



Morning Worship

October 4, 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	“All the Glory Belongs to Jesus”	#172
Welcome / Announcements	Pastor Steve	
Church in Confession	Pastor Steve	
Call to Worship	Psalm 95:1-7	
Communion Hymn	“Come to the Table”	#464
Communion	Pastor Steve/Deacons	
Congregational Songs of Praise	Praise Team	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 129	
Church in Prayer	Josh Svaleson	
Offering /Offertory	Children Dismissed for Children’s Church	
Preparation Hymn	“Just As I Am”	#488
Scripture	Luke 15:11-32	
Message	The True Elder Brother	Aaron Buchholz
Closing Song	Praise Team	
Benediction	Luke 15:7	

For Your Convenience...
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
**Thanks to this week’s Volunteers -Sue M., Jared M., Kristen M.,
Next Week’s Volunteers -October 11- Arlette B., LeAnn B., Willow M.
Children’s Church Volunteer Today - Tess H., Annabella H.**
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
NCA Pastor, Staff and Spouse Retreat, Bismarck, ND: October 16

MBC Supported Missions

Alan & Judy Steier (Barnabas Int’l) - The Steiers minister from their home in Delaware; closer to a daughter and family. They’ve used new ways to communicate over the past several years for their conversations with fellow missionaries and mission organizations; continuing to connect via email and video chats. Alan recently made a trip with other Barnabas International colleagues to Indonesia, taking Shepherd’s Apprentice training to Indonesians who care for Indonesian workers sent out with the Good News. Twelve participants took part in the training. For more information see the Steier’s recent newsletter in the Missionary Pouch in the entryway.

Park Christian School -A Christ-centered kindergarten through 12th grade school. Strong academics, competitive athletics, expressive fine arts, and inspiring Christian emphasis combine to provide a positive, nurturing environment where students prepare for success in college and in life. Chapels, class devotions, and a variety of Bible studies, service opportunities, and events inspire students in their walk with the Lord. Spiritual Emphasis Week (fall) and Spiritual Emphasis Day (spring) provide concentrated times of discovering biblical truth and life application. A student's experience includes an 80-hour Bible-practicum often igniting their ministry passion and use of their spiritual gifts.
See more at: <http://www.parkchristianschool.org>

NAB Missionary of the Week



Vern & Gloria Wagner
NAB Missionaries in Romania
After retiring as NAB missionaries in 2022, Vern and Gloria Wagner returned to Camp Falcon Rock for what was initially just one year of service, but they have opted to continue serving at the camp and with the people they love so dearly. Vern serves across the camp in various building and maintenance projects, while Gloria serves in the realm of house-keeping and hospitality. Pray for the Wagners as they spend time in Canada for the next few months. Pray for wisdom as they discern their next steps in ministry.
For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/vern-and-gloria-wagner

Youth News

Upcoming Youth Events
Today~Sunday October 4th -
Youth Group at MBC - 5-7:30pm

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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. Rooms 206 and 208 have tables set up for receiving Garage Sale items. Please keep big items at your residence until Thursday, October 29th.

## 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 less than a 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 and countertops have been installed.

## Announcements



**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**

**Missions Conference Potluck, October 11th, following church service**  
**Each family is asked to bring a main dish to share**  
Families A-K bring a **salad**, L-Z bring a **dessert**  
Tableware and drinks will be provided.  
Serving **group 4 to serve** and serving **group 1 to clean up.**

Announcements Continued

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 DAY\*

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.

Quarterly Business Meeting - Tuesday, October 20th, 7pm

Elections & 2027 Budget

Join Child Evangelism Fellowship for the **2026 Vision Dinner - A Life Impacted** - on **Thursday, October 22 at the Sanctuary Event Center**. **Doors open at 6 pm**. Come hear how a Life Impacted has a ripple effect in the community and how the ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship impacts lives. There will be a plated dinner, inspiring testimonies, and a message by Neil Wockenfuss. Invite a friend! **RSVP by October 8th at [ceffm.org](http://ceffm.org)** .

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

12:30 pm Burrell 2:42 Group

12:30 pm Svaleson/Wolhart 2:42

Monday, October 5

6:45pm Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, October 6

1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

6:30 pm O& E Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 7

6-6:25 pm Awana Check-in

6:25-8:10 pm Awana

Saturday-Sunday, October 10-11

Missions Conference

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

Avg. Attendance for September

94

Amount Needed Weekly

\$5,820

September 20, 2026

\$4,116

Online Week of 09-20-2026

\$109

September 27, 2026

\$4,995

Online Week of 09-27-2026

\$1,154

Pastor Jack will be out of the office

September 30th-October 12th.

Upcoming Events

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

25- C.E. Board Meeting

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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel

Next Meeting October 25, 2026

Recognitions

Birthdays

Caleb Mehl (Monday)

Tess Hotchkiss (Friday)

Family of the Week

Sean, Tess & Annabella Hotchkiss

Caring Person for October

Margaret Ptacek

2:42 Groups

September

Thurs., Oct. 15

6:00pm

Wolff

Sun., Oct. 4

12:30pm

Burrell

Sun., Oct. 4

12:30pm

Svaleson/Wolhart

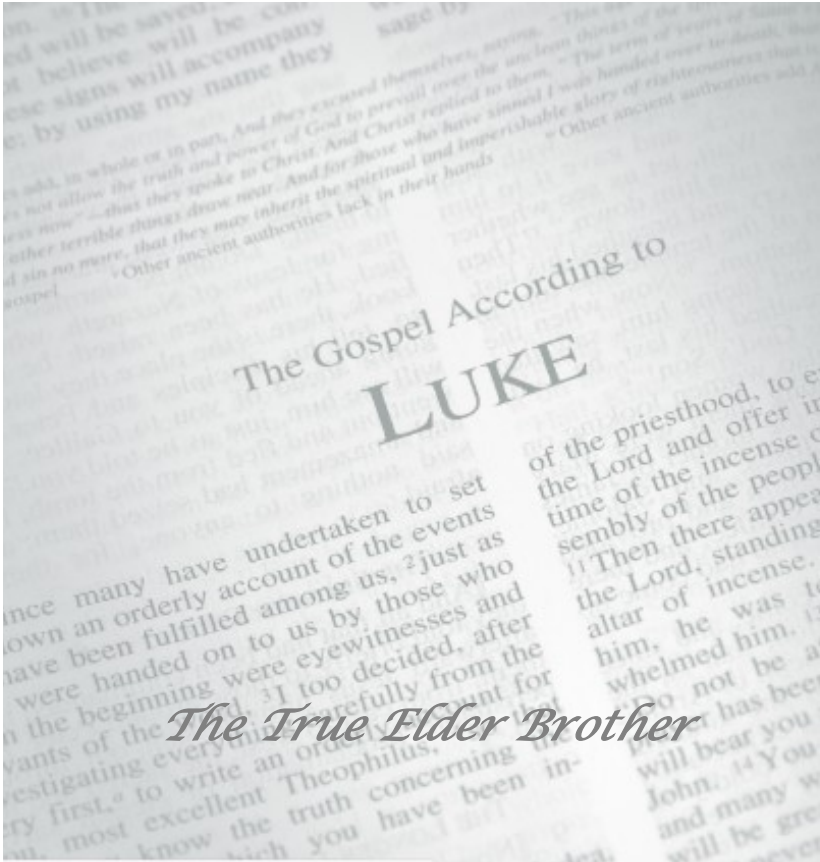


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Luke 15:11-32

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