



Morning Worship

September 28, 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	Clayton Harsch	
Call to Worship	John 10:25-30	
Congregational Songs of Praise	Praise Team	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 89:19-37	
Church in Prayer	Pastor Jack	
Offering /Offertory	Children Dismissed for Children’s Church	
Preparation Hymn	“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”	#774
Scripture	Genesis 3:1-13	
Message	How Much Does God Pursue Me?	
Closing Song	Praise Team	
Benediction	I John 4:9-12	

For Your Convenience...
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week’s Volunteers - Nancy H., Jon & Ruth W.
Next Week’s Volunteers - October 5 - Sue M., Jared & Kristen M.
Children’s Church Volunteer Today - The Anderson Team
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, Mercer, ND
Paul (Stella) Stout, Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Paul & Tanya Gericke - NAB Romania - After more than a decade of living in Romania to help establish Camp Falcon Rock as a destination for students, churches, and leaders to be educated about spiritual, emotional, and physical health, Paul & Tanya are finished out their time as NAB missionaries in August. Up until then, they helped to run summer camps as usual. Pray for their transition, now that they’ve left Romania; to reintegrate well back into Canadian life. Paul & Tanya will be joining us for this year’s Mission Conference next month.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/paul-tanya-gericke

Youth for Christ - YFC reaches young people everywhere, working together with the local church and other like-minded partners to raise up lifelong followers of Jesus who lead by their godliness in lifestyle, devotion to prayer and the Word of God, passion for sharing the love of Christ and commitment to social involvement. Local Staff: Greg Everett, Executive Director; Danielle Beyer; Special Projects Coordinator; William Lawyer, Tim Brown and Tanner Drath, Ministry Staff.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Joe & Sarah Caples
Microchurch Collective in Roseville, California

When Joe and Sarah Caples moved to Roseville, California, it was with the specific intent to begin a new work in the growing community, alongside Pleasant Grove Community Church. What they have established is the Roseville Microchurch Collective. Their goal is to expand the Kingdom by impacting the lives of people who wouldn’t normally attend church on Sunday.
Pray for Joe and Sarah as they continue to build relationships in their neighborhood and gather a team together.
For more information go to: pgcc.church

Youth News



~ Upcoming Youth Events ~

Today - September 28th - Corn Maze, East Grand Forks
Leaving from church around 12:30pm

October 5th - 5:00 -7:30pm - at Church

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, school shootings, the police shootings in Pennsylvania, and Charlie Kirk’s assassination.**
- 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.
- Pray for **Tammy Bluel**; she broke her humerus in a bicycle accident on Thursday. Prayer for healing and wise pain management.

Announcements

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





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



THE GOD YOU NEED TO KNOW



JOB

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

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

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

2024 Missions Conference

Friday, October 10th
* 6:00pm - Hot Dog, Sloppy Joe & Pie Supper
**For those who can - make a pie of your choice. (ie apple, pecan, pumpkin, etc.)
* 7:10pm - Missionary Speakers - Paul & Tanya Gericke
Saturday, October 11th
* 3:30pm - Perry Center “Baby Shower” Mission Project - *Sign up at Resource Center* followed by sandwiches & dessert
* 6:10pm - Missionary Speaker - Shan Reed
Sunday, October 13th
* 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
Each family is asked to bring a **main dish** to share
families **A-K** bring a **Dessert**, families **M-Z** bring a **Salad**
* 6:10pm - Missionary Speaker - Nate Douglas, Perry Center
The Mission Board requests that every family bring 2 dozen bars or cookies to serve during the conference weekend.
CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES (CEF) AND NURSERY AVAILABLE EACH EVENING
~~ Please check the Missions Conference Booklet for more details ~~
Thank you in advance for your generous conference offerings which will be shared among the conference participants

Quarterly Business Meeting - Tuesday, October 21st, 7pm
Elections & 2026 Budget
Reminder to Board Chairpersons - 2026 Budget requests due by **September 30**

2025 NCA Annual Meeting - Saturday, October 25th
Immanuel Baptist, Beulah, ND
Speaker: Merv Budd, NAB Missional Initiatives Team member
“Rethinking Evangelism”
Information and Registration packets are available at the Resource Center

“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

9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:15 am Fellowship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship
5:00 pm Youth Group
Corn Maze - EGF

Monday, September 29
6:30pm ‘Mondays in the Summer’
6:45pm Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, September 30
1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, October 1
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	104
Amount Needed Weekly	\$6,115
September 14, 2025	\$4,341
Online week of 9-14-2025	\$60
September 21, 2025	\$4,368
Online week of 9-21-2025	\$337

Child Evangelism Fellowship 2025 Vision Dinner

“Focusing on the Next Generation”
Thursday, October 23rd
Sanctuary Events Center
670 4th Ave. M., Fargo, ND
Message by John Luck, VP CEF USA
Doors open at 6pm
Meal provided
RSVP to Shari at 701-318-0458 or shari@ceffm.org by October 9th

Upcoming Events

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
21 - Quarterly Business Meeting
23 - CEF Vision Dinner
25 - Christmas Cantata Practices Begin
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel  
Next Meeting October 26, 2025

### Recognitions

**Birthdays**  
Carmen Degges (Monday)  
Erica Anderson (Wednesday)

**Family of the Week**  
Scott & Sue Mavis

**Caring Person for October**  
LoRae Rakoczy

### 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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*“How Much Does God Pursue Me?”*

## Genesis 3:1-13

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