



# Morning Worship

## August 24, 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		Bill Savage
Call to Worship		Psalm 19:7-11
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 85
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory		
Preparation Hymn		#358
	“Because He Lives”	
Scripture		Acts 28:17-30
Message		Pastor Jack
	Preaching in Rome	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Revelation 5:12-13

For Your Convenience...  
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.  
**Thanks to this week’s Volunteers - Arlette B., Janet & Ellie M.**  
**Next Week’s Volunteers - August 31 - Nancy H., 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  
Temple Baptist, Jamestown, ND

Seeking a lead Pastor; Brian (Sara) Held, Discipleship & Member Care;  
Collin McDonald, Pastoral Intern/Interim Youth Dir.; Trena (Jeremy) Owens, Children’s Ministry Dir.; Jeri (John) Lynch, Licensed Counselor; Ashley Fig, Nursery Dir.


### MBC Supported Missions

**Randy Schmor - NAB Gateway Director** - Randy took over as the interim NAB Field Director for Hungary, replacing Ron and Jeannie Seck, who retired on December 31, 2023. He oversees the NAB Community Health Evangelism (CHE) teams who work in Hungary and north Serbia, and have done CHE projects in other parts of Central Europe and the Balkans. Pray as he continues in this new/additional role. For more information go to: [rschmor@nabconf.org](mailto:rschmor@nabconf.org)

**New Life Center** - The New Life Center helps people who are homeless and hurting go from merely surviving to truly thriving. Their aim is to help them discover value and find hope, as a Christian multi-faceted emergency and crisis service center. Leadership Team: Rob Swiers, Exec. Dir.; Kevin Carpenter, Oper. Dir.; Billy Barnett, Program Dir.; Tim Kahnk, Social Enterprise Dir.; Andrea Feigum, Advancement Dir.; Sanjay Mendis, Finance Dir.; Stephanie Strum, Human Res. Dir.; Jennifer Swiers, Interim Donor Relations Mgr.; Tom O’Keefe, Donor Relations Mgr.; Daniel Miller, Recovery Services Mgr.

### NAB Missionary of the Week


**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 Baptist seminary where he serves. 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 the new church-planting network to help many area churches plant new churches in the Porto Alegre region.

For more information go to: [nabonmission.org/missionaries/brandon-marci-jones](http://nabonmission.org/missionaries/brandon-marci-jones)

## Youth News



### Upcoming Youth Events

Today - August 24th - at church - 5:00 - 7:30 pm  
(also September 7th and 21st)

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, 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.


### MBC Church Family Praise

- Praise for those who attended **“Bible in the Park”** VBS recently. 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  
Monday, August 25 - 6:30pm  
reading through J.I. Packer’s book, **“A Quest For Godliness.”**  
**Chapter 10**





**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**.



### 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  
Registration Forms available at the Resource Center

**Leaders Needed:** for T&T or Trek programs - see Janet Kirsch

## Announcements Continued

**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





**Fall Sunday School Kick-Off, Sunday, Sept. 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***  
Classes will begin September 14th  
**Pre School** (ages 3 - Pre-K) - Rm 104 - Susan & Ron Degges - David C. Cook  
**K - 5th Grade** - Rm 204 - Gardner & Janet McKeon - Gospel Project  
**Middle School - Sr. High** - Rm 201 - Aaron Buchholz -  
“Parables of Jesus” by Matt Williams  
**Young Adults** - Rm 202 - Jon & Ruth Wolhart -  
Respectable Sins” by Jerry Bridges  
**Adult 1** - Chapel - Room 101 - Heldur Hakk & Pastor Steve  
Finishing Ray Vander Laan’s “That the World May Know” video series, followed by a study on the Book of Job  
**Adult 2** - Rm 102/103 - Tom Rakoczy - “Written in Stone” a book on the 10 Commandments by Philip Ryken

**2025 Women’s Retreat @ Crystal Springs Baptist Camp**  
September 19th - 21st ~ Friday, 3:00pm - Sunday, 1:15pm  
Speaker: Nicole McAbee, Theme: Trust & Contentment  
Registrations are due by September 12th  
**Registration Forms with more details and Sign-up are available at the Resource Center**

**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. We will meet Sat. morning, Oct. 11th to fill the diaper bags with the donated items. **Items requested: Diapers (size 6 only), baby powder, receiving blankets, burp cloths, teething rings or rattles, white onesies.** If you have any questions, contact **Ron Degges, Ruth Wolhart or Aleksia Anderson** - Missions Bd.

**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**  
**5:00 pm Youth Group**

**Monday, August 25**  
6:30pm ‘Mondays in the Summer’

**Wednesday, August 27**  
6:30pm Awana Registration

## 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 August	94
Amount Needed Weekly	\$6,115
August 10, 2025	\$3,518
Online week of 8-10-2025	\$20
August 17, 2025	\$4,563
Online week of 8-17-2025	\$307

## 2:42 Groups

**Sign Up Sheets available at the Table in the Foyer**

September		
Thurs., Sept. 4	6:00pm	Wolff
Sun., Sept. 14	12:30pm	Burrell
Sun., Sept. 28	12:30pm	Svaleson



## Upcoming Events

**August 2025**  
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  
19-21 - Women’s Retreat @ CSBC  
26-27 - Men’s Retreat @ CSBC


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

## Recognitions

**Birthdays**  
Jamesetta Taylor (Today)  
Tammy Blue (Monday)  
**Family of the Week**  
Gardner, Janet,  
Joslyn, Roland, Ellie, and Willow  
McKeon  
**Caring Person for August**  
Sue Mavis


**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 . . .”

**Tuesday Afternoon Ladies Bible Study - Fall 2025**  
Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30pm at MBC, beginning September 9th  
Studying Margaret Feinberg’s “The God You Need to Know”  
There is a sign-up sheet at the Resource Center



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# Acts 28:17-30

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