

Morning Worship October 5, 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 "Rise Up, O Church of God" #433

Welcome / Announcements Pastor Steve

Church in Confession Pastor Jack
Call to Worship Matthew 26:17-29
Communion Hymn "Come to the Table" #464
Communion Pastor Jack/Deacons
Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #11

Congregational Songs of Praise Praise Team

Psalm Reading Psalm 89:38-52

Church in Prayer Pastor Jack

Offering / Offertory

Children Dismissed for Children's Church

Preparation Hymn #342

"Rock of Ages"

Scripture Genesis 3:20-24

Message Pastor Jack

How Much Does God Protect Me?

Closing Song Praise Team

Benediction Hebrews 12:1-2

For Your Convenience...
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.

Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Sue M., Jon & Ruth W.

Next Week's Volunteers - October 12 - Arlette B., LeAnn B., Willow M.

Children's Church Volunteer Today - Marcia Becker

Thank you for silencing your cell phones during the Worship Service.

Ouiet Bags are hanging in the library next to the video rack.

The Church in Prayer

NCA Pastors and Ministries of the Week First Baptist, Minot, ND

Kent (Trish) Hinkel, Sr. Pastor; Brandon (Melody) Smith, Assoc. Pastor; Chris (Jess) Easton, Youth; Elaine Carlson, Children's Ministry Director; Christie (Trent) VanderVorst, Preschool Coordinator

MBC Supported Missions

Becky and Eriya Kato - SEND International - Japanese Diaspora - As Missionary Appointees for SEND, Becky and Eriya are preparing to move from Japan to Orange County, CA to share the gospel with Japanese residing there. Becky grew up in Japan as an NAB missionary kid, attended NAB College & Taylor Seminary, and served as an NAB missionary for 8 years before marrying Eriya in 2014. Eriya, raised in a Christian home in Japan, felt a calling to ministry at the age of 14, but later strayed from his faith. In 2000, during a trip to California and Las Vegas, he rededicated his life to Christ. He did a 2.5 year internship in Florida, followed by Japanese ministry in southern California before eventually returning to Japan. He has served alongside his parents in their house church and Montessori preschool, but the Lord is calling them (along with their 3 children) to be a light to Japanese students in SoCal. Pray that God would grow their team of prayer and financial partners as they get ready to move to Orange County next summer.

Amistad Worldwide - Tracy Alin - Tracy founded Amistad Worldwide in 2010. Amistad's main goal is to demonstrate the love of Christ and develop the potential and dignity of the world's poorest people who live on \$1 a day or less. Their aim is to accomplish this by partnering with those working in the Third World to bring the Gospel and sustainable solutions to poverty such as sponsorship and empowerment of orphans and widows, providing education and jobs, and placing clean water wells in impoverished villages. They currently work in 3 countries: India, Nepal, and Uganda.

NAB Missionary of the Week



Shan Reed NAB Missionary to Japan

Since she began serving as a long-term missionary in Japan in 2001, Shan's ministry has included church planting, evangelism, and women's and youth ministries with the Japan Baptist Conference. She will be ending her time as an NAB missionary at the end of this year, during

which she will be visiting with supporters one last time to end things well. Pray for Shan as she travels across North America; pray as well for this transition out of international missionary service.

For more information go to: nabonmission.org/missionaries/shan-reed

Youth News

MBC Family & Friends:
Please consider hosting a
Youth Group Supper

Sunday evenings, 5:00 - 7:30pm. A schedule is posted on the Youth Bulletin Board for the opportunity to sign up.

Thank You!!

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~ Upcoming Youth Events ~

Today - October 5th - 5:00 -7:30pm - @ Church October 10th - 12th - Missions Conference October 26th - 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 <u>Cameroon</u> 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 <u>leadership</u> of our country, state, and city. May they see their need for a Savior and seek Him!
- <u>Continue to pray for salvation</u> 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 <u>MBC's Fall Activities</u>: AWANA, new Sunday School classes, Bible Studies, Mission Conference, Holiday Food For Families . . .
- Be in prayer for <u>Jacque Ulstad</u>; she broke her hip, pray for a quick and complete recovery.
- Pray for <u>Tammy Bluel</u>; she broke her arm in a bicycle accident last Thursday. Prayer for healing and wise pain management.

Announcements

October - Pastor Appreciation Month has been set aside for congregation members to prayerfully reflect on the many blessings bestowed on them including the spiritual guidance, godly leadership, inspiration, and encouragement provided by their pastoral staff and their families. Please take an opportunity this month to show your appreciation to each of your dedicated Pastoral Staff: Pastors Jack and Steve. From Your Deacon Board

1 Tim 5:17 (NKJV) Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

"Mondays in the Summer"

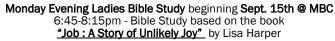
Men's Reading Group Monday, October 6th - 6:30pm reading through **J.I. Packer's** book, **"A Quest For Godliness." Chapter 13**



Announcements Continued



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"



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.



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

2025 Missions Conference

Friday, October 10th

- * 6:00pm Hot Dog, Brats, Sloppy Joe & Pie Supper
- **Sign up at Resource Center to make a pie of your choice to share.
- * 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 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

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 sign up your children for the CEF sessions at the Resource Center ** ~~ 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

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

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

5:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, October 6

6:30pm 'Mondays in the Summer' 6:45pm Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, October 7

1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study 6:00 pm Trustee Board Mtg. 6:00-8:15 pm NLC Fundraiser 6:30 pm 0&E Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 8

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

Thursday, October 9

6:30 pm Deacon Board Mtg.

Friday - Sunday, October 10-12 Missions Conference

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	107
Amount Needed Weekly	\$6,115
September 21, 2025	\$4,368
Online week of 9-21-2025	\$337
September 28, 2025	\$6,017
Online week of 9-28-2025	\$1.619

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 . . . "

Upcoming Events

October 2025

5 - Communion

7 - Trustee Board Meeting

7 - O&E Board Meeting

7 - NLC Fall Fundraiser

9 - Deacon Board Meeting

10-12 - Missions Conference 12 - MBC Prays

13 - Perry Center Fundraiser

16 - Jail Chaplains Fundraiser

17-19 - Sr. Hi. Fall Retreat @ CSBC

21 - Ouarterly Business Meeting 23 - CEF Vision Dinner

25 - NCA Annual Meeting

25 - Cantata Practices Begin ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel Next Meeting October 26, 2025

Recognitions

Birthdays

Caleb Mehl (Today) Tess Hotchkiss (Thursday)

Family of the Week

Brad, Kim, Amelia, Benny, and Abby Smith

Caring Person for October LoRae Rakoczy

2:42 Groups

October

Thurs., Oct. 16 Wolff 6:00pm Sun., Oct. 19 12:30pm Burrell Sun., Oct. TBD 12:30pm Svaleson

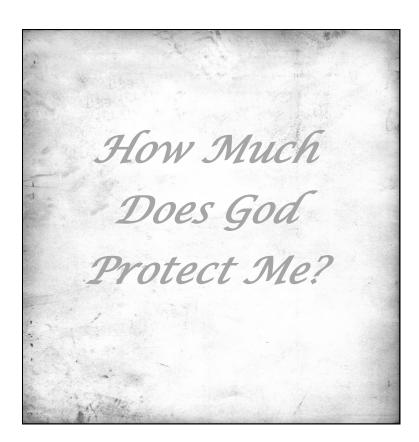
Child Evangelism Fellowship 2025 Vision Dinner

"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

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Genesis 3:20-24



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