



Morning Worship

April 19, 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
Church in Confession		Bill Savage
Call to Worship		Revelation 4:9-11
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 116
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering / Offertory		
	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn	"O How I Love Jesus"	#92
Scripture		Romans 3:27-31
Message	Boasting Not Allowed	Pastor Jack
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		1 Timothy 1:17

For Your Convenience...

There is Nursery available for parents with small children.

Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Arlette B., Ruth W., Jon W., Jen K.

Next Week's Volunteers - April 26 Jen K., Myndi F., Abbie B., Tess H.

Children's Church Volunteer Today - Jen K.

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
Grace Baptist, Gackle, ND

MBC Supported Missions

Becky and Eriya Kato - SEND International - Japanese Diaspora - As Missionary Appointees for SEND, Becky and Eriya are preparing to move from Japan to Orange County, CA to share the gospel with Japanese residing there. Becky grew up in Japan as an NAB missionary kid, attended NAB College & Taylor Seminary, and served as an NAB missionary for 8 years before marrying Eriya in 2014. Eriya, raised in a Christian home in Japan, felt a calling to ministry at the age of 14, but later strayed from his faith. He rededicated his life to Christ in 2000. He did a 2.5 year internship in Florida, followed by Japanese ministry in southern California before eventually returning to Japan. He has served alongside his parents in their house church and Montessori preschool, but the Lord is calling them (along with their 3 children) to be a light to Japanese students in SoCal. Pray that God would grow their team of prayer and financial partners as they get ready to move to Orange County this summer.

Amistad Worldwide - Tracy Alin - Tracy founded Amistad Worldwide in 2010. Amistad's main goal is to demonstrate the love of Christ and develop the potential and dignity of the world's poorest people who live on \$1 a day or less. Their aim is to accomplish this by partnering with those working in the Third World to bring the Gospel and sustainable solutions to poverty such as sponsorship and empowerment of orphans and widows, providing education and jobs, and placing clean water wells in impoverished villages. They currently work in India, Nepal, and Uganda.

NAB Missionary of the Week




Timothy & Manju Hein
Forest Park Baptist Church in Forest Park, Illinois
Timothy and Manju have been leading Forest Park since 2021, working to revitalize this historic church and its congregation. With the goal of serving the community, both inside and outside the church walls, they took part in the February 2023 NAB Fit Assessment. Since then, they have only continued to grow in their leadership of this church that is more than 120 years old. Pray for their ongoing revitalization efforts. Pray also for their four children, Ezra, Asha, Malachi, and Isaiah.
For more information go to : forestparkbaptist.com

Youth News

Upcoming Youth Events

Today, 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!!

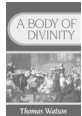
Thank You!! MBC Youth Group

Prayer & Praise Items

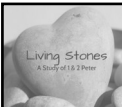
*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."
Romans 12:12 ESV*

- 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 **Darlene Wahl** was able to get into a memory care unit at Bethany on University in Fargo.


Announcements



Men's Reading Group
Monday, April 20th - 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

There will be a vote regarding a Conceal and Carry Policy. Please see printed material at the Resource Center.

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.

Spring Work Day at MBC! *Saturday, May 9th, 8 am - 12 noon.* Come join us for a morning of church beautification, fellowship, and of course ... coffee, juice and donuts. A few things to be done: clean windows, gutters, yard area, dusting, or whatever the Trustees come up with.
 Hope to see you there!

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

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

Monday, April 20

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

Tuesday, April 21

1pm Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, April 22

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
April 5, 2026	\$4,999
Online Week of 04-05-2026	\$297
April 12, 2026	\$5,526
Online Week of 04-12-2026	\$1,139

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

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  
 17- Graduation Sunday

## Recognitions

### Birthdays

Ellie McKeon (Monday)  
 Ron Degges (Tuesday)  
 Sean Hotchkiss (Wednesday)

### Member of the Week

Jacque Ulstad

### Caring Person for April

Margaret Ptacek

## 2:42 Groups

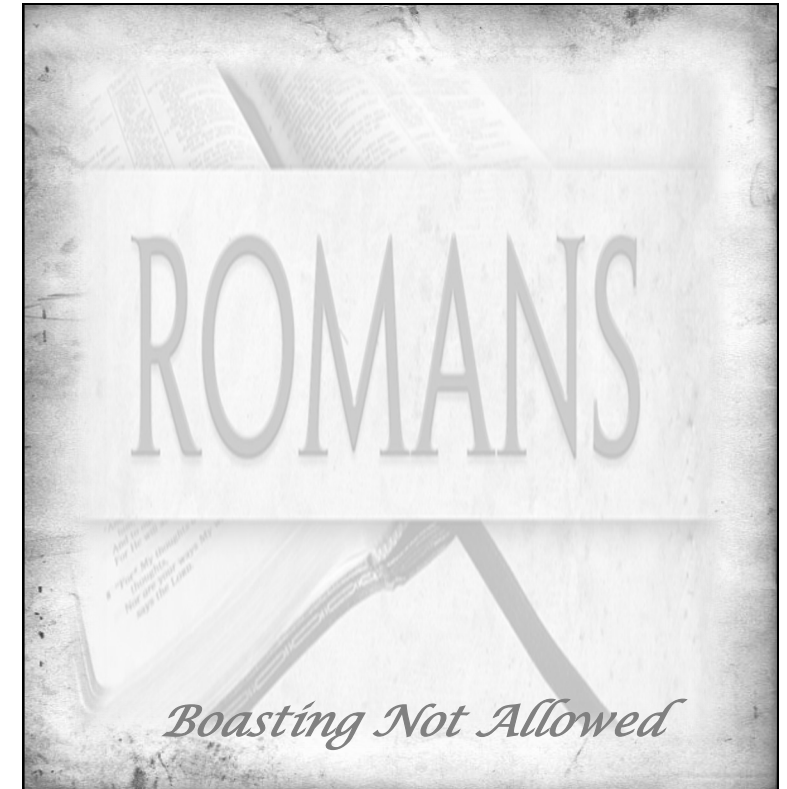
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| <b>April</b>   |         |         |
| Thurs. Apr. 23 | 6:00pm  | Wolff   |
| Sun. Apr. 26   | 12:30pm | Burrell |



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*Romans 3:27-31*



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