



Morning Worship

September 21, 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	“He Is Our Peace”	#614
Welcome / Announcements	Pastor Steve	
Church in Confession	Bill Savage	
Call to Worship	Revelation 1:9-18	
Congregational Songs of Praise	Praise Team	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 89:1-18	
Church in Prayer	Josh Svaleson	
Offering /Offertory	Children Dismissed for Children’s Church	
Preparation Hymn	“Who Is on the Lord’s Side?”	#674
Scripture	II Peter 2:17-22	
Message	Josh Svaleson Antichrists, Perseverance, and Transformation	
Closing Song	Praise Team	
Benediction	I John 3:1-2	

For Your Convenience...
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week’s Volunteers - Kristen M., Arlette B., Jacque U.
Next Week’s Volunteers - September 28 - Nancy H., Jon & Ruth W.
Children’s Church Volunteer Today - Patsy Souter
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
McClusky Baptist, Martin, ND
Lucas (Crystal) Wagner, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

North Central Association - The North Central Association is composed of all organized and recognized North American Baptist Churches in the northern part of South Dakota, all of North Dakota and eastern Montana. There are currently 31 churches that belong to the North Central Association. The NCA exists to infuse every community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ ...as healthy churches....with well trained leaders.... through cooperative ministry projects. Randy Jaspers serves as the Regional Minister. Visit <http://npregion.org> for more info.

NAB Missionary of the Week
Claire & Tim Marker
NAB Missionaries in the Philippines
 Claire is from Legazpi City, the home of the Bicol Center for Christian Leadership where she leads as director. Having herself graduated from BCCL in 2006, Claire has been involved in all aspects of the BCCL for over a decade and knows the ministry better than anyone else. Claire and Tim, an American, live in the Philippines full time.
Pray for the ongoing ministry of the BCCL and for Claire as she leads. Pray as well that they would find continuing partners eager to financially support them and their ministry.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/claire-marker

Youth News



~ Upcoming Youth Events ~

Today - September 21st - Fall Kick Off - 5:00-7:30pm at church

September 28th - Corn Maze, East Grand Forks

 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 those affected by recent tragedies: **flooding in Texas, hurricanes on the east coast, and school shootings, and the police shootings in Pennsylvania.**
- Pray for the **MBC’s Fall Activities**: AWANA, new Sunday School classes, Bible Studies, Mission Conference, Holiday Food For Families . . .
- Be in prayer for **Jacque Ulstad**; she broke her hip, pray for a quick and complete recovery.
- Be in prayer for the **Charlie Kirk family**. A Memorial Service is being held today in Glendale, AZ.

Announcements

“Mondays in the Summer”
Men’s Reading Group
Next Meeting - Monday, September 29th - 6:30pm
reading through **J.I. Packer’s** book, **“A Quest For Godliness.”** 
Chapter 12

AWANA - Wednesday evenings
6-6:25pm - Check-in
6:25pm - Club Begins

Leaders and/or Listeners Needed: for Trek - see Janet Kirsch

Thank You to everyone who made my 90th Birthday “Surprise” extra-special.
You are a blessing to me!
Elmer Ackerman

Announcements Continued

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 Classes

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, **began September 9th**
Studying Margaret Feinberg’s “**The God You Need to Know**”



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

2025 Missions Conference

Friday, October 10th
* 6:00pm - Hot Dog, Sloppy Joe & Pie Supper
* 7:10pm - Missionary Speakers - Paul & Tanya Gericke
Saturday, October 11th
* 3:30pm - Perry Center Mission Project - followed by sandwiches & dessert
* 6:10pm - Missionary Speaker - Shan Reed
Sunday, October 12th
* 9:30am - Preschool - Regular Sunday School Class
K-5th - with CEF
Jr. & Sr. High, & Adults - with Shan Reed
* 10:30am - Aaron Buchholz speaking during Morning Worship,
* 12:00 noon - **Pot Luck Lunch** for all and the Missionaries
* 6:10pm - Missionary Speaker - Nate Douglas, Perry Center
CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES (CEF) AND NURSERY AVAILABLE EACH EVENING

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 Saturday, 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

“A Christmas Gathering”

- 2025 Christmas Cantata - Adults & Children
Practices will begin October 25th (10 am) for this year’s program.
The program will be December 14th.
Please let **Nancy Harsch** know if you are interested in participating.



This Week

Today

9:15 am Fellowship

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm Youth Group

Fall Kick Off

Monday, September 22

No ‘Mondays in the Summer’
6:45pm Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, September 23

1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, September 24

6-6:25 pm Awana Check-in
6:25-8:10 pm Awana

Metropolitan Staff

Jack BluelSenior Pastor

Steve BurrellPastor of Outreach & Evang.

Nancy HarschWorship Coordinator

Neal & Erica AndersonYouth Coordinators

Sue MavisAdministrative Assistant

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

Attendance & Giving

Avg. Attendance for September	105
Amount Needed Weekly	\$6,115
September 7, 2025	\$4,065
Online week of 9-7-2025	\$1,619
September 14, 2025	\$4,341
Online week of 9-14-2025	\$60

Save the Date

2025 NCA Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 25th

Immanuel Baptist, Beulah, ND
Speaker: Merv Budd,
NAB Missional Initiatives Team member
“Rethinking Evangelism”
More information and
Registrations available soon

Pastor Jack will be Out of the Office
through September 23rd

Upcoming Events

September 2025

19-21 - Women’s Retreat @ CSBC

October 2025

5 - Communion
7 - O&E Board Meeting
7 - NLC Fall Fundraiser
10-12 - Missions Conference
13 - Perry Center Fundraiser
14 - Board Meetings
16 - Jail Chaplains Fundraiser
17-19 - Sr. Hi. Fall Retreat @ CSBC
25 - Christmas Cantata Practices Begin

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

### Recognitions

#### Birthdays

T.J. Kastl (Thursday)

#### Friend of the Week

Mark Mehlhoff

#### Caring Person for September

Marcia Becker

### 2:42 Groups

| September      |         |          |
|----------------|---------|----------|
| Sun., Sept. 28 | 12:30pm | Svaleson |
| October        |         |          |
| Thurs., Oct. 2 | 6:00pm  | Wolff    |
| Sun., Oct. 19  | 12:30pm | Burrell  |

#### 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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## II Peter 2:17-22

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