

## **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 #614 "He Is Our Peace"

Welcome / Announcements Pastor Steve

Church in Confession Bill Savage

Call to Worship Revelation 1:9-18

**Congregational Songs of Praise** Praise Team

Psalm 89:1-18 **Psalm Reading** 

Josh Svaleson Church in Prayer

Offering /Offertory

Children Dismissed for Children's Church

#674 **Preparation Hymn** 

"Who Is on the Lord's Side?"

II Peter 2:17-22 Scripture

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: <u>nabonmission.org/missionaries/claire-marker</u>

### **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

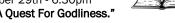
- Pray for **Cameroon** due to the civil unrest that continues. Pray for God to bring peace to the country.
- Pray for the Russia-Ukraine conflict. Pray for peace.
- Pray for Israel. God's will be done. Pray for peace and rebuilding.
- Pray for the **leadership** of our country, state, and city. May 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

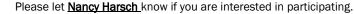
- \* 9:30am Preschool Regular Sunday School Class K-5th - with CEF
- Jr. & Sr. High, & Adults with Shan Reed
- \* 10:30am Aaron Buchholz speaking during Morning Worship.
- \* 12:00 noon Pot Luck Lunch for all and the Missionaries
- \* 6:10pm Missionary Speaker Nate Douglas, Perry Center

\*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.

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<u>"A Christmas Gathering"</u> - 2025 Christmas Cantata - Adults & Children Practices will begin October 25th (10 am) for this year's program. The program will be December 14th.





#### 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 Bluel 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 September 105 Amount Needed Weekly \$6,115 \$4,065 September 7, 2025 \$1.619 Online week of 9-7-2025 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

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 12:30pm Sun., Oct. 19 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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