



Morning Worship

September 6, 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	“I Worship You, Almighty God”	#146
Welcome / Announcements	Pastor Steve	
Church in Confession	Pastor Jack	
Call to Worship	Psalm 16:8-11	
Communion Hymn	“Come to the Table”	#464
Communion Hymn	Pastor Jack/Deacons	#521
	“A New Name In Glory”	
Congregational Songs of Praise	Praise Team	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 125	
Church in Prayer	Pastor Jack	
Offering /Offertory		
Preparation Hymn	#527	
	“I Know Whom I Have Believed”	
Scripture	Romans 8:18-25	
Message	Pastor Jack	
	Suffering Today, Glory in the Future	
Closing Song	Praise Team	
Benediction	Romans 15:13	

For Your Convenience...
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week's Volunteers -No SS, Tess H., Annabella H.
Next Week's Volunteers -September 13- Kristen M., Tammy B., Caleb B.
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, Valley City, ND: Les Koenig, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Craig & Maureen Moody (NAB Cameroon): Craig and Maureen have served as missionaries in Cameroon in a variety of capacities throughout the years. Though they moved back to Canada last year, Maureen continues to serve remotely in the role of field director for Cameroon. She still makes multiple trips a year to visit the ministries she coordinates with.
Pray for Maureen as she tackles the role of field director from half a world away. For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/maureen-moody

Child Evangelism Fellowship

- CEF of Fargo/Moorhead is the local chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship that seeks to reach children in the Fargo, Moorhead, Dilworth, and West Fargo areas with the gospel of Jesus Christ and establish them in a local church and the Word of God for Christian growth. They hold Camp Good News camps during the summer and Good News Clubs during the school year. Michelle Brown took over as the local chapter director as of the first of the year, as Doug Sikkink took over as the full-time state director. In January, Kody Pilch joined the local chapter as full-time Ministry Coordinator, assisting Michelle with the vital work in the FM area. Kody has volunteered as a summer missionary with CEF since June of 2008.

Youth News

Upcoming Youth Events

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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**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 1 month to live. Pray for healing and for the family as they prepare for the future.
- Pray for **Gardner McKeon and family** as they grieve the loss of his mother Barb, and 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 that the kitchen cabinets have come in, and the remodel will begin soon.

## Announcements



**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



**AWANA -Wednesday Evenings**  
Check-In: 6-6:25pm Club Begins: 6:25pm  
**Leaders and/or Listeners Needed: for T&T - see Janet Kirsch**

**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

## Announcements Continued

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 - “God’s Good Design” by Michael Clary



**Men’s Reading Group**  
Monday, **September 14th** - 6:30pm @ MBC  
reading through **Thomas Watson’s**  
*“A Body of Divinity”*



**Monday Evening Ladies Bible Study** beginning **Sept. 14th @ MBC**  
6:45-8:15pm - Bible Study based on the book  
**“Colossians: Rooted in Hilm” by The Daily Grace Co**  
an in-depth 6 week study that goes verse by verse through the book of Colossians. This study is about being rooted in Jesus and building a life that is all about His glory.  
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**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-**

**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

**Anyone going to the retreat, please meet by the Baptismal after service for a short meeting.**



The Outreach & Evangelism Board Invites You to:  
**Sunday, September 27th -12:15pm- Eye on Your Neighbor**  
Come join us in getting to know those that are new to the church, and enjoy some baked potatoes with fixings.

**Save the Date**  
**2026 NCA Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17th**  
Bismarck Baptist, Bismarck, ND  
More information and Registrations available soon

## This Week

**Today**  
**No Sunday School**  
**10:30 am Morning Worship**

**Tuesday, September 8**  
1pm Ladies Bible Study  
6pm Trustee Board Meeting  
6:30pm Deacon Board Meeting

**Wednesday, September 9**  
6-6:25 pm Awana Check-in  
6:25-8:10 pm Awana

**Friday, September 12**  
12am - 11:59 pm MBC Prays

**Friday & Saturday, September 11 & 12**  
Men’s Retreat @ CSBC

**Sunday, September 13**  
9:15am Fall SS Kick-Off Breakfast

## Metropolitan Staff

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|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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

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| Avg. Attendance for August | 95      |
| Amount Needed Weekly       | \$5,820 |
| August 23, 2026            | \$3,359 |
| Online Week of 08-23-2026  | \$1,099 |
| August 30, 2026            | \$6,677 |
| Online Week of 08-30-2026  | \$1,719 |

**Quarterly Business Meeting -**  
**Tuesday, October 20th, 7pm**  
Elections & 2027 Budget

## Upcoming Events

**September**  
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)  
14-Fall Men’s Reading Group  
14-Monday Evening Ladies Bible Study  
17- Ladies Reading & Fellowship  
18-20- Women’s Retreat @ CSBC  
20- Fall SS Classes Begin  
20- C.E. Board Meeting  
27- Eye On Your Neighbor  
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel
Next Meeting September 27, 2026

Recognitions

Birthdays
Marissa Svaleson (Wednesday)
Patsy Souter (Wednesday)
Jennifer Kastl (Thursday)
Elmer Ackerman (Saturday)

Family of the Week
Clayton & Nancy Harsch

Caring Person for September
Margaret Ptacek

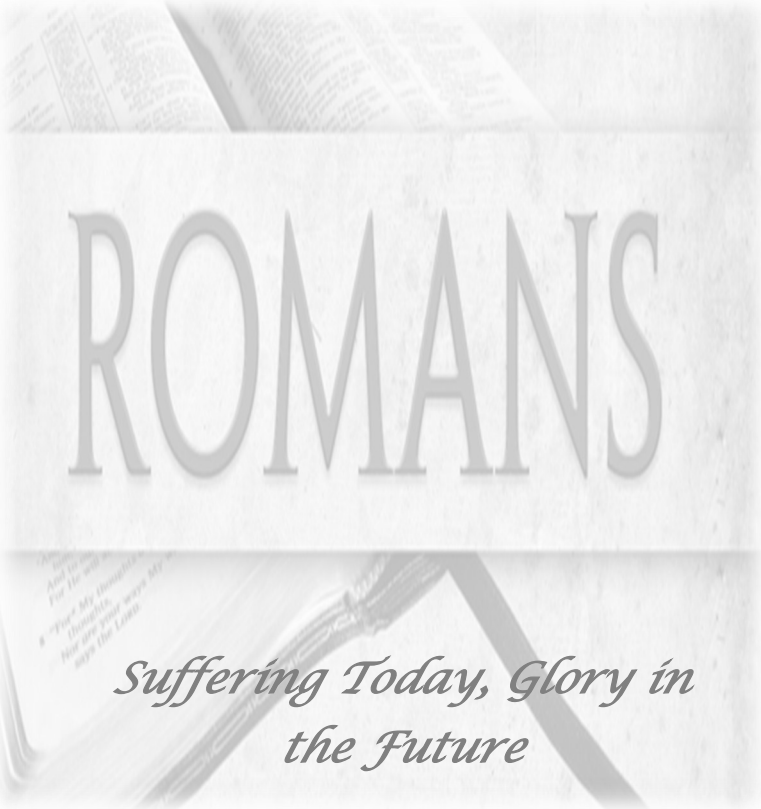
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September		
Thurs., Sept. 10	6:00pm	Wolff
Sun., Oct. 4	12:30pm	Burrell
TBD	12:30pm	Svaleson/ Wolhart



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Suffering Today, Glory in the Future

Romans: 8:18-25



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