



Morning Worship

August 31, 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	Genesis 1:1, John 1:1-4	
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 86
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory		
Preparation Hymn	“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”	#591
Scripture		
Message	How Sinful Am I?	Pastor Jack
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Psalm 104:31-35

For Your Convenience...
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week’s Volunteers - Marcia B., Janet F.
Next Week’s Volunteers - September 7 - Sue M., Myndi & 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
First Baptist, Linton, ND
Rich (Charlotte) Cook, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions
Mbingo Cancer Research Center Project (NAB in Cameroon) - Access to radiation therapy is extremely limited in sub-Saharan Africa, and the majority of patients presenting with tumors can benefit from treatment with radiation. As part of the plan to develop a comprehensive cancer center, Mbingo Baptist Hospital is working to install a radiation therapy unit consisting of a large bunker containing two linear accelerators. The design of the bunker has been officially approved by the national radiation safety board of Cameroon, and a used linear accelerator has already been donated. In addition to the NAB, the CBC Health Services and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute at Harvard will be supporting the funding of the bunker.

Chain of Love Homes, Brazil - Chain of Love is an NAB partner organization in Brazil led by Telmo Camargo, Executive Director. Chain of Love operates a system of foster homes with house parents/caregivers who are committed to the integral care of the children and adolescents referred to them by protective measures of the Judiciary; providing a family environment, healthy development and a good quality of life.
For more information visit: www.larcolmeia.com.br

NAB Missionary of the Week
Andrew & Jennifer MacDonald
Grace Collective Church in Roseville, California
The MacDonalds are originally from Canada but came to the US to plant a church, Grace Collective. They seek to be a dynamic presence in their community, with the aim to provide support to young families and make a meaningful impact in their city.
Pray for God’s provision as they work toward moving into a new building and starting a daycare.
For more information go to: gracecollectivechurch.org

Youth News



Upcoming Youth Events

September 7th and 21st - at church - 5:00 - 7:30 pm

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 emergency workers affected by the **flooding in Texas, hurricanes on the east coast, and the recent school shootings.**
- Be in prayer for the **Upcoming Fall Activities**: Sunday School Kick-Off, AWANA, new Sunday School classes, Men’s and Women’s Retreats, Bible Studies, Mission Conference, Holiday Food For Families . . .

MBC Church Family Praise

- Praise for those who attended **“Bible in the Park”** VBS this summer. 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, September 8th - 6:30pm
reading through J.I. Packer’s book, **“A Quest For Godliness.”**
Chapter 11






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
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



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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



Tuesday Afternoon Ladies Bible Study - Fall 2025
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




Monday Evening Ladies Bible Study beginning **Sept. 15th @ MBC**
6:45-8:15pm - Bible Study based on the book
“Job : A Story of Unlikely Joy”, by Lisa Harper
There is a sign-up sheet at the Resource Center

2025 MBC Men’s Retreat @ CSBC
Friday & Saturday, September 12th & 13th (note date change)
Cost is **\$56** per person - payable to **MBC** by **Sunday, September 7th**
There is a Sign Up Sheet at the Resource Center

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 and Sign-up are available at the Resource Center

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
No Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship

Monday, September 1
Labor Day
No ‘Mondays in the Summer’

Tuesday, September 2
6:30pm O&E Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 3
6-6:25 pm Awana Check-in
6:25-8:10 pm Awana

Metropolitan Staff

Jack Blueel 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	96
Amount Needed Weekly	\$6,115
August 17, 2025	\$4,563
Online week of 8-17-2025	\$307
August 24, 2025	\$4,665
Online week of 8-24-2025	\$1,270

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

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.
There is a tote in the foyer for your donations. Thank you

Upcoming Events

August 2025
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
12-13 - Men’s Retreat @ CSBC
14 - Fall SS Classes Begin
19-21 - Women’s Retreat @ CSBC
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel  
Next Meeting September 28, 2025


## Recognitions

**Birthdays**  
Landon Meckle (Today)

**Family of the Week**  
Sean, Tess, and Annabella Hotchkiss

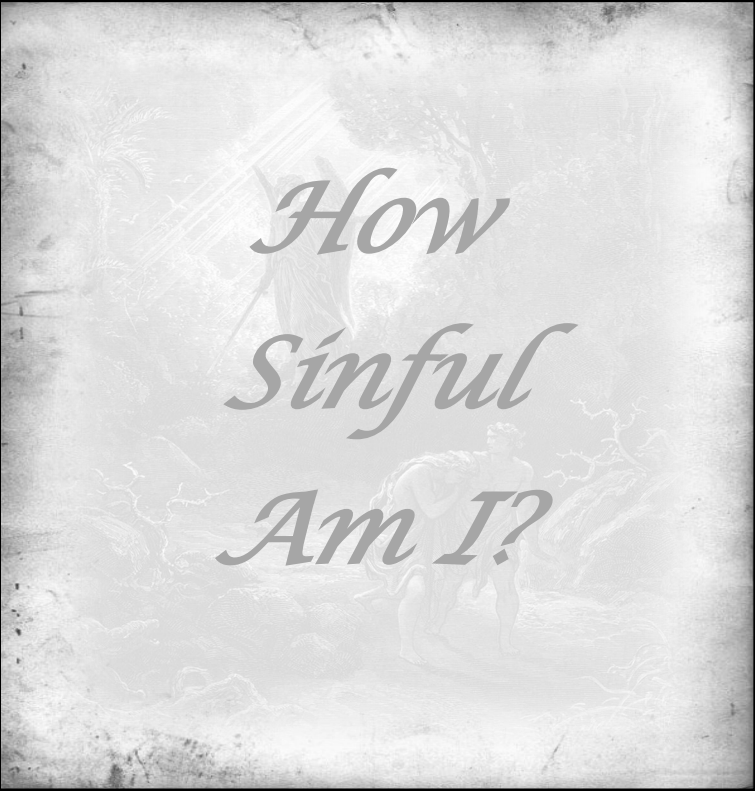
**Caring Person for September**  
Marcia Becker

**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 . . .”



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*Genesis 3:1-19*

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