



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.

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| 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 | "We Three Kings" | #288 |
| Scripture | | Luke 2:22-38 |
| Message | | Pastor Jack |
| 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 Falcon Rock without Paul and Tanya Gericke alongside them, as the Gericke's are back in Canada finishing up their time as NAB missionaries.

For more information go to: 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

THANK YOU

JOY
 NOEL
 VICTORY
 JESUS
 PEACE HOPE
 WISEMEN
 CHRISTMAS
 BELIEVE FAITH
 PRINCE OF PEACE

Announcements Continued



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.

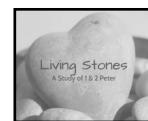
Also - There is a Sign-Up for **Caring Person for 2026** - sending cards for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Member/Family of the Week, encouragement, etc. If you have questions, ask Arlette Buegel, Camille Heuer, or Sue Mavis.



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



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

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| 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



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*Luke 2:22-38*



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