



# Morning Worship

## September 20, 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.

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| Call to Gather                         | “I Worship You, Almighty God”            | #146 |
| Welcome / Announcements                | Aaron Buchholz                           |      |
| Operation Christmas Child Presentation | Susan Degges                             |      |
| Church in Confession                   | Bill Savage                              |      |
| Call to Worship                        | Psalm 105:1-3                            |      |
| Congregational Songs of Praise         | Praise Team                              |      |
| Psalm Reading                          | Psalm 127                                |      |
| Church in Prayer                       | Pastor Jack                              |      |
| Offering /Offertory                    |                                          |      |
|                                        | Children Dismissed for Children’s Church |      |
| Preparation Hymn                       | “Jesus Loves Even Me”                    | #495 |
| Scripture                              | Romans 8:28                              |      |
| Message                                | Pastor Jack                              |      |
|                                        | All Things For Good                      |      |
| Closing Song                           | Praise Team                              |      |
| Benediction                            | Isaiah 41:10                             |      |

For Your Convenience...  
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.  
**Thanks to this week’s Volunteers -Sue M., Arlette B., Jan F.**  
**Next Week’s Volunteers -September 27- Myndi F., Ruth W., Jon W.**  
**Children’s Church Volunteer Today - Jared M.**  
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  
Venturia Baptist, Venturia, ND: Gordon (Janis) Bakan

### 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



Lindsey Gelin  
NAB Missionary to Japan

Lindsey is among the newest NAB missionaries. She felt God calling her to life-long missionary service overseas during her first mission trip, which was to Tijuana, Mexico. After graduating in 2023, she has been serving at local NAB churches in Edmonton, Alberta, most recently as youth pastor at Southwest Community Church, where she will continue to serve until she leaves for Japan, hopefully in 2027.  
: Pray for Lindsey’s efforts to gather churches, families, and individuals who are willing to pray for and support her financially.  
For more information go to:[nabonmission.org/missionaries/lindsey-gelin](http://nabonmission.org/missionaries/lindsey-gelin)/

## Youth News

Upcoming Youth Events

Sunday Sept 27th -  
Trip to the corn maze in East Grand Forks (see email for details)  
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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.

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 been put in.

## Announcements



**Men’s Reading Group**  
Monday, **September 21st** - 6:30pm @ MBC  
reading through **Thomas Watson’s**  
**“A Body of Divinity”**



**Monday Evening Ladies Bible Study**  
6:45-8:15pm @ MBC- Bible Study based on the book  
**“Colossians: Rooted in Him”** by The Daily Grace Co



**Tuesday Afternoon Ladies Bible Study**  
1:00-2:30pm at MBC  
Studying Kelly Minter’s book:  
**“NEHEMIAH: a heart that can break”**



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

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## Announcements Continued



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.

**2026 Missions Conference**

**Saturday, October 10th**  
\* 10:10am - Greg Everett & Youth for Christ - followed by lunch  
\* 1:00pm - Emily Kaiser & Down Home  
\* 2:30pm Mission Project - Operation Christmas Child  
\* 4:30pm Sadie Anderson & New Life Center - followed by supper

**Sunday, October 11th**  
\* 9:30am - Preschool - Regular Sunday School Class  
K-5th - with CEF  
Jr. & Sr. High, & Adults - with New Life Center  
\* 10:30am - Church Service with Greg Everett & Red River Youth for Christ  
\* 12:00 noon - **Pot Luck Lunch** for all and the Missionaries  
**\*CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES (CEF) AND NURSERY AVAILABLE EACH EVENING\***

Sign Up Sheet for CEF is at the Resource Center



**Ladies Reading & Fellowship**  
Thursday, October 15th @ 10am  
**“A Lineage of Grace” by Francine Rivers**  
Five Stories of unlikely women who changed eternity.  
October’s Story will be “Unafraid: Mary” @ Patsy ‘s House-

Ladies of MBC - WMF is looking for help to serve the meal for the **Oct 16th New Life Center Auxiliary Luncheon**, at the New life Center 2nd floor.  
We are asked to serve the meal (prepared by NLC Staff). There is a sign-up sheet at the Resource Center to indicate whether you can help serve.  
Volunteers requested to be at NLC by 11:30am. If you have any questions, please see Arlette B, Sue M, Camille H or Cindy S.

**Save the Date**  
**2026 NCA Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, October 17th**  
Bismarck Baptist, Bismarck, ND  
**“Living for Jesus in a Polarized World”**  
Registration due October 8th

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

**Carrie Preston** would like to invite the church to join her on **Saturday, October 24th from 4-8pm in the MBC gym**. She will be celebrating her 50th birthday. She asks that you please **RSVP by Monday, October 19th**.

## This Week

**Today**

**9:15 am Fellowship**  
**9:30 am Sunday School**  
**10:30 am Morning Worship**

**Monday, September 21**  
6:30pm Men’s Reading Group  
6:45pm Ladies Bible Study

**Tuesday, September 22**  
1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 23**  
6-6:25 pm Awana Check-in  
6:25-8:10 pm Awana

**Sunday, September 27**  
12:15pm Eye On Your Neighbor

## 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

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|-------------------------------|---------|
| Avg. Attendance for September | 98      |
| Amount Needed Weekly          | \$5,820 |
| September 6, 2026             | \$2,967 |
| Online Week of 09-06-2026     | \$507   |
| September 13, 2026            | \$6,263 |
| Online Week of 09-13-2026     | \$307   |

## 2:42 Groups

**September**

|                |         |                      |
|----------------|---------|----------------------|
| Thurs., Oct. 1 | 6:00pm  | Wolff                |
| Sun., Oct. 4   | 12:30pm | Burrell              |
| Sun., Oct 4    | 12:30pm | Svaleson/<br>Wolhart |

## Upcoming Events

**September**  
27- Eye On Your Neighbor  
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel  
Next Meeting September 27, 2026

**October**  
4- Communion  
6- O & E Board Meeting  
10-11 Missions Conference  
11-Evangelism Moments  
12- MBC Prays  
13-Trustees Board Meeting  
13- Deacon Board Meeting  
15- Ladies Reading & Fellowship  
17-NCA Annual Meeting  
20- Quarterly Business Meeting  
23-25 Senior High Camp @CSBC  
24- Carrie Preston Birthday Party  
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel  
Next Meeting October 25, 2026

## Recognitions

**Birthdays**  
TJ Kastl (Friday)

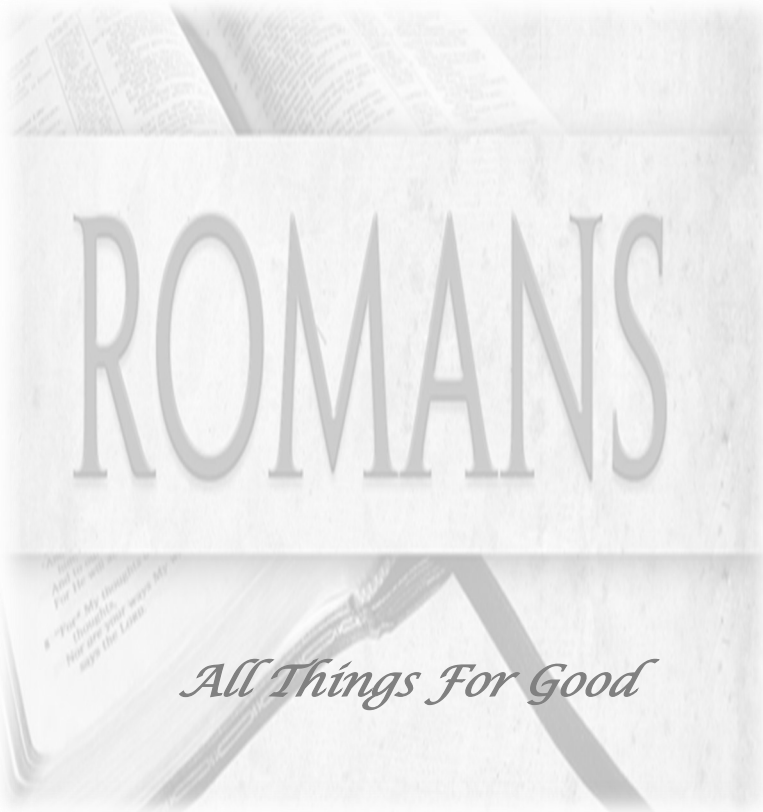
**Family of the Week**  
Larry & Camille Heuer

**Caring Person for September**  
Margaret Ptacek



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**Romans: 8:28**

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