



Morning Worship

November 23, 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 "Give Thanks" #170

Welcome / Announcements Pastor Steve

Church in Confession Bill Savage

Call to Worship John 15:10-13

Congregational Songs of Praise Praise Team

Psalm Reading Psalm 96

Church in Prayer Pastor Jack

Offering /Offertory Children Dismissed for Children's Church

Preparation Hymn #793
"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Scripture Ephesians 1:1-14

Message Pastor Jack
Rejoice in You Spiritual Blessings

Closing Song Praise Team

Benediction Philippians 4:19-20,23

** Special Congregational Meeting **

For Your Convenience...

There is Nursery available for parents with small children.

Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Nancy H., Janet & Ellie M

Next Week's Volunteers - November 30 - Marcia B. & Helper

Children's Church Volunteer Today - Susan Ray-Degges

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

Washburn Baptist, Washburn, ND

Discerning whether to seek an Intentional Interim or a Pastor

MBC Supported Missions

Crystal Springs Baptist Camp, Medina, ND - This camp combines both good clean fun with sound Christian teaching in a beautiful lake side setting. Located 65 miles east of Bismarck, Crystal Springs is an oasis in the midst of North Dakota's gently rolling plains. It was founded in 1954 with a special purpose in mind: Present the love of Jesus Christ to all who attend, and invite each to have a personal relationship with Him.

Prayer & Praise Items

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people."

I Timothy 2:1 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 Ulistad, Darlene Wahl, Waltraut Wolff, Elmer Ackerman, Tammy Bluel, Linda Moser, Bob Weier, Glenn Burrell, Steven Kieffer, and Joan Frey**. Pray for peace, comfort, continued strength, and healing in each of their circumstances.
- Pray for the **MBC's Upcoming Activities**: Holiday Food For Families, Gingerbread House Building, Women's Christmas Dinner, Christmas Cantata, Christmas Eve Service, Praying in the New Year
MBC Church Family Praise
- **Praise** for the release of the hostages in the Middle East.
- **Praise the Lord for the 128 Operation Christmas Child boxes** packed thanks to church and other donations! We would welcome monetary donations to help with the shipping cost of the boxes.

Announcements

"Mondays in the Summer (Fall)"

Men's Reading Group

Monday, November 24th - 6:30pm

reading through J.I. Packer's book, "A Quest For Godliness."

Chapter 19 & 20



Save the Date - Gingerbread House Building

- Everyone is invited!! Sunday evening, Dec. 7th, 5:00pm, Fellowship Hall/Gym

Please bring building tools and candy, etc. to share for decorating

If you would like to help provide food for the dinner; soup, sandwiches, etc.,

There is a sign up available at the Resource Center

Blueprints are also available at the Resource Center



MBC Women's Christmas Dinner and Secret Sister Reveal

"The Light of the World is Jesus"

will be held **Monday, December 8th, 6:30 pm at MBC**.

All women and teen girls of the church are invited.

\$12 per person to help cover the cost of food / at the door

Those who do not have a Secret Sister may bring a gift

under \$20 to exchange (optional).

If you plan on attending, please indicate so on the sign up sheet available at the Resource Center



MBC Family & Friends:
Please consider hosting a
Youth Group Supper
Sunday evenings, 5:00 - 7:30pm.
And/or . . . To provide a course for the
Christmas Progressive Dinner - Dec. 13th
A schedule is posted on the
Youth Bulletin Board
for the opportunity to sign up.
Thank You!!



~ Upcoming Youth Event ~

Youth Progressive Dinner
Saturday, December 13th

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

Announcements Continued



Leaders and/or Listeners Needed - see Janet Kirsch

"A Christmas Gathering" Christmas Cantata
Everyone is welcome to participate - children and adults!!
Practices will be held:
December 6th & 13th

Practices will begin at 10am, unless otherwise announced.
The Cantata will be **December 14th at 5:30pm**
with Fellowship to follow



Holiday Food for Families: Thank you to those who signed up to bring items for the Holiday Food For Families baskets. We have fulfilled the need.

Praise God!

Reminder: Please bring your donations to the church,
between **10-11 am, Saturday, December 6th**

Distributions and pick-ups, noon - 2pm



**Thank you for helping us in this
joyous and compassionate outreach ministry to others.**



Holiday Food for Families Canned Food Drive!

Please help us gather non-perishable foods
such as canned vegetables, fruits, soups, and boxed items
to be given in our Holiday Food Boxes December 6th.
Place them in the box available in the foyer by December 3rd.
Cases or Bulk items also accepted. Thank You!

Praise & Worship Christmas Dinner/Party - for those involved in the Worship Ministry, hosted by Clayton & Nancy Harsch, Tuesday, December 16th, 6-9pm, at their home in West Fargo.
See your email for details, and RSVP by December 10th.

NCFCA Christian Speech & Debate Tournament - January 15-17, 2026
at Salem Church, 1111 30th Ave. So., Moorhead, MN - Moorhead, MN Qualifier
Volunteers needed to judge this event.

No previous experience is needed. Training is provided
Teens from multiple states need feedback from judges like you. Spend 2-3 hours engaging with talented students, enjoying captivating presentations, and experience our vibrant community of speakers!

The Bluel and Anderson families are both involved in this event.

Questions: moorheadjudges@ncfca.org



2026 Feed My Starving Children, FargoMobile Pack
February 22nd - 28th at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds
To Volunteer or Donate go to <https://fargopack.org>
beginning December 11th

Please register yourselves; as a family, group or individual

Special Congregational Meeting - Today - November 23rd, following the Worship service, regarding the Sprinkler Head Replacement project funding.
For more details, see the posting on the bulletin board in the entryway.

2025 New Life Center Christmas Gifts for Residents - New & Unwrapped - Flannel shirts or sweatshirts (all sizes), winter hats & gloves, hand warmer packets, long underwear (all sizes), men's boxers (all sizes, larger sizes needed more), and Large Christmas Gift Bags. Please place your donations in the gift box in the entry. Items will be picked up on **December 10th, 2025** for delivery to the NLC.
Thank you!

This Week

Today

9:15 am Fellowship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship
12:00 pm Special Cong. Meeting

Monday, November 24

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

Tuesday, November 25

12:30 pm Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, November 26

No Awana

Thursday, November 27

Happy Thanksgiving!!

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 November	106
Amount Needed Weekly	\$6,115
November 9, 2025	\$3,072
Online week of 11-9-2025	\$832
November 16, 2025	\$6,114
Online week of 11-23-2025	\$20

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

November 2025

27 - Thanksgiving
30 - No Sunday School

December 2025

2 - O&E Board Meeting
6 - HFFF Distribution

6, 13 - Cantata Practices
7 - Communion

7 - Gingerbread House Building

8 - WMF Christmas Dinner
and Secret Sister Reveal
9 - Board Meetings

13 - Youth Progressive Dinner
14 - Christmas Cantata

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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel

Next Meeting January 25, 2026

## Recognitions

### Birthdays

Jay Kost (Thursday)

### Friend of the Week

Andi Webber

### Caring Person for November

Marissa Svaleson

## 2:42 Groups

### November

Sun., Nov. 23 12:30pm Svaleson

### December

Thurs., Dec. 4 6:00pm Wolff

In all things  
GIVE thanks!



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*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places"*

*Ephesians 1:3 ESV*

*Ephesians 1:1-14*



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