

# Morning Worship

## May 17, 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.

Call to Gather	“Surely The Presence”	#219
Welcome / Announcements		Pastor Steve
Graduation Recognition		C.E. Board Jadyn Frey & Annabella Hotchkiss
Church in Confession		Bill Savage
Call to Worship		Matthew 6:9-13
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 119:17-32
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory	Children Dismissed for Children’s Church	
Preparation Hymn		#727
Scripture	“Faith Is The Victory”	Romans 4:13-25
Message		Pastor Jack Faith Lessons From Father Abraham
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Hebrews 13:20-21

**For Your Convenience...**  
 There is Nursery available for parents with small children.  
*Thanks to this week’s Volunteers -Susan D & Ron D, Sue M, Jen K, Jacque U.*  
*Next Week’s Volunteers -May 24- No Children’s Church, No Sunday School, Janet & Ellie M.*  
*Children’s Church Volunteer Today - Susan D., Ron D.*  
 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**, Grand Forks, ND: Josh (Kate) Steely, Lead Pastor;  
 Angie (Dave) Fewster, Children’s Ministry Director

**MBC Supported Missions**

**NAB Ministries** - NAB Home Missions/Resource Fund and Missions International, are some of the NAB ministries we support.

**AWANA GO and Rusty & Lacey Gulbranson, Awana Missionaries** - AWANA Global Outreach, is a community of passionate clubs and churches who are engaging their clubbers to reach more kids for Christ by raising money to provide children around the world with discipleship materials through AWANA. Rusty grew up in AWANA, starting as a Cubbie and progressing through the program, earning a Citation Award. He has served the local church through AWANA in any way that was needed. Rusty and his wife Lacey, serve as full-time Child Discipleship Missionaries in NE, SD, ND, and SE WY, coming alongside 150 Awana Clubs and Brite Churches. We have a passion for equipping leaders to share the Gospel effectively so others can know, love, and serve Jesus. Additionally, Rusty has a desire to encourage pastors and ministry leaders to support their callings. Rusty and Lacey live in Sidney, NE.

**NAB Missionary of the Week**



Mario & Janeth Rodriguez  
 Tabernáculo Biblico Bautista Nueva Jerusalén in Kitchener, Ontario  
 Taber Kitchener was founded in 1991 by Pastor Felipe Rodríguez, and when he retired in 2021, Mario took over as lead pastor of this church he grew up in. They are a Spanish-speaking church continuing to work toward revitalizing their ministry and taking on the vision from God to start an English ministry in their community. Pray for their ongoing revitalization efforts as they seek to be Jesus in their community, regardless of the language people speak.

For more information go to: [taberkitchener.ca](http://taberkitchener.ca)

## Youth News

### Upcoming Youth Events

Watch your emails for details of upcoming events

## Prayer & Praise Items

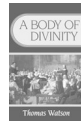
*“Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.”*  
**Romans 12:12 ESV**

- 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 approximately 3-5 months 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, Arlene Palm, Ron Parrott, Darlene Wahl, Bob Weier, and Joan Frey**. Pray for peace, comfort, continued strength, and healing in each of, their circumstances.

### MBC Church Family Praise

- **Praise** that we will be able to start construction on the gym and storage area soon.

## Announcements



**Men’s Reading Group**  
 Monday evenings - 6:30pm @ MBC  
 reading through Thomas Watson’s  
***“A Body of Divinity”***

**“Conversational Evangelism Huddle”** will start **Wednesday, June 17th** at MBC. This will be a once a month gathering to pray, share, and learn how to start a conversation about sharing the gospel. Food and Fellowship at **6:30pm** and gathering from **7:00-8:00 pm**.

## Announcements Continued

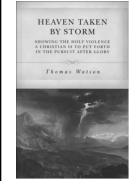
**Congratulations to our 2026 High School Graduate's!**  
**Jadyn Frey** - Park Christian School  
**Annabella Hotchkiss** - Hotchkiss Academy

Jadyn Frey's open house will be at MBC on **Sunday, May 24th** from **5-8pm**.

### 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 **Today-Sunday, May 17th**.



Our North American Baptist church in Minot, is hosting a marriage conference called "**Experiencing Jesus Together**." It will be held on **Friday, June 5th and Saturday, June 6th** at the Grand Hotel in Minot. Registration must be completed by **Today-Sunday, May 17th**.

For more information or to register go to: <https://tbrministries.org>

There will be a baby shower for **Dana Bluel** in the gym on **June 7th** at **3pm**.  
 Invitations are in your church mailbox.  
 She is registered at <https://my.babylist.com/dana-bluel>

### 2026 Vacation Bible School ~ "Bible in the Park"

Monday, July 20th through Friday, July 24th  
 Brunsdale Park, 1702 27th Ave. S., Fargo  
 6:00-8:00 pm - with supper provided

We are partnering with **Child Evangelism Fellowship**

More info to come on workers needed. *Please pray for this outreach event.*

### 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 18

6:30pm Men's Reading Group

### Sunday, May 24

5-8pm Jadyn Frey Open House

## 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 April	94
Amount Needed Weekly	\$5,820
May 3, 2026	\$7,175
Online Week of 05-03-2026	\$867
May 10, 2026	\$3,533
Online Week of 05-10-2026	\$139

## Upcoming Events

### May 2026

17- Graduation Recognition  
 24-Jadyn Frey Open House@ MBC  
 25- Memorial Day  
 31-True North Boys Camp @ CSBC  
 31 - Colloquium with Pastor Jack  
 31- CE Board Meeting

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 Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel  
 Next Meeting May 31, 2026

### June

3-True North Girls Camp @ CSBC  
 7- Communion  
 7-Bluel Baby Shower  
 9- Board Meetings  
 12- MBC Prays

## Recognitions

### Birthdays

Abbie Bluel (Thursday)  
 Kathy Hakk (Thursday)  
 Bob Weier (Saturday)

### Family of the Week

Larry and Lucy Crooks

### Caring Person for May

Karen Parrott

## 2:42 Groups

### May

Sun. May 31 12:30pm Burrell

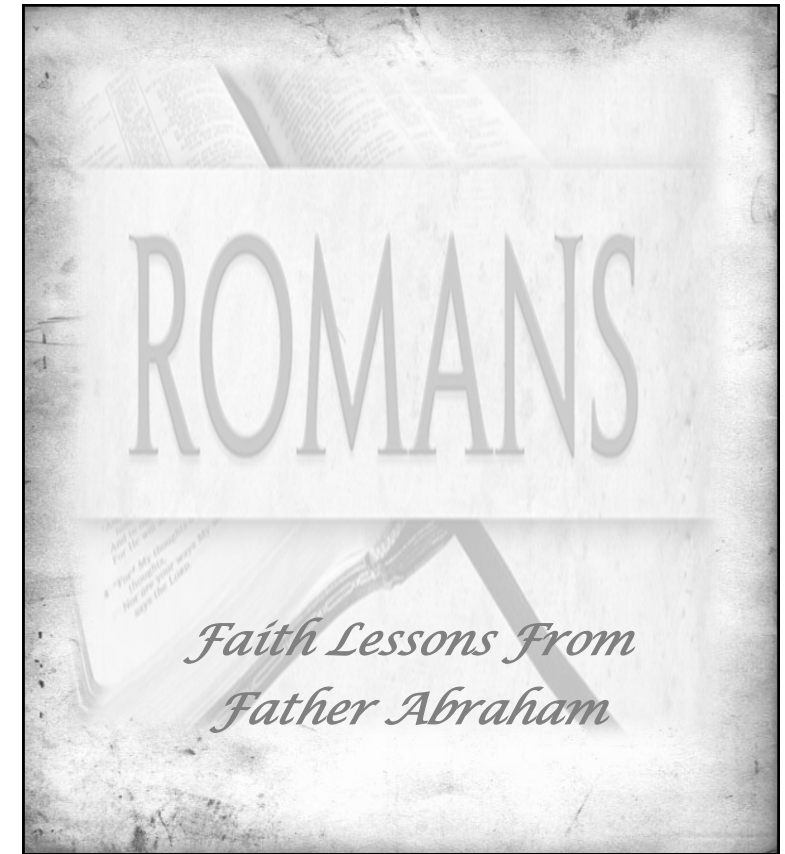


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*Romans 4:13-25*



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