



Morning Worship

May 3, 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	“Surely The Presence”	#219
Welcome / Announcements Mission Moments		Pastor Steve Ron Degges
Church in Confession		Pastor Jack
Call to Worship		Luke 22:14-20
Communion Hymn	“Come to the Table”	#464
Communion Hymn	“Savior, like a Shephard Lead Us”	#688
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 118
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory	Children Dismissed for Children’s Church	
Preparation Hymn		#562
	“Be Thou My Vision”	
Scripture		Romans 4:9-12
Message		Pastor Jack
	Faith Not Religion	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Revelation 5:11-14

For Your Convenience...
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week’s Volunteers - Jared M., Kristen M., Kathy & Helder H.
Next Week’s Volunteers -May 10-Patsy S., Emma B., Myndi F., Ethan F.
Children’s Church Volunteer Today - Jared M.
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
Crystal Springs Camp, Medina, ND: Tim (Eliza) Brenner, Executive Director;
 LeAnn Lindteigen, Program Director; Andy (Brittney) Sprenger, Facilities Manager;
 Scott Quanbeck, General Maintenance, Ellen Quanbeck, Financial Manager;
 Kass Lynch Food Director; Liz Wingdenbeck, Custodian

MBC Supported Missions

Shan Reed - NAB Missionary to Japan / Mobilization Director -
 Shan began serving as a long-term missionary in Japan in 2001, working in church planting, evangelism, and women’s and youth ministries with the Japan Baptist Conference. She ended her time as an NAB missionary at the end of 2025, but she began a new role in September as the Mobilization Director, working with regional ministers, churches, and individuals to cultivate a culture of sacrificial sending and meaningful partnership in global missions.
 Pray for Shan as she continues to visit supporting churches and shares about her new role, which still requires the financial support of partners.
 For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/shan-reed

Cru (Todd & Kamaya Singer) - Cru offers spiritual guidance, resources and programs tailored for people from all cultures in every walk of life through many diverse out-reaches. Todd and Kamaya joined CRU full time in 2011. They believe college students are at a place that is very vulnerable with so many things fighting for their hearts and minds...also believe that college is the perfect time to give them an opportunity to know Jesus. Currently they work with college students on campuses in and around Grand Forks.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Zack & Leah McAlack
 Table of Life Church in Easton, Pennsylvania
 Because Zack grew up in two different church plants and finds himself more at home in smaller church settings, Table of Life has different sizes of gatherings for different purposes within their community. Each gathering revolves around a different table: potluck tables for belonging as a family, dinner tables for believing (conversations about Jesus), and coffee tables for becoming more like Jesus. Pray for the people they have been blessed to share the Gospel with and for continued boldness. Pray as well for the growth of the McAlacks: their son Wilbur in his communication skills, their daughters in their learning, and all of them in their love of Jesus.
 For more information go to: www.tableoflife.church

Youth News

Upcoming Youth Events
Today-Sunday, May 3rd
Youth Group- 5-7:30pm @ The Anderson’s

Prayer & Praise Items

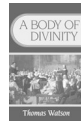
“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”
Romans 12:12 ESV

- 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, 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, May 4 - 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

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.

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"**.

Please sign up at the Resource Center by **Sunday May 17th**.



Congratulations to our 2026 High School Graduate's!

Jadyn Frey - Park Christian School

Annabella Hotchkiss - Hotchkiss Homeschool

Graduation Recognition is **Sunday, May 17th**. Invite your family and friends as we recognize this years seniors!

There will be a baby shower for **Dana Bluel** in the gym on **June 7th at 3pm**.

More information coming soon in your church mailbox.

2026 Summer Camps @ Crystal Springs Baptist Camp

True North (Boys) - Students completing grades 6-8

May 31-June 3 (registrations due 5/17)

True North (Girls) - Students completing grades 6-8

June 3-6 (registrations due by 5/19)

Junior High Camp - Students completing grades 6-8

June 15-20 (registrations due by 5/31)

Explorers Camp - Students completing grades 2-3

June 28 - July 1 (registrations due by 6/14)

Family I Camp - July 2-5 (registrations due by 6/17)

Pathfinders Camp - Students completing grades 4-5

July 6-10 (registrations due by 6/21)

Adventurers Camp - Students completing grades 5-6

July 13-17 (registrations due by 6/28)

Family II Camp - July 17-19 (registrations due by 7/2)

Senior High Camp - Students completing grades 9-12

July 27-August 1 (registrations due by 7/12)

This Week

Today

9:15 am Fellowship

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Morning Worship

Monday, May 4

6:45pm Ladies Bible Study

6:30pm Men's Reading Group

Tuesday, May 5

1:00 pm Women's Bible Study

6:30pm O&E Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 6

6 pm Awana Grand Prix

6-6:30 pm Weigh-In

6:45 pm Races Start

Upcoming Events

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 Recognition

23-Jadyn Frey Open House

25- Memorial Day

31-True North Boys Camp @ CSBC

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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel

Next Meeting May 31, 2026

### June

1-3-True North Boys Camp @ CSBC

3-6-True North Girls Camp @ CSBC

7- Communion

7-Bluel Baby Shower

## Recognitions

### Birthdays

Linda Moser (Today)

Tom Rakoczy (Today)

Kristen Mavis (Tuesday)

Jack Bluel (Tuesday)

Elijah Wolhart (Wednesday)

### Family of the Week

Pastor Steve & LeAnn Burrell

### Caring Person for May

Karen Parrott

## 2:42 Groups

### May

Sun. May 3 12:30pm Svaleson

Thurs. May 7 6:00pm Wolff

Sun. May 31 12:30pm Burrell

## 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

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|---------------------------|---------|
| Avg. Attendance for April | 101     |
| Amount Needed Weekly      | \$5,820 |
| April 19, 2026            | \$4,947 |
| Online Week of 04-19-2026 | \$1,219 |
| April 26, 2026            | \$7,553 |
| Online Week of 04-26-2026 | \$1475  |

Pastor Jack will be out of the office  
May 6-10th.

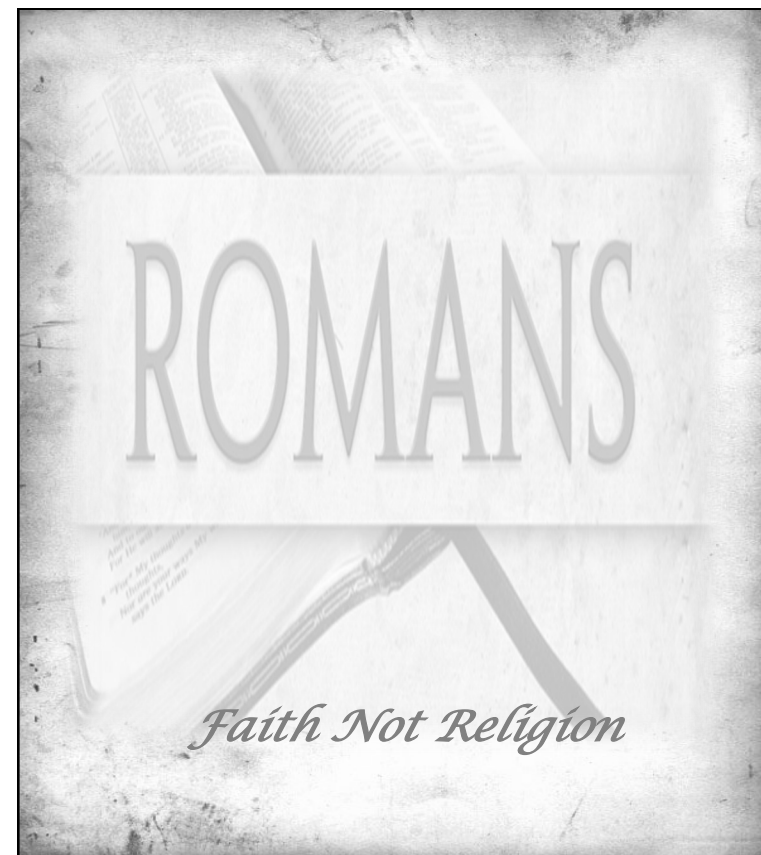


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*Romans 4:9-12*



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