



Morning Worship

July 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

“A Shield About Me”

#709

Welcome / Announcements
Bible in the Park Presentation
Mission Moments

Pastor Steve
Marcia Becker
Ruth Wolhart

Church in Confession
Call to Worship
Communion Hymn
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“Come to the Table”
“And Can It Be?”

Pastor Jack
Colossians 2:13-14
#464
Pastor Jack/Deacons
#347

Congregational Songs of Praise

Praise Team

Psalm Reading

Psalm 119:129-144

Church in Prayer

Pastor Jack

Offering /Offertory

Preparation Hymn

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

#807

Scripture

Romans 6:1-14

Message

United in Christ

Pastor Jack

Closing Song

Praise Team

Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23

For Your Convenience...
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week’s Volunteers -Sue M., LeAnn B., Willow M.
Next Week’s Volunteers -July 19-Arlette B., Ruth W., Jon W.
No Children’s Church for the Summer Months
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
White Cross Ministries U.S., Bismarck, ND:
Robyn Wonnenberg, Ministry Assistant;
Dan and Debbie Long, Volunteers

MBC Supported Missions

North Central Association - The North Central Association is composed of all organized and recognized North American Baptist Churches in the northern part of South Dakota, all of North Dakota and eastern Montana. There are currently 31 churches that belong to the North Central Association. The NCA exists to infuse every community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ ...as healthy churches....with well trained leaders.... through cooperative ministry projects. Randy Jaspers serves as the Regional Minister.
Visit <http://npreigion.org> for more info.



NAB Missionary of the Week

Nelson Mukiza
NAB Missionary to Kenya
Nelson has been an NAB pastor since 2009, when he planted Fresh Manna Fellowship in Edmonton, Alberta. Fresh Manna Fellowship eventually merged with another NAB church – Steele Heights Baptist Church, in 2021. Prior to Fresh Manna, Nelson also planted churches in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Canada, and Kenya. He will work to advance church planting, pastoral and ministry leadership training, and holistic community development among the refugee population in Kenya.
Pray for Nelson as he develops a team of prayer and financial supporters who will partner with him in raising up indigenous leaders – evangelists, pastors, church planters – and ministering to the needs of refugees in Kenya.
For more information go to:nabonmission.org/missionaries/nelson-mukiza

Youth News

Upcoming Youth Events

Today~Sunday, July 12th
Meeting and Lunch @ MBC (right after service)
Open to Youth Group families and families that will be entering Youth Group this fall. Will be discussing the Mission Trip for the Summer of 2027.

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.
- Pray for Bob Weier’s family as they grieve the loss of their father. Bob passed away on June 17th. Please pray for comfort and peace as they walk through this loss.
- Pray for Cindy Savage as she is at home recovering from knee surgery. Pray for comfort, healing, a quick recovery, and that the pain will be manageable.
- 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, and Joan Frey. Pray for peace, comfort, continued strength, and healing in each of, their circumstances.

MBC Church Family Praise

- Praise** that construction has started on the gym and kitchen.



“Mondays in the Summer”

Men’s Reading Group
Monday, **July 13th** -6:30pm @ MBC
reading through **Thomas Watson’s**
“Heaven Taken by Storm”



“Conversational Evangelism Huddle”

Wednesday, July 15th
Food and Fellowship at 6:30pm
Gathering from 7:00-8:00 pm

Announcements Continued

2026 "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**

Please prayerfully consider signing up for handing out flyers, helping with food prep, helping to set up/tear down, meal service, child outreach, or to make homemade cookies/treats. There are still a lot of needs left to be filled.

Ladies Summer Reading & Fellowship

Thursday, July 16th @ 10am

"A Lineage of Grace" by Francine Rivers

Five Stories of unlikely women who changed eternity.

July's Story will be "Unveiled Tamar" @ Patsy's House-

3813 22nd St S, Fargo

Discover MBC Class:

Saturday, July 25th, at MBC, 9:30am-noon

New to Metropolitan? Interested in learning more about MBC? Then this would be the class for you! If you are looking for more information or how to become a member, please see Pastor Steve or sign up at the Resource Center.

2nd SACK LUNCH Sunday -

July 26th after church. Think of it as a picnic, indoors, without the ants!! You are invited to bring your own food and enjoy the fellowship of others. Mingle with those you know & meet those you don't know!

Beverages will be provided.

Save the Date ~ 2026 All-Church Picnic, sponsored by WMF

August 23rd, 5 - 8pm @ MBC

More details to come

Food - Fun - Fellowship

Do you anticipate extra garden produce? A box can be found in the church entryway, so that others can share in your bounty! Plan on helping others in need with your harvest this season.

Thank you, from your Evangelism & Outreach Board

This Week	
<u>Today</u>	
9:15 am	Fellowship
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Morning Worship
12am - 11:59pm	MBC Prays
Monday, July 13	
Adventurers Camp @ CSBC	
6:30pm	Men's Reading Group
Tuesday, July 14	
6:00pm	Trustees Board Mtg
6:30pm	Deacon Board Mtg
Wednesday, July 15	
6:30pm	Conversational
	Evangelism Huddle
Thursday, July 16	
10:00am	Ladies Summer
	Reading & Fellowship
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 June	44
Amount Needed Weekly	\$5,820
June 28, 2026	\$5,146
Online Week of 06-28-2026	\$94
July 5, 2026	\$4,375
Online Week of 07-05-2026	\$1,644

Upcoming Events	
July 12-MBC Prays 12- CE Board Meeting 13-Adventurers Camp @ CSBC 14- Board Meetings 15- Conversational Evangelism Huddle 16- Ladies Summer Reading 17-Family Camp II @ CSBC 20-Bible in the Park 26- Sack Lunch Sunday 27-Senior High Camp @ CSBC ~~~~~ Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel Next Meeting July 26, 2026	
Recognitions	
<u>Birthdays</u> Lance Nitschke (Today) <u>Member of the Week</u> Arlene Franchuk <u>Caring Person for July</u> Sue Mavis	
<u>Are you continuing to read the MBC Evangelism & Outreach Minutes?</u> Watch your email, weekly on Tuesday mornings, for an inspiring, short thought to motivate and enhance your witness.	



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