



# Morning Worship

## December 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	“Emmanuel”	#243
Welcome / Announcements		Pastor Steve
Church in Confession		Josh Svaleson
Call to Worship		I John 4:9-10
Congregational Songs of Praise		Praise Team
Psalm Reading		Psalm 101
Church in Prayer		Pastor Jack
Offering /Offertory	No Children's Church Today	
Preparation Hymn		#288
	“We Three Kings”	
Scripture		Luke 2:22-38
Message		Pastor Jack
	New Beginnings	
Closing Song		Praise Team
Benediction		Psalm 29:1-2

For Your Convenience...  
There is Nursery available for parents with small children.  
**Thanks to this week’s Volunteers - Jon & Ruth W.**  
**Next Week’s Volunteers - January 4 - Jared & Kristen M.**  
**No Children’s Church Today**  
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 Church Planting / Ministry Multiplication

MBC Supported Missions

North Central Association - The North Central Association is composed of all organized and recognized North American Baptist Churches in the northern part of South Dakota, all of North Dakota and eastern Montana. There are currently 31 churches that belong to the North Central Association. The NCA exists to infuse every community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ ...as healthy churches....with well trained leaders.... through cooperative ministry projects. Randy Jaspers serves as the Regional Minister. Visit <http://npregion.org> for more info.


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.


Pray for the Wagners as they continue to transition to service at Camp Facon Rock without Paul and Tanya Gericke alongside them, as the Gerickes are back in Canada finishing up their time as NAB missionaries.  
For more information go to: [nabonmission.org/missionaries/vern-and-gloria-wagner](http://nabonmission.org/missionaries/vern-and-gloria-wagner)

## 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!!

Enjoy  
New Years  
with your Families!



Watch your emails for details  
of upcoming events



“**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

*“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 Ulstad, 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: Praying in the New Year.

MBC Church Family Praise

- Praise for this season of celebrating the Birth of our Savior and the Worship of our Lord!
- Praise for the birth of Kevin & Carrie Preston’s granddaughter, Roselyn Marie, December 23rd in West Virginia.


## 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.

*Thank you* for the love and kindness you show to us and for the gifts you blessed us with for Christmas.  
It is a joy to labor together in the work of the church.  
We Praise God for what He is doing at Metropolitan!

**We wish you all a Joyous Christmas and a Blessed New Year!**

The Svaleson family, Sue & Scott Mavis,  
Neal & Erica Anderson, Nancy & Clayton Harsch,  
Pastor Steve & LeAnn, and Pastor Jack & Tammy



Announcements Continued

Awana Leaders and/or Listeners Needed - see Janet Kirsch

~ Upcoming Events for this Holiday Season ~  
Praying In The New Year, Wednesday, December 31st, 8:00 pm until 8:00 am, Thursday, January 1st, praying in 2026  
Please join us in celebrating the birth of Christ and anticipating what the Lord has for us in the New Year!

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, No previous experience needed, Training provided  
The Bluel and Anderson families are both involved in this event.  
Questions: moorheadjudges@ncfca.org

Annual Business Meeting & Lunch - January 18, 2026 following the Morning Service, Meeting @ 1pm  
Each family is asked to bring a main dish to share.  
Families A - K bring a salad ~ L - Z bring a dessert  
Serving Group 1 will help serve and Group 4 will help with clean up.  
Annual Reports are due to the office by Wednesday, January 7th  
... Trustee Board

Ladies, and High School girls, if you would like to participate in "Secret Prayer Sisters" 2026 pick up a form at the Resource Center. Fill it out and place it in the basket at the Resource Center or in the church office by Friday, January 2nd.  
New Secret Sisters will be given to you in early January. Please don't miss out on this ministry in our church. It's a wonderful opportunity to encourage each other throughout the year.  
Also - There is a Sign-Up for Caring Person for 2026 - sending cards for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Member/Family of the Week, encouragement, etc. If you have questions, ask Arlette Buegel, Camille Heuer, or Sue Mavis.

Lisa Whittle Body & Soul  
Ladies Daytime Bible Study  
Tuesday afternoons, 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

Living Stones  
Women's Bible Study beginning January 12th @ MBC  
Monday evenings, 6:45 - 8:15pm  
"Living Stones: A Study of 1 & 2 Peter" by Michelle Lesley  
There is a sign-up sheet at the Resource Center

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

Upcoming Events at Park Christian School:  
- Preview Day - January 15th - current 1st-11th graders can come shadow a student for the morning 8:30-11:00 am  
- Kindergarten Exploration Days - Jan. 22nd, Feb. 19th, and March 10th - hands on events for incoming kindergarten students and their parents. 5-6 pm  
See postings on the entryway bulletin board for more details.

This Week

Today  
No Sunday School  
10:30 am Morning Worship

Wednesday, December 31  
8pm Praying in the New Year

Thursday, January 1  
Happy New Year!

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 December 90  
Amount Needed Weekly \$6,115  
December 14, 2025 \$1,713  
Online week of 12-21-2025 \$2,219  
December 21, 2025 \$4,413  
Online week of 12-21-2025 \$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

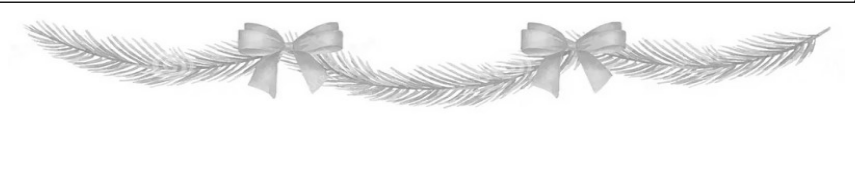
December 2025  
28 - No Sunday School  
31 - Praying in the New Year  
January 2026  
1 - New Year's Day  
4 - No Sunday School  
4 - Communion  
12 - MBC Prays  
13 - Board Meetings  
18 - Annual Meeting w/ Lunch following Worship  
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Morning Prayer - 9am - Chapel  
Next Meeting January 25, 2026

Recognitions

Birthdays  
Scott Mavis (Wednesday)  
Benny Smith (Thursday)  
Member of the Week  
Bob Weier  
Caring Person for January  
Tess Hotchkiss

Christmas Card Exchange: MBC gives you the opportunity to share your Christmas cards with friends of our congregation. This is totally optional. Your cards may be placed in the Mailboxes in the hallway, and can be picked up anytime throughout the month of December.

Please check out the SAMPLE 2026 Directory at the Resource Center.  
See sign for more details - or ask Sue Mavis. Thank You!



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