



Morning Worship

July 13, 2025

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	“Great And Mighty”	#129
Welcome / Announcements	Pastor Steve	
Church in Confession	Josh Svaleson	
Call to Worship	Isaiah 61:10-11	
Congregational Songs of Praise	Praise Team	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 79	
Church in Prayer	Pastor Jack	
Offering /Offertory		
Preparation Hymn	“Battle Hymn of the Republic”	#804
Scripture	Acts 25:23-26:32	
Message	To Believe or Not To Believe	Pastor Jack
Closing Song	Praise Team	
Benediction	Psalm 90:16-17	

For Your Convenience...
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week’s Volunteers - Arlette B., LeAnn B. & helper
Next Week’s Volunteers - July 20 - Nancy H., Jon & Ruth 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
Gackle Baptist, Gackle, ND

MBC Supported Missions

Shan Reed, NAB Missionary, Japan - Since she began serving as a long-term missionary in Japan in 2001, Shan’s ministry has included church planting, evangelism, and women’s and youth ministries with the Japan Baptist Conference. She will be ending her timing as an NAB missionary at the end of this year, during which she will be visiting with supporters one last time to end things well. She will be leaving Japan April 10th.
Pray for Shan as she travels across North America; pray as well for this transition out of international missionary service.
For more information, visit www.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 outreaches. 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




Nick & Iris Hung
NAB Missionaries in Japan
Nick and Iris moved to Japan last year to begin a new stage of their missionary journey. For this first year on the field, they have been focusing heavily on language school, but they are already eager to begin ministry to and among the Chinese diaspora living in Japan.
Pray for patience as they focus on learning Japanese and hold off on ministry plans this first year. Pray as well for the relationships they are building.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/nick-iris

Youth News



Upcoming Youth Events

Watch your emails for details



“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

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”
Colossians 4:2 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**. God’s will be done. Pray for peace and rebuilding.
- Pray for the **leadership** of our country, state, and city. 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.
- Continue in prayer for those in our church family, and others, facing health issues: **Morris Peterson, Arlene Franchuk, Sherry Buchholz, Gail Biby, Larry Crooks, Arlene Palm, Karen Parrott, Ron Parrott, Kevin Preston, Jacque Ulstad, Darlene Wahl, Glenn Burrell, Steven Kieffer, and Joan Frey.** Pray for peace, comfort, continued strength, and healing in each of their circumstances.
- Pray for Vacation Bible School, **“Bible in the Park”** July 28 - August 1
- Be in prayer for **John Buegel**, following a mini-stroke last weekend; he will be having an MRI done later this month.
- Pray for **Elmer Ackerman**; he had hip replacement surgery; pray for a quick and complete recovery. He is at PAM Rehab Hospital currently.
- Pray for the many families and rescue workers affected by the severe **flooding in Texas** last week.
- Pray for **Ron Parrott**; he is scheduled for an angiogram on Thursday.

MBC Church Family Praise

- Praise that **Arlyn Anderson’s** lab numbers continue in a downward trend.


Announcements

“Mondays in the Summer”
Men’s Reading Group
Monday, July 14th - 6:30pm
reading through J.I. Packer’s book, **“A Quest For Godliness.”**
Chapter 7



One-on-One Prayer at the Red River Valley Fair . . .
Tonight, Sunday, July 13, 7:30 pm
Pray for those participating and for the ones making a decision for Christ

2025 Vacation Bible School ~ “Bible in the Park”
Monday, July 28th through Friday, August 1st
Brunsdale Park, 1702 27th Ave. S., Fargo
6:00-8:00 pm - light meal provided
We are partnering with **Child Evangelism Fellowship**
Scan the QR code on the flyer to pre-register
Volunteer Sign-Up sheet available at the Resource Center
Please be in prayer for this outreach event



Announcements Continued

2025 Summer Camps @ Crystal Springs Baptist Camp
Family II Camp - July 18-20 (registrations were due by 7/4)
Senior High Camp - Students completing grades 9-12
July 21-26 (registrations were due by 7/7)
Adventurers Camp - Students completing grades 5-6
July 28 - Aug 1 (registrations due by 7/14)

2nd SACK LUNCH Sunday of the summer - Next Sunday, **July 20th** 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 instead of eating by yourself. Mingle with those you know & meet those you don't know! Coffee and juice will be provided.

Save the Date ~ 2025 All-Church Picnic, sponsored by WMF
August 17th, 5 - 8pm
Lindenwood Park, Fargo - Rotary Shelter
More details to come
Food - Fun - Fellowship

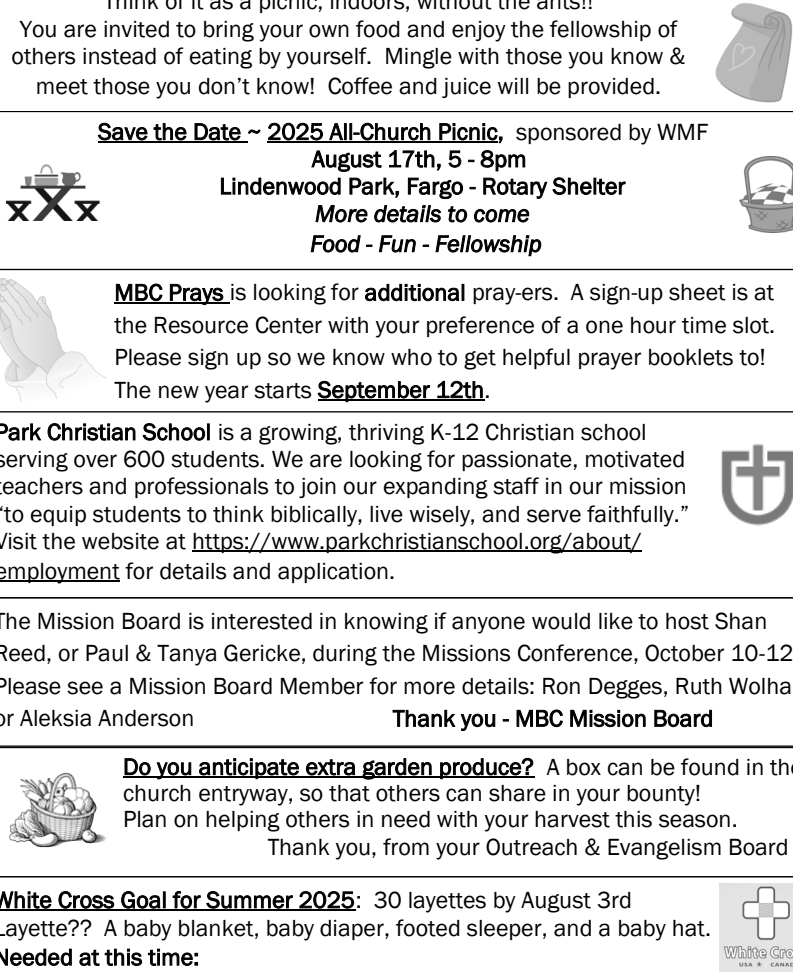
MBC Prays is looking for **additional** pray-ers. A sign-up sheet is at the Resource Center with your preference of a one hour time slot. Please sign up so we know who to get helpful prayer booklets to! The new year starts **September 12th**.

Park Christian School is a growing, thriving K-12 Christian school serving over 600 students. We are looking for passionate, motivated teachers and professionals to join our expanding staff in our mission "to equip students to think biblically, live wisely, and serve faithfully." Visit the website at <https://www.parkchristianschool.org/about/employment> for details and application.

The Mission Board is interested in knowing if anyone would like to host Shan Reed, or Paul & Tanya Gericke, during the Missions Conference, October 10-12. Please see a Mission Board Member for more details: Ron Degges, Ruth Wolhart or Aleksia Anderson
Thank you - MBC Mission Board

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 Outreach & Evangelism Board

White Cross Goal for Summer 2025: 30 layettes by August 3rd
Layette?? A baby blanket, baby diaper, footed sleeper, and a baby hat.
Needed at this time:
10 footed sleepers: size 3-6 months, **zippered**, cotton, flannel, or fleece, in colors and patterns (please, no owls, chameleons, or solid white)
6 baby hats: knitted, crocheted, or sewn
Questions? Reach out to Susan Degges



This Week

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

Monday, July 14
6:30 pm 'Mondays in the Summer'

Friday-Sunday, July 18-20
Family II Camp @ CSBC

Metropolitan Staff

Jack Blueel Senior Pastor
Steve Burrell Pastor of Outreach & Evang.
Nancy Harsch Worship Coordinator
Neal & Erica Anderson Youth Coordinators
Sue Mavis Administrative Assistant
Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

Attendance & Giving

Avg. Attendance for July	49
Amount Needed Weekly	\$6,115
June 29, 2025	\$6,928
Online week of 6-29-2025	\$830
July 6, 2025	\$4,322
Online week of 7-6-2025	\$1,579

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

July 2025
18-20 - Family II Camp @ CSBC
20 - Sack Lunch Sunday
21-26 - Sr. High Camp @ CSBC
28-Aug 1 - VBS - "Bible in the Park"
28-Aug 1 - Adventurers Camp @ CSBC

August 2025
3 - Communion
5 - O&E Board Meeting
12 - MBC Prays
12 - Board Meetings
17 - All-Church Picnic

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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel  
Next Meeting July 27, 2025

### Recognitions

**Birthdays**  
No Birthdays this Week

**Family of the Week**  
Mark, Katie, Bethany, Caleb, Luke, and Lydia Mehl


**Caring Person for July**  
Janet Kirsch



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