting, Come	#760
Welcome / Announcements		Aaron Buchholz
Evangelism Moments		Heldur Hakk
Church in Confession		Clayton Harsch
Call to Worship		Colossians 2:13-15
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 115
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory		
	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn	"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"	#517
Scripture		Romans 3:21-26
Message	God's Righteousness on Display	Pastor Jack
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Ephesians 1:17-20

For Your Convenience...

There is Nursery available for parents with small children.

Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Sue M., Jan F., Willow M., Marcia B.

Next Week's Volunteers - April 19- Jen K., Arlette B., Ruth W., Jon W.

Children's Church Volunteer Today - Marcia B.

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
River City Church, Fargo, ND: Jake (Amy) Peterson, Lead Pastor; Marty (Kelly) Lindstrom, Care/Community; Charlie (Andrea) Hogstad, Executive Pastor; Liz (Jon) Grandon, RC Kids Director

MBC Supported Missions

Paul & Tanya Gericke - NAB Romania - After more than a decade of living in Romania to help establish Camp Falcon Rock as a destination for students, churches, and leaders to be educated about spiritual, emotional, and physical health, Paul & Tanya finished out their time as NAB missionaries in August. Up until then, they helped to run summer camps as usual. Pray for their transition, now that they've left Romania; to reintegrate well back into Canadian life. For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/paul-tanya-gericke

Youth for Christ - YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to prayer and the Word of God, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement. Local Staff: Greg Everett, Executive Director; Danielle Beyer; Special Projects Coordinator; William Lawyer, Tim Brown and Tanner Drath, Ministry Staff.

NAB Missionary of the Week




Jonathan & Jeni Bransford
 NAB Missionaries in Romania
 Jonathan and Jeni are currently in the process of gathering financial and prayer supporters to help get them to Romania, where they will serve among the churches of the Hungarian Baptist Convention in Romania and through the many programs and activities at Camp Falcon Rock. They are estimated to be on the field in late 2027 or early 2028. In the meantime, they are gathering up prayer and financial supporters. Pray God would fill them with confidence for the journey ahead, and that he would raise up "Macedonian supporters" – those who give generously and joyfully out of a sense of partnership in the Gospel. For more information go to : nabonmission.org/missionaries/ion-and-jeni-bransford

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, April 19th
Youth Group- 5-7:30pm @ The Anderson's

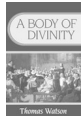
"Change to Make a Change" The Youth Group Missions Donation Box is located in the back of the sanctuary. Drop your spare change or donations in the box to help us make a change in the world through missions; for future Youth Mission trips.
 *Every penny helps!!* **Thank You!! MBC Youth Group**

Prayer & Praise Items

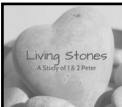
*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."
 Romans 12:12 ESV*

- 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 **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.


Announcements



Men's Reading Group
 Monday, April 13th - 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!



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 . . ."

This Week

Today

9:15 am Fellowship
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Morning Worship
 12am - 11:59pm MBC Prays

Monday, April 13

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

Tuesday, April 14

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

Wednesday, April 15

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	103
Amount Needed Weekly	\$5,820
March 29, 2026	\$4,820
Online Week of 03-29-2026	\$496
April 5, 2026	\$4,999
Online Week of 04-05-2026	\$297

Upcoming Events

April 2026

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

### May 2026

3- Communion  
 5- O&E Board Meeting  
 6- Awana Grand Prix  
 12- MBC Prays  
 12- Board Meetings  
 13- Awana Awards Night

## Recognitions

### Birthdays

Leon Crooks (Monday)  
 Callahan Mavis (Saturday)

### Member of the Week

Jacque Ulstad

### Caring Person for April

Margaret Ptacek

## 2:42 Groups

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| <b>April</b>   |         |          |
| Thurs. Apr. 16 | 6:00pm  | Wolff    |
| Sun. Apr. 19   | 12:30pm | Svaleson |
| Sun. Apr. 26   | 12:30pm | Burrell  |

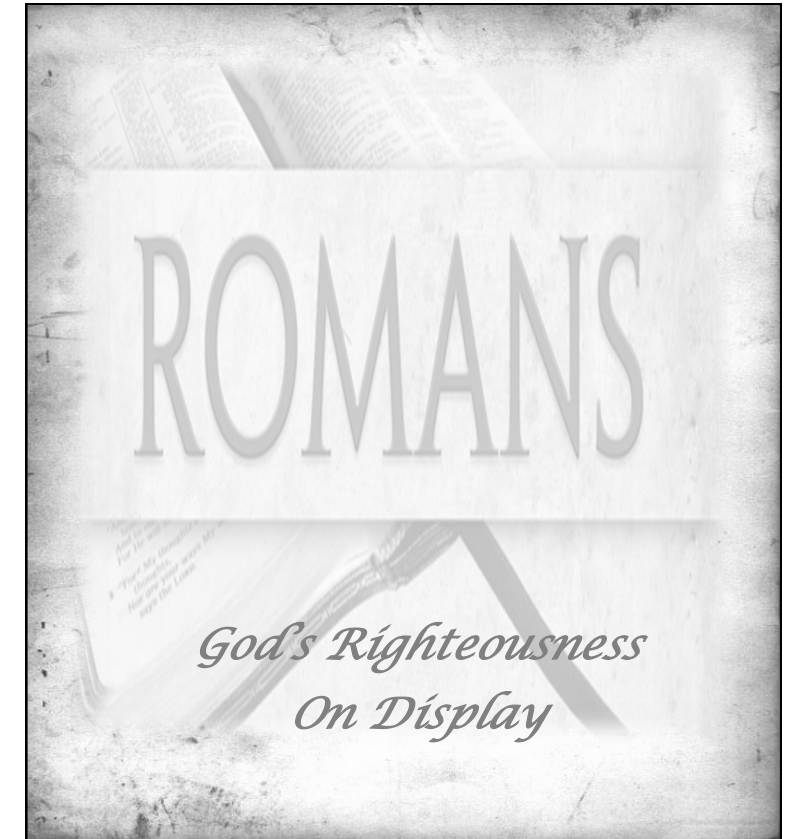


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