



# Morning Worship

## August 10, 2025

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	“Great Are You, Lord”	#159
Welcome / Announcements	Pastor Steve	
Evangelism Moments	Pastor Steve	
Church in Confession	Josh Svaleson	
Call to Worship	II Corinthians 3:1-18	
Congregational Songs of Praise	Praise Team	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 83	
Church in Prayer	Pastor Steve	
Offering /Offertory		
Preparation Hymn	“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”	#648
Scripture	James 5:1-12	
Message	Gardner McKeon	An Uncomfortable Sermon
Closing Song	Praise Team	
Benediction	Ephesians 6:23-24	

For Your Convenience...  
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.  
**Thanks to this week’s Volunteers - Myndi F., Heldur & Kathy H.**  
**Next Week’s Volunteers - August 17 - Sue M., Jennifer K., Jadyn F.**  
**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**  
Cornerstone Community, Harvey, ND  
Jeff (Pam) Blomquist, Pastor

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**MBC Supported Missions**  
**Craig & Maureen Moody (NAB Cameroon):** Craig and Maureen have served as missionaries in Cameroon in a variety of capacities throughout the years. Though they moved back to Canada last year, Maureen continues to serve remotely in the role of field director for Cameroon.  
Pray for Maureen as she tackles the role of field director from half a world away.  
For more information go to: [nabonmission.org/missionaries/maureen-moody](http://nabonmission.org/missionaries/maureen-moody)


**Child Evangelism Fellowship** - CEF of Fargo/Moorhead is the local chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship that seeks to reach children in the Fargo, Moorhead, Dil-worth, and West Fargo areas with the gospel of Jesus Christ and establish them in a local church and the Word of God for Christian growth. They hold Camp Good News camps during the summer and Good News Clubs during the school year. The new Ministry Coordinator is Michelle Brown, working full-time and running programs. Michelle and her husband Nate have 4 children. They previously served in Ecuador as missionaries. She has a passion and love for sharing the gospel and Christ’s love with children and getting to pour into volunteers and staff. At the end of the year, Doug Sikkink will transfer into the state director role full-time and Michelle will become the local chapter director.

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**NAB Missionary of the Week**  
**Geoff Hartt**  
**Executive Director of Hispanics for Christ**  
Geoff Hartt leads Hispanics for Christ, which exists to plant Span-ish-speaking churches and to train leaders for those churches. Hispanics for Christ provides vision casting, strategic planning, and coaching for church planters in the Americas. There are currently church planters in Argentina, Canada, Mexico, Paraguay, and the United States.  
Pray for the ongoing efforts in church planting and leadership training throughout North and South America.  
For more information go to: [hispanicsforchrist.org](http://hispanicsforchrist.org)

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## Youth News



### Upcoming Youth Events

August 24th - at church - 5:00 - 7:30 pm  
(also September 3rd and 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, Elmer Ackerman, Glenn Burrell, Steven Kieffer, and Joan Frey.** Pray for peace, comfort, continued strength, and healing in each of their circumstances.
- Continue in prayer for the families and rescue workers affected by the severe **flooding in Texas** last month.

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### MBC Church Family Praise

- Praise for those who attended “**Bible in the Park**” VBS last week. Pray that their hearts and minds were opened to the message of the gospel that was presented.


## Announcements

**“Mondays in the Summer”**  
Men’s Reading Group  
Next Meeting - Monday, August 25 - 6:30pm  
reading through J.I. Packer’s book, “**A Quest For Godliness.**”  
Chapter 10  
The group will not meet August 11th and 18th - due to Pastor Jack’s absence

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**2025 All-Church Picnic,** sponsored by WMF  
Next Sunday - 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

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**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.**

## Announcements Continued

**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.

**White Cross:** Susan Ray-Degges is looking to schedule a Fall White Cross Work Day. Stay tuned!

**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  
**(if you fill out your form while Pastor Jack is gone, please put it in an envelope provided and give it to either Pastor Steve or Sue Mavis)**



**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

**Fall Sunday School Kick-Off, September 7th**  
Please join us for breakfast at 9:15am in the Gym-Fellowship Hall (No SS)  
**There is a sign-up sheet at the Resource Center to volunteer to bring food for the Kick-Off Breakfast**

**SAVE THE DATE - 2025 Women’s Retreat @ Crystal Springs Baptist Camp**  
September 19th - 21st ~ Friday, 3:00pm - Sunday, 1:15pm  
Registrations are due by September 5th  
More details and sign up in the coming weeks

**Save the Date - 2025 MBC Men’s Retreat @ CSBC**  
**Friday & Saturday, September 26th & 27th**  
More details and sign up in the coming weeks

The **Saturday Mission Conference Project** for 2025 is to have a Baby Shower for **The Perry Center**. The goal is to fill **10** diaper bags to give to the moms at the center. There will be a list of items for people to choose from to purchase. We will meet Sat. morning, Oct. 11th to fill the diaper bags with the donated items. More details in the coming weeks. **Thanks - 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 Evangelism & Outreach Board

### This Week

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

**Monday, August 11**  
No ‘Mondays in the Summer’  
6:00pm Trustee Board Meeting

**Tuesday, August 12**  
12am - 11:59pm MBC Prays

### Metropolitan Staff

Jack Bluel 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 August	104
Amount Needed Weekly	\$6,115
July 27, 2025	\$3,778
Online week of 7-27-2025	\$220
August 3, 2025	\$5,996
Online week of 8-3-2025	\$20

**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 through Tuesday, August 19

### Upcoming Events

**August 2025**  
11 - Trustee Board Meeting  
12 - MBC Prays  
17 - All-Church Picnic  
27 - AWANA Registration  
31 - No Sunday School

**September 2025**  
1 - Labor Day  
2 - O&E Board Meeting  
3 - AWANA Begins  
7 - Fall SS Kickoff Breakfast (No Sunday School)  
7 - Communion  
7 - Colloquium with Pastor Jack  
9 - Trustee Board Meeting  
11 - Deacon Board Meeting  
12 - MBC Prays  
14 - Fall SS Classes Begin


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

### Recognitions

**Birthdays**  
Larry Heuer (Wednesday)

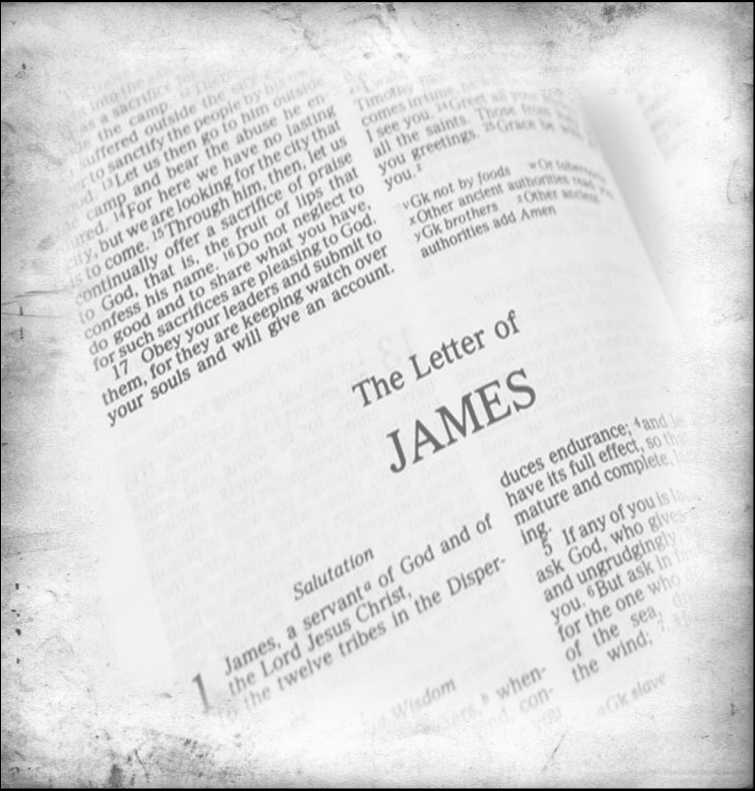
**Family of the Week**  
Carey & Tori McWilliams


**Caring Person for August**  
Sue Mavis



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# James 5:1-12

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