



# Morning Worship

## April 26, 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.

<b>Call to Gather</b>	While We Are Waiting, Come	#760
<b>Welcome / Announcements</b>		Pastor Steve
<b>Church in Confession</b>		Josh Svaleson
<b>Call to Worship</b>		1 John 4:7-11
<b>Congregational Songs of Praise</b>		Praise Team
<b>Psalm Reading</b>		Psalm 117
<b>Church in Prayer</b>		Pastor Jack
<b>Offering / Offertory</b>		
	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
<b>Preparation Hymn</b>	"The Solid Rock"	#526
<b>Scripture</b>		Romans 4:1-8
<b>Message</b>	The Faith of Father Abraham	Pastor Jack
<b>Closing Song</b>		Praise Team
<b>Benediction</b>		Numbers 6:24-26

**For Your Convenience...**

**There is Nursery available for parents with small children.**

**Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Jen K., Myndi F., Abbie B., Tess H.**

**Next Week's Volunteers -May 3-Jared M., Kristen M., Marissa S., Josh S.**

**Children's Church Volunteer Today - Tess H.**

**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**  
 First Baptist, Goodrich, ND: Lucas (Crystal) Wagner, Pastor

### MBC Supported Missions

**Tamas & Tunde Modi - NAB Global Missionary Partners in Romania**

Tamas and Tunde are Romanians working with the team of NAB missionaries at Camp Falcon Rock. Tamas is the camp director, and Tunde serves as the administrator. They are supported by NAB churches to enable them to serve as God has called them.

Pray for the camp ministry; they have increased capacity in recent years with the addition of the main lodge, allowing them to host groups year round.

For more information go to: [nabonmission.org/missionaries/tamas-tunde-modi](http://nabonmission.org/missionaries/tamas-tunde-modi)

**Jail Chaplains -** "Restoring lives to the community with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ." Jail Chaplains' mission is to provide inmates with spiritual guidance and support by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ; encouraging the inmates to grow in Christ; helping bridge the gap between the inmate and their family, and a local church, and to assist and help in practical ways, to encourage and help their graduates in a positive spiritual journey with Jesus Christ.


For more information see their website at [www.jailchaplains.com](http://www.jailchaplains.com)

## Youth News

### Upcoming Youth Events

Sunday, May 3rd  
 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

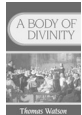
*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."*  
**Romans 12:12 ESV**

- 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, John Buegel, 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.

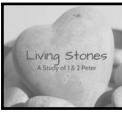
### MBC Church Family Praise

- 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 27th - 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



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** - May 7 - current 1st-11th graders can come shadow a student for the morning; 8:30-11:00 am.

**Hiring:** they are currently looking to fill a few positions. If interested, please visit the website at <https://www.parkchristianschool.org/about/employment> for details and application.

See postings on the entryway bulletin board for more details.

### 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 **Today, 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!

### Men's Summer Reading Group

Calling all men. Mondays in the Summer, the Dead Theologians Reading Society will be meeting for our summer session starting June 1st at 6:30pm and will continue until August 31st. We will be reading Thomas Watson's, "Heaven Taken by Storm" (129 pages).  
 Please sign up at the Resource Center by **Sunday May 17th**.

### 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

9:00 am Morning Prayer  
 9:15 am Fellowship  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Morning Worship

### Monday, April 27

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

### Tuesday, April 28

1pm Ladies Bible Study  
 7pm Quarterly Business Mtg

### Wednesday, April 29

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	100
Amount Needed Weekly	\$5,820
April 12, 2026	\$5,526
Online Week of 04-12-2026	\$1,139
April 19, 2026	\$4,947
Online Week of 04-19-2026	\$1,219

## 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

Neal Anderson (Sunday)  
 Savannah Mavis (Thursday)  
 Willa Mavis (Thursday)

### Family of the Week

James, Miatta, Jamesetta, &  
 Edith Taylor

### Caring Person for April

Margaret Ptacek

## 2:42 Groups

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|                | <b>April</b> |          |
| Sun. Apr. 26   | 12:30pm      | Burrell  |
| Thurs. Apr. 30 | 6:00pm       | Wolff    |
| Sun. May 3     | 12:30pm      | Svalesen |

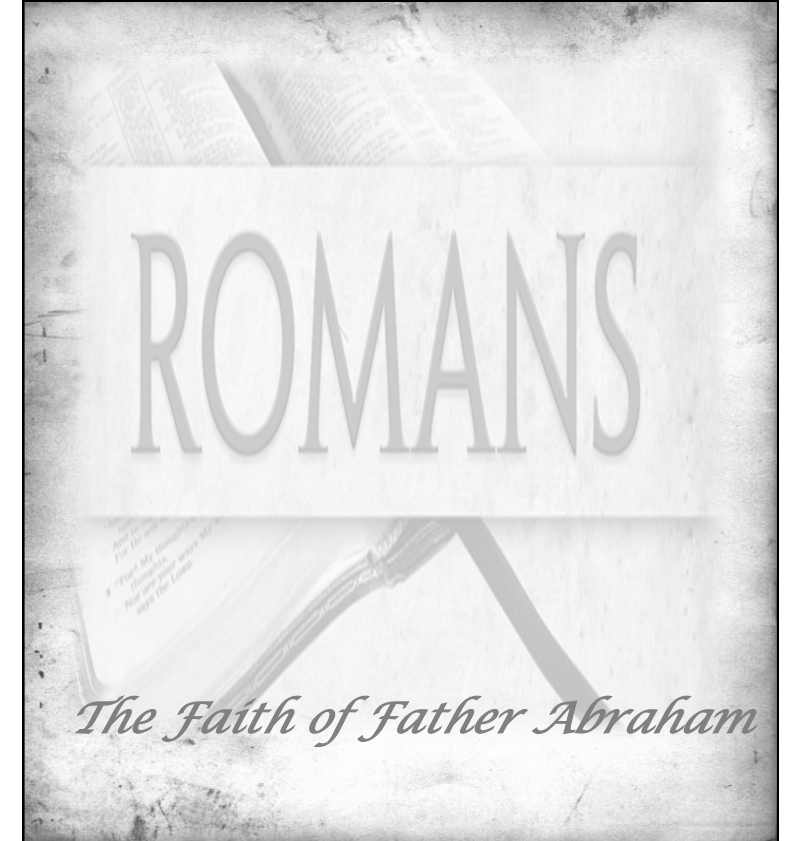


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*Romans 4:1-8*



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### 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.