



Morning Worship

August 30, 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	Bill Savage	
Call to Worship	Isaiah 52:7-10	
Congregational Songs of Praise	Praise Team	
Psalms Reading	Psalm 124	
Church in Prayer	Pastor Jack	
Offering / Offertory		
Preparation Hymn	“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”	#21
Scripture	Romans 8:12-17	
Message	Adopted By God	Pastor Jack
Closing Song	Praise Team	
Benediction	2 Thessalonians 3:16;18	

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 -September 6- No SS, Tess H., Annabella 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
Turtle Lake Baptist, Turtle Lake, ND: Steve (Carol) Vetter, Pastor.
Retiring September 30; Carter (Delaney) Houck, Pastoral Intern,
Beginning as Pastor October 1

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



Jake & Alison McGregor
Kingdom Community in Lodi, California
For years, Jake and Alison have worked together as co-directors of One-Eighty Programs, an after-school program that has continually evolved to encompass the needs of teens and their families in Lodi. Kingdom Community grew out of this desire to welcome into God's Kingdom all those who are standing on the outside. KC Groups meet weekly around particular missions, and all the groups gather twice a month at KC Praxis to share the stories of where God is at work. Pray that KC Groups will continue to be places of growth in service and that the celebration Sundays at KC Praxis will be life-giving to all present.
For more information go to: www.facebook.com/kcpraxis

Youth News

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

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**REMINDER:**  
**Deadline** for students to make their **commitments** and have their **deposits** in is **Tuesday, September 1**. Deposits can be given directly to Neal or Erica. They can also be dropped off at the office during normal business hours. Make sure deposits have a note attached stating who they are for.

## 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, as for safe travels to Washington and back.

Continue in prayer for those in our church family, and others, facing health issues: **Morris Peterson, Arlene Franchuk, Sherry Buchholz, Kevin Preston, 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”** this summer. Pray that their hearts and minds were opened to the message of the gospel that was presented.

## Announcements



**September 2nd ~ AWANA Begins**  
Check-In: 6-6:25pm Club Begins: 6:25pm  
**Leaders Needed - Please contact Janet Kirsch if interested in helping with AWANA**

**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



## Announcements Continued

**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

### **Ladies Reading & Fellowship**

Thursday, **September 17 @ 10am**

**"A Lineage of Grace" by Francine Rivers**

**Five Stories of unlikely women who changed eternity.**

**September's Story will be "Unashamed: Ruth" @ Patsy 's House-**

**3813 22nd St S, Fargo**

### **Fall Sunday School Kick-Off, Sunday, Sept. 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**

**Classes will begin September 20th**

**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 -

The Book of Romans

**Young Adults** - Rm 202 - Jon & Ruth Wolhart -

Respectable Sins" by Jerry Bridges

**Adult 1** - Chapel - Room 101 - Heldur Hakk & Pastor Steve

1 & 2 Thessalonians, followed by Messianic Prophecies

**Adult 2** - Rm 102/103 - Tom Rakoczy - "Loser Theology" by Michael Clary

### **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**

**Quarterly Business Meeting - Tuesday, October 20th, 7pm**

Elections & 2027 Budget

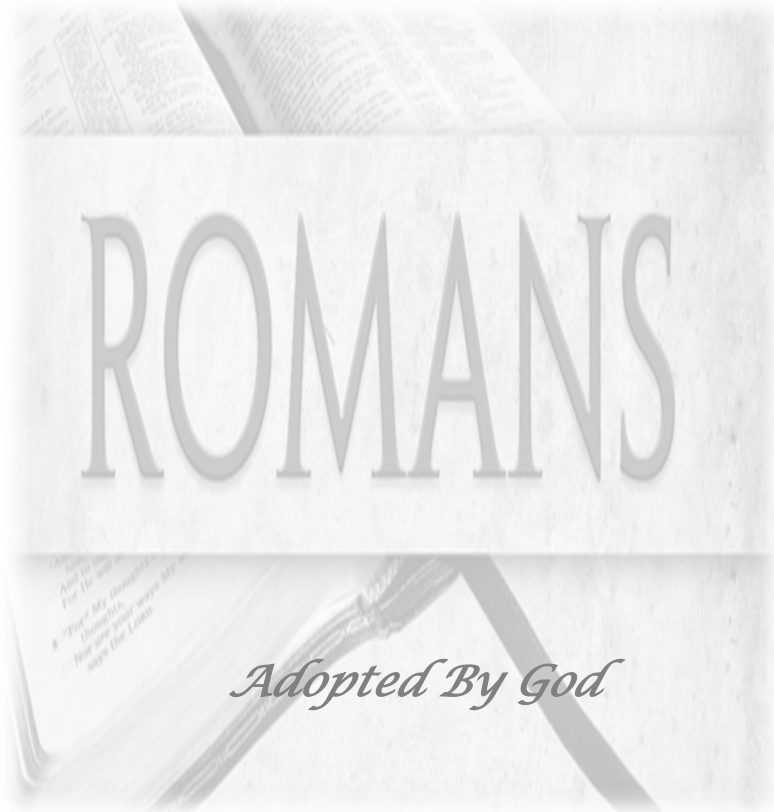
Reminder to Board Chairpersons - 2027 Budget requests due by **September 29**

**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.

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| <h1 style="text-align: center;">This Week</h1>                                                                                                                                                                             |                          |                      |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Today</u></p> <p>9:00 am    Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:15 am    Fellowship</p> <p>9:30 am    Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am   Morning Worship</p> <p>5:30 pm    Colloquium w/Pastor Jack</p> |                          |                      |
| <p><b>Tuesday, September 1</b></p> <p>6:30 pm O&amp;E Board Meeting</p>                                                                                                                                                    |                          |                      |
| <p><b>Wednesday, September 2</b></p> <p>6-6:25 pm Awana Check-in</p> <p>6:25-8:10 pm Awana</p>                                                                                                                             |                          |                      |
| <p><b>Sunday, September 6</b></p> <p>No Sunday School</p>                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |                      |
| <h2 style="text-align: center;">Metropolitan Staff</h2>                                                                                                                                                                    |                          |                      |
| 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                                                                                                                                                                               |                          |                      |
| <h2 style="text-align: center;">Attendance &amp; Giving</h2>                                                                                                                                                               |                          |                      |
| Avg. Attendance for August                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 91                       |                      |
| Amount Needed Weekly                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$5,820                  |                      |
| August 16, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$4,478                  |                      |
| Online Week of 08-16-2026                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$307                    |                      |
| August 23, 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                            | \$3,359                  |                      |
| Online Week of 08-23-2026                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$1,099                  |                      |
| <h2 style="text-align: center;">2:42 Groups</h2>                                                                                                                                                                           |                          |                      |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sign Up Sheets available at the<br/>Table in the Foyer</i></p>                                                                                                                           |                          |                      |
| <h3 style="text-align: center;">September</h3>                                                                                                                                                                             |                          |                      |
| Thurs., Sept. 3                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 6:00pm                   | Wolff                |
| Sun., Oct. 4                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 12:30pm                  | Burrell              |
| TBD                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 12:30pm                  | Svaleson/<br>Wolhart |

| Upcoming Events                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
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| <p><b>September</b></p> <p>1- O&amp;E Board Meeting</p> <p>2- AWANA Begins</p> <p>6-No Sunday School</p> <p>6- Communion</p> <p>7- Labor Day</p> <p>8-Trustees Board Meeting</p> <p>8- Deacon Board Meeting</p> <p>11-12 Men's Retreat @ CSBC</p> <p>12- MBC Prays</p> <p>13- Fall SS Kickoff Breakfast<br/>(No Sunday School)</p> <p>14-Fall Men's Reading Group</p> <p>18-20- Women's Retreat @ CSBC</p> <p>20- Fall SS Classes Begin</p> <p>20- C.E. Board Meeting</p> <p>27- Eye On Your Neighbor</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel</p> <p>Next Meeting September 27, 2026</p> |  |
| Recognitions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| <p><b><u>Birthdays</u></b></p> <p>Landon Meckle (Monday)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| <p><b><u>Family of the Week</u></b></p> <p>Ron &amp; Karen Parrott</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| <p><b><u>Caring Person for August</u></b></p> <p>Patsy Souter</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| <p><b><u>~ Available at the Resource Center ~</u></b></p> <p><b>Our Daily Bread Devotionals -</b></p> <p><b>September/October/November 2026</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |



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*Romans: 8:12-17*

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