



Morning Worship

August 23, 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 9:1-2	
Congregational Songs of Praise	#434- “Revive Us Again” #438- “Jesus Saves”	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 123	
Church in Prayer	Josh Svaleson	
Offering /Offertory		
Preparation Hymn	#548 “As the Deer”	
Scripture	Colossians 1:1-14	
Message	Josh Svaleson Thanking and Asking	
Closing Song	#591 “Have Thine Own Way Lord”	
Benediction	Revelation 22:1-5	

For Your Convenience...
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week’s Volunteers -Sue M., Janet M., Ellie M
Next Week’s Volunteers -August 30- Jen K., Marcia B., Jacque U.
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
New Leipzig Baptist, New Leipzig, ND: Kevin (Beth) McLouth, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

NAB Ministries - NAB Home Missions/Resource Fund and Missions International, are some of the NAB ministries we support.

AWANA GO and Rusty & Lacey Gulbranson, Awana Missionaries -
AWANA Global Outreach, is a community of passionate clubs and churches who are engaging their clubbers to reach more kids for Christ by raising money to provide children around the world with discipleship materials through AWANA.
Rusty grew up in AWANA, starting as a Cubbie and progressing through the program, earning a Citation Award. He has served the local church through AWANA in any way that was needed. Rusty and his wife Lacey, serve as full-time Child Discipleship Missionaries. Missionaries in NE, SD, ND, and SE WY, coming alongside 150 Awana Clubs and Brite Churches.
We have a passion for equipping leaders to share the Gospel effectively so others can know, love, and serve Jesus. Additionally, Rusty has a desire to encourage pastors and ministry leaders to support their callings.
Rusty and Lacey live in Sidney, NE.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Lyndell Campbell Réquia
NAB Seminary Professor in Brazil
Lyndell serves at Southern Independent Baptist Theological Seminary in Porto Alegre, the capital city in the southernmost state of Brazil. Lyndell is married to Paulo, a Brazilian national who serves with Teach Beyond and as a local pastor. As they live in the southern hemisphere, they are in the winter months, which are when their semesters are running full speed. They were blessed to welcome a short-term team visiting in July and are looking ahead to another one in October.
Pray for the short-term team visit later this year, as well as for the Jones family who work alongside Lyndell, as they are in the US on a yearlong home assignment.

Youth News

Upcoming Youth Events

Sunday, September 13
Youth Group Fall Kickoff
12:30pm @ MBC
For students 6th grade and up and parents. Meal will be provided.

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**Save the Date~MBC Youth Missions Trip Bazaar and Garage Sale**  
**Friday, October 30 & Saturday, October 31**  
The Youth Group will be having a Garage Sale/Bazaar to raise funds for their upcoming Missions Trip in 2027. More details to come.

## 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 Bluel** as he recovers from his fall. Pray for healing of his rib, 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.

### MBC Church Family Praise

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

## Announcements

### Meet Your Missionary

**Tuesday, August 25th~2:30-4pm**  
Come and meet **Chain of Love** . 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.

### Fall Sunday School Kick-Off, September 13th

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**

Announcements Continued



2026 All-Church Picnic, sponsored by WMF  
August 23rd, 5 - 8pm @ MBC  
Each family is asked to bring a **main dish** to share  
Families **A-K** bring a **dessert**, **L-Z** bring a **salad**  
Tableware and drinks will be provided.



AWANA Registration  
August 26th ~ 6:30 - 8 pm ~ MBC Gym  
September 2nd ~ 1st Night of AWANA~ Check-In: 6-6:25pm Club Begins: 6:25pm  
In Need of 2-3 New Leaders - contact Janet Kirsch if interested  
in helping with AWANA  
Registration Forms available at the Resource Center

Church Construction Clean-Up Day

A call for every able-bodied person to help in the cleaning of the church building on **Saturday, August 29th ~ 8am**. Please bring your favorite dusting rag and cleaner.



Tuesday Afternoon Ladies Bible Study - Fall 2026  
1:00-2:30pm at MBC, beginning September 8th  
Studying Kelly Minter's book "NEHEMIAH: a heart that can break"  
There is a sign-up sheet at the Resource Center



MBC Prays: Saturday, September 12th 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.

2026 MBC Men's Retreat @ CSBC  
Friday & Saturday, September 11th & 12th  
Cost is \$66 per person - payable to MBC by Sunday, September 6th  
There is a Sign Up Sheet at the Resource Center

2026 Women's Retreat @ Crystal Springs Baptist Camp  
September 18th - 20th ~ Friday, 3:00pm - Sunday, 1:15pm  
Registrations are due by September 11th  
Speaker: LeAnn Lindteigen Studying: The Sermon on the Mount  
There is a Sign Up Sheet at the Resource Center

Quarterly Business Meeting - Tuesday, October 20th, 7pm  
Elections & 2027 Budget  
Reminder to Board Chairpersons - 2027 Budget requests due by September 29

This Week

Today

9:15 am Fellowship

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm All-Church Picnic

Tuesday, August 25

2:30-4pm Meet Your Missionary

Wednesday, August 26

6:30-8pm AWANA Registration

Saturday, August 29

8am Church Construction Clean-up

Sunday, August 30

9am Morning Prayer

5:30pm Colloquium w/Pastor Jack

Metropolitan Staff

Jack Blue

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 July

86

Amount Needed Weekly

\$5,820

August 9, 2026

\$4,521

Online Week of 08-09-2026

\$454

August 16, 2026

\$4,478

Online Week of 08-16-2026

\$307

2:42 Groups

Sign Up Sheets available at the

Table in the Foyer

Upcoming Events

August

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- Fall Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
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)
14-Fall Men's Reading Group
18-20- Women's Retreat @ CSBC
20- Fall SS Classes Begin
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel  
Next Meeting September 27, 2026

Recognitions

Birthdays

Eddison Mavis (Today)  
Jamesetta Taylor (Monday)  
Tammy Bluel (Tuesday)

Family of the Week

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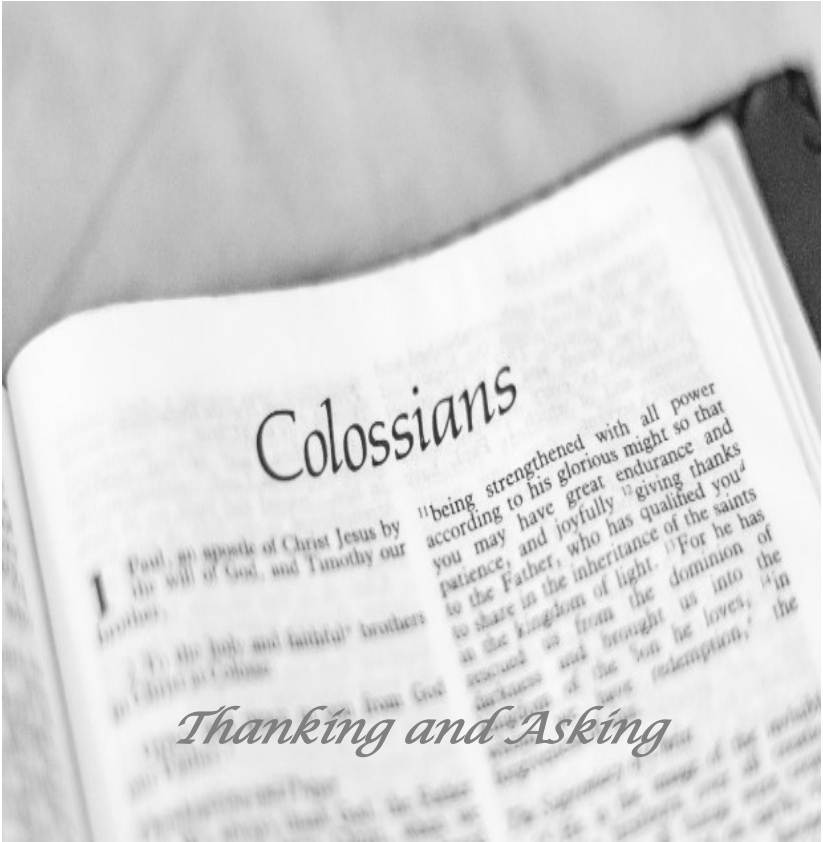
Caring Person for August

Patsy Souter



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Colossians 1:1-14

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