



Morning Worship

August 16, 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	“Praise the Name of Jesus”	#22
Welcome / Announcements	Pastor Steve	
Church in Confession	Clayton Harsch	
Call to Worship	Psalm 113:1-3	
Congregational Songs of Praise	Praise Team	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 122	
Church in Prayer	Pastor Jack	
Offering /Offertory		
Preparation Hymn	“Blessed Assurance”	#572
Scripture	Romans 8:1-11	
Message	Our New Position	Pastor Jack
Closing Song	Praise Team	
Benediction	Hebrews 10:19-22	

For Your Convenience...
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week’s Volunteers -Arlette B., Jennifer K., Jacque U.
Next Week’s Volunteers -August 23-Sue M., Janet M., Ellie M
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
First Baptist, Minot, ND: Kent (Trish) Hinkel, Sr. Pastor; Brandon (Melaney) Smith, Executive Pastor; Chris (Jess) Eaton, Youth; Lexy Stavem, Children’s Ministry Director; Christie (Trent) VanderVorst, Preschool Coordinator

MBC Supported Missions

Brandon & Marci Jones - NAB Missionaries in Brazil - Brandon and Marci joined the NAB missionary team in Brazil in 2018. Brandon holds a PhD in Theological Studies and enjoys teaching theology and ethics at the seminary. Brandon also serves as director of Kairos Brazil. Marci handles promotions and media for the mission work at the seminary and with Kairos. They have three children: Daniel, Monica, and Olivia. Pray for God’s guidance and wisdom as they seek to expand into new partnerships; pray as well for Marci as she continues to work toward her master of Divinity degree.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/brandon-marci-jones

Perry Center - The purpose of the Perry Center is to minister the love of Jesus Christ to single women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy by providing for their physical, emotional and spiritual needs in a residential setting. The Perry Center is a quiet, reflective place with counselors experienced in helping to guide women in crisis pregnancy situations. The Perry Center is licensed annually by the ND DHS. Praise for the presentation from Nate Douglas during Missions Conference.



NAB Missionary of the Week
Chris & Laurie Finchum
CityWalk Church in Yuba City, California
For twenty years, Chris and Laurie prayed for God to send people to plant life-giving churches in Yuba City, Laurie’s hometown. The Holy Spirit prompted them while visiting family there in 2016 that they were the people they had been praying for. Citywalk is a church that seeks to walk people into a growing relationship with Jesus, whether they are a long-time follower or just investigating faith. A few years ago, they launched a second location in the city just across the river, and they are investigating another location in a small community an hour northwest of them.
Pray for the discernment process regarding the new site. Pray as well for them to reach their current communities well.
For more information go to: citywalkchurch.com

Youth News

Upcoming Youth Events

Sunday, August 16th
Youth Group-5-7:30 @ MBC
Supper followed by an Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

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Sunday, September 13  
Youth Group Fall Kickoff  
12:30pm @ MBC

For student’s 6th grade and up, and parents. Meal will be provided.

## 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 **Caleb Blue** as he recovers from his fall. Pray for healing of his rib and lungs, and that the pain will be manageable.
- 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.
- Pray for **Nancy Harsch** as she is at home recovering from hip surgery. Pray for comfort, healing, a quick recovery, and that the pain will be manageable.
- Pray for **Gardner McKeon and family** as they grieve the loss of his mother Barb.

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.

## Announcements



Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**“Conversational Evangelism Huddle”**  
Wednesday, August 19th  
Food and Fellowship at 6:30pm  
Gathering from 7:00-8:00 pm



The MBC Mission Board would like to invite the congregation to a **meet your missionary** event with the **Chain of Love** team.

Light refreshments at **2:30pm**, followed by a presentation on the scope of their mission work from **3-4pm**.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Resource Center for planning purposes.

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| <h1 style="text-align: center;">Announcements Continued</h1>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Ladies Summer Reading &amp; Fellowship</u></b><br/> Thursday, August 20th @ 10am<br/> <b>"A Lineage of Grace" by Francine Rivers</b><br/> Five Stories of unlikely women who changed eternity.<br/> August's Story will be "Unashamed: Rahab" @ Patsy 's House-<br/> 3813 22nd St S, Fargo</p>                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>2026 All-Church Picnic</u></b>, sponsored by WMF<br/> <b>August 23rd, 5 - 8pm @ MBC</b><br/> <i>Each family is asked to bring a <b>main dish</b> to share</i><br/> Families <b>A-K</b> bring a <b>dessert</b>, <b>L-Z</b> bring a <b>salad</b><br/> Tableware and drinks will be provided.</p>                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>AWANA Registration</u></b><br/> <b>August 26th ~ 6:30 - 8 pm ~ MBC Gym</b><br/> <b>September 2nd ~ 1st Night of AWANA~ Check-In: 6-6:25pm Club Begins: 6:25pm</b><br/> <b>Leaders and/or Listeners Needed - contact Janet Kirsch if interested</b><br/> <b>in helping with AWANA</b><br/> Registration Forms available at the Resource Center</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Church Construction Clean-Up Day</u></b><br/> A call for every able-bodied person to help in the cleaning of the church building<br/> on <b>Saturday, August 29th ~ 8am.</b><br/> <b>Please bring your favorite dusting rag and cleaner.</b></p>                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p><b><u>MBC Prays:</u></b> Saturday, <b>September 12th</b> begins our new season of praying. Current pray-ers will remain unless they would like to change. Everyone is welcome to join in any prayer slot for 30 minutes or 1 hour. There is a sign-up sheet at the Resource Center.</p>                                                                                             |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>2026 MBC Men's Retreat @ CSBC</u></b><br/> <b>Friday &amp; Saturday, September 11th &amp; 12th</b><br/> Cost is <b>\$66</b> per person - payable to <b>MBC</b> by <b>Sunday, September 6th</b><br/> There is a Sign Up Sheet at the Resource Center</p>                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>2026 Women's Retreat @ Crystal Springs Baptist Camp</u></b><br/> <b>September 18th - 20th ~ Friday, 3:00pm - Sunday, 1:15pm</b><br/> Registrations are due by <b>September 11th</b><br/> <b>Speaker: LeAnn Lindteigen Studying: The Sermon on the Mount</b></p>                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Quarterly Business Meeting - Tuesday, October 20th, 7pm</b><br/> Elections &amp; 2027 Budget<br/> Reminder to Board Chairpersons - 2027 Budget requests due by <b>September 29</b></p>                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>"A huge <b>thank you</b> to all for your prayers and continued prayers, cards, visits and of course the meal train participants as Nancy continues in her recovery of hip replacement surgery! You are our extended family and we certainly appreciate your caring for us in so many ways!!"</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Clayton &amp; Nancy</b></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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| <b>This Week</b>                                              |                          |
| <b>Today</b>                                                  |                          |
| 9:15 am                                                       | Fellowship               |
| 9:30 am                                                       | Sunday School            |
| 10:30 am                                                      | Morning Worship          |
| <b>Monday, August 17</b>                                      |                          |
| 6:30pm                                                        | Men's Reading Group      |
| <b>Wednesday, August 19</b>                                   |                          |
| 6:30pm                                                        | Evangelism Huddle        |
| <b>Thursday, August 20</b>                                    |                          |
| 10am                                                          | Ladies Summer Reading    |
| <b>Sunday, August 23</b>                                      |                          |
| 5-8pm                                                         | All-Church Picnic @ MBC  |
| <b>Metropolitan Staff</b>                                     |                          |
| 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                  |                          |
| <b>Attendance &amp; Giving</b>                                |                          |
| Avg. Attendance for July                                      | 86                       |
| Amount Needed Weekly                                          | \$5,820                  |
| August 2, 2026                                                | \$6,237                  |
| Online Week of 08-02-2026                                     | \$99                     |
| August 9, 2026                                                | \$4,521                  |
| Online Week of 08-09-2026                                     | \$454                    |
| <b>2:42 Groups</b>                                            |                          |
| <i>Sign Up Sheets available at the<br/>Table in the Foyer</i> |                          |
| <b>Pastor Jack will be Out of the Office<br/>August 20-21</b> |                          |

## Upcoming Events

### August

19-Conversational Evangelism  
 20-Ladies Summer Reading  
     23-All-Church Picnic  
 25- Meet Your Missionary  
     26-AWANA Registration  
 29- Construction Clean-Up Day  
 30-Colloquium with Pastor Jack

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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel
 Next Meeting August 30, 2026

September

1- O&E Board Meeting
 2- AWANA Begins
 6-No Sunday School
 6- Communion
 7- Labor Day
 8-Trustees Board Meeting
 8- Deacon Board Meeting
 11-12 Men's Retreat @ CSBC
 12- MBC Prays
 13- Fall SS Kickoff Breakfast
 (No Sunday School)
 13- Mission Moments
 18-20- Women's Retreat @ CSBC
 20- Fall SS Classes Begin

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 Next Meeting September 27, 2026

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## Recognitions

### Birthdays

Anders Kost (Monday)  
 Brennan Kost (Monday)  
 Jared Mavis (Monday)  
 Sue Mavis (Wednesday)  
 Evangeline Svalesen (Thursday)

### Member of the Week

Morris Peterson

### Caring Person for August

Patsy Souter



*August 16, 2026*

