



Morning Worship

August 3, 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 Are You, Lord”	#159
Welcome / Announcements	Pastor Steve	
Church in Confession	Pastor Jack	
Call to Worship	Matthew 16:21-27	
Communion Hymn	“Come to the Table”	#464
Communion Hymn	Pastor Jack/Deacons	
	“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”	#597
Congregational Songs of Praise	Praise Team	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 82	
Church in Prayer	Pastor Jack	
Offering /Offertory		
Preparation Hymn		#528
	“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”	
Scripture	Acts 28:1- 16	
Message	Almost There	Pastor Jack
Closing Song	Praise Team	
Benediction	Philippians 4:19-20, 23	


For Your Convenience...
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week’s Volunteers - Sue M., Josh & Marissa S.
Next Week’s Volunteers - August 10 - Myndi F., Heldur & Kathy H.
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
Grace Baptist, Grand Forks, ND
Josh (Kate) Steely, Lead Pastor; Angie (Dave) Fewster, Children’s Ministries

MBC Supported Missions
Rick & Debbie Bardin (NAB Cameroon): Rick and Debbie serve at Mbingo Baptist Hospital in Bamenda, Cameroon. Rick is a board-certified medical doctor in Internal Medicine and Pathology, and Debbie is a staff nurse. Praise God that the Pathology Lab, where Rick works, recently hired two new staff, who are being trained, and purchased new equipment to facilitate faster turnaround on pathology slides. Pray the patients at Mbingo to be able to get to the hospital for the care they need and for the light of Christ be evident to all.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/dr-rick-debbie-bardin

Baptist Health Care Center, Bismarck, ND Pray for Baptist Health Care Center; who has provided care to their residents for over 75 years. Uphold the 140 residents who either have skilled nursing, rehab or memory care needs. Pray for the staff: Administrator, Deanna Berg; Chaplains, Merle Hoots and Don Schmidt; Director of Nursing, unknown at this time; Business Administrator, Fern Lindteigen; and the other 250 staff who look after the needs of the residents.

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

Youth News



Upcoming Youth Events

Today - August 3rd - at church - 5:00 - 7:30 pm
and August 24th

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, John Buegel, Larry Crooks, Arlene Palm, Karen Parrott, Ron Parrott, Kevin Preston, Jacque Ulstad, Darlene Wahl, Waltraut Wolff, Glenn Burrell, Steven Kieffer, and Joan Frey.** Pray for peace, comfort, continued strength, and healing in each of their circumstances.
- Pray for those who attended Vacation Bible School, **“Bible in the Park”** that their hearts and minds were opened to the message of the gospel that was presented.
- Continue in prayer for **Elmer Ackerman**; for a quick and complete recovery following hip replacement surgery July 8th.
- Pray for the many families and rescue workers affected by the severe **flooding in Texas** last month.

MBC Church Family Praise

- Praise that **Ron Parrott’s** angiogram went well.


Announcements

“Mondays in the Summer”
Men’s Reading Group
Monday, August 4 - 6:30pm
reading through J.I. Packer’s book, **“A Quest For Godliness.”**
Chapter 9

The group will not meet August 11th and 18th - due to Pastor Jack’s absence


2025 All-Church Picnic, sponsored by WMF
August 17th, 5 - 8pm
Lindenwood Park, Fargo - Rotary Shelter
Each family is asked to bring a main dish to share
Families A-K bring a **salad**, L-Z bring a **dessert**
Tableware and drinks will be provided

Announcements Continued



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.




MBC Family - **Thank you so much** for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, food, and encouragement as I went through surgery and in rehab. Everything is very much appreciated. My church family is a blessing to me!

In Christ, Elmer Ackerman


White Cross Update: We have received enough footed sleepers to fulfill our 2025 goal. Individuals are still welcome to donate if you’d like; they will be used for future layettes. Susan Ray-Degges is looking to schedule a Fall White Cross Work Day. Stay tuned!



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



For any new Volunteers (18 years or older) with the Children’s Ministries at MBC - Nursery, Sunday School, Children’s Church, AWANA, VBS, etc. . . . Please obtain a **Children and Youth Protection Policy**, read through it, complete the **Volunteer Application form**, and give it directly to Pastor Jack. For those who have previously submitted an application form, we ask that you review the policy, fill out **only the authorization for renewal** of the background check, and give it directly to Pastor Jack. Policies and Forms are available at the Resource Center, as well as a check list for reviewing the Policy. Thank you



AWANA Registration

August 27th ~ 6:30 - 8 pm ~ MBC Gym
The first night of AWANA ~ September 3rd
6-6:25pm - Check-in
6:25pm - Club Begins

This Week

Today

9:15 am Fellowship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship
5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, August 4
6:30pm ‘Mondays in the Summer’

Tuesday, August 5
6:30pm O&E Board Meeting

Metropolitan Staff

Jack Blue 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	78
Amount Needed Weekly	\$6,115
July 20, 2025	\$9,124
Online week of 7-20-2025	\$1,119
July 27, 2025	\$3,778
Online week of 7-27-2025	\$220

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 . . .”

Pastor Jack will be Out of the Office
Thurs., August 7 - Tues., August 19

Upcoming Events

August 2025

3 - Communion
5 - O&E Board Meeting
12 - MBC Prays
12 - Trustee Board Meeting
17 - All-Church Picnic
21 - Deacon Board Meeting
27 - AWANA Registration
31 - No Sunday School

September 2025

1 - Labor Day
2 - O&E Board Meeting
3 - AWANA Begins
7 - Communion
7 - Colloquium with Pastor Jack
9 - Trustee Board Meeting
11 - Deacon Board Meeting
12 - MBC Prays

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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel  
Next Meeting September 28, 2025

### Recognitions

**Birthdays**

April Becker (Monday)  
Rodney Kitzan (Monday)  
Adalie Anderson (Wednesday)  
Cindy Savage (Friday)

**Family of the Week**

Clayton & Nancy  
Harsch

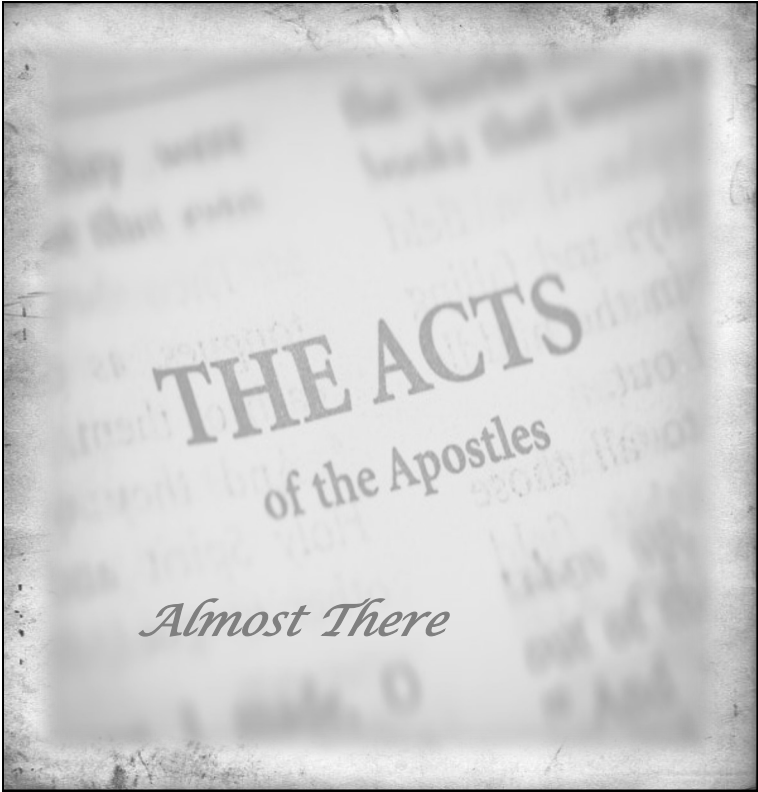
**Caring Person for August**

Sue Mavis



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*Acts 28:1-16*



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