



Morning Worship

December 7, 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	"Emmanuel"	#243
Welcome / Announcements	Pastor Steve	
Advent Candle Lighting		
Hymn	"O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs. 1	#250
Church in Confession	Pastor Jack	
Call to Worship	Mark 14:12-25	
Communion Hymn	"Come to the Table"	#464
Communion	Pastor Jack/Deacons	
Hymn	"A Communion Hymn for Christmas"	#287
Congregational Songs of Praise	Praise Team	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 98	
Church in Prayer	Pastor Jack	
Offering /Offertory	Children Dismissed for Children's Church	
Preparation Hymn	#244	
	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	
Scripture	Luke 1:26-38	
Message	Pastor Jack	
Closing Song	The Proclamation to Mary	
Benediction	Praise Team	
	Revelation 5:11-14	

For Your Convenience...

There is Nursery available for parents with small children.
Thanks to this week's Volunteers - Kristen M., Myndi & Ethan F.
Next Week's Volunteers - December 14 - Myndi F., Tammy & Caleb B.
Children's Church Volunteer Today - Marcia Becker
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

Crystal Springs Baptist Camp, Medina, ND

Tim (Eliza) Brenner, Executive Dir.; LeAnn Lindteigen, Program Dir.; Andy (Brittney) Sprenger, Facilities Mgr.; Scott Quanbeck, Gen. Maintenance; Ellen Quanbeck, Fin. Mgr.; Liz Wingdenbeck, Custodian; Kass Lynch, Food Serv. Dir.

MBC Supported Missions

Mbingo Cancer Research Center Project (NAB in Cameroon) - Access to radiation therapy is extremely limited in sub-Saharan Africa, and the majority of patients presenting with tumors can benefit from treatment with radiation. As part of the plan to develop a comprehensive cancer center, Mbingo Baptist Hospital is working to install a radiation therapy unit consisting of a large bunker containing two linear accelerators. The design of the bunker has been officially approved by the national radiation safety board of Cameroon, and a used linear accelerator has already been donated. In addition to the NAB, the CBC Health Services and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute at Harvard will be supporting the funding of the bunker.

Chain of Love Homes, Brazil - Chain of Love is an NAB partner organization in Brazil led by Telmo Camargo, Executive Director. Chain of Love operates a system of foster homes with house parents/caregivers who are committed to the integral care of the children and adolescents referred to them by protective measures of the Judiciary; providing a family environment, healthy development and a good quality of life.

For more information visit: www.larcolmeia.com.br

NAB Missionary of the Week



Charles & Haneeseah Stevens

Transformation Ministries in Sacramento, California

Transformation Church wants to walk alongside those in the journey of transformation. Charles Stevens, along with his wife Haneeseah and their two kids, planted the church in 2016 with the goal of being a ministry that outwardly demonstrates the Spirit that is inwardly directing us. After a multi-year struggle to find a building, they got a space all their own two years ago, and they were recently given the opportunity to purchase the building outright. Pray for the church as they seek to be a body of believers dedicated to helping transform the city for Christ. Pray as well for their capital campaign to raise funds to purchase their building.

For more information go to: www.sactransformation.com

Youth News

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!!

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!!



~ Upcoming Youth Event ~

Youth Progressive Dinner
Saturday, December 13th

Watch your emails for details

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 Uistad, 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**: 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! Praise the Lord the cost of postage for the boxes has been covered!

Announcements

For anyone interested in Baptism - Pastor Jack will be having an informational meeting after worship, 12:30pm, **January 4th** in the Chapel. If you have any questions, see Pastor Jack. Baptismal Class is required for children prior to baptism.

Gingerbread House Building - Everyone is invited!! **This 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.
\$15 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).



Announcements Continued



Leaders and/or Listeners Needed - see Janet Kirsch

"A Christmas Gathering" Christmas Cantata
December 13th (Dress Rehearsal)

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



Christmas Program Fellowship - immediately following the Program
Requesting that all families bring one dozen cookies or bars to share.
Serving Groups 2 & 3 bring one dozen sandwiches to share,
Groups 2 & 3 will also help with serving and clean-up

Holiday Food for Families: Thank you to those who signed up to bring items for the Holiday Food For Families baskets and helped with distribution.
Praise God!

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



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 foyer. Items will be picked up on **December 10th, 2025** for delivery to the NLC.
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 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
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

Ladies Daytime Bible Study

Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30pm at MBC, beginning January 6th
Studying Lisa Whittle's, "Body & Soul"
There is a sign-up sheet at the Resource Center



A Special Thanks to **Ervin and Waltraut Wolff** for providing the **Poinsettias** adorning the sanctuary and foyer for Christmas!!

Please check out the SAMPLE 2026 Directory at the Resource Center.

See sign for more details - or ask Sue Mavis. Thank You!



This Week

Today

9:15 am Fellowship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship
5:00 pm Gingerbread Event

Monday, December 8

6:30 pm Women's Christmas Dinner & Secret Sister Reveal

Tuesday, December 9

6:00 pm Trustee Board Mtg.

Wednesday, December 10

6:25 pm Awana Check-in
6:25-8:10 pm Awana
6:30pm Deacon Board Meeting

Saturday, December 13

10 am Cantata Dress Rehearsal
Youth Progressive Dinner

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	101
Amount Needed Weekly	\$6,115
November 23, 2025	\$5,391
Online week of 11-23-2025	\$50
November 30, 2025	\$4,017
Online week of 11-30-2025	\$20

Upcoming Events

December 2025

13 - Cantata Dress Rehearsal
8 - WMF Christmas Dinner and Secret Sister Reveal
9 - Board Meetings
13 - Youth Progressive Dinner
14 - Christmas Cantata & Fellowship
24 - Christmas Eve Service
25 - Christmas Day
31 - Praying in the New Year

January 2026

1 - New Year's Day
4 - Communion
13 - Board Meetings
18 - Annual Business Meeting

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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel  
Next Meeting January 25, 2026

## Recognitions

### Birthdays

No Birthdays this Week

### Friends of the Week

Cal & Jewel Wolhart

### Caring Person for December

Camille Heuer

### 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 . . ."

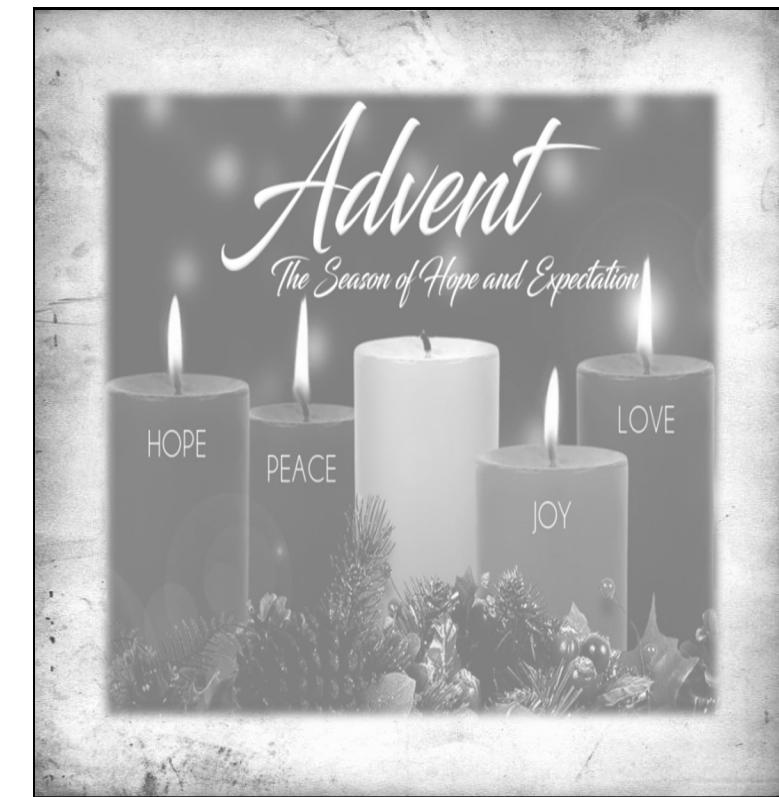
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*Luke 1:26-38*

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