

### My decision today

- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior
- I want to be baptized
- I want to grow as Christ's disciple
- Other

### I'm interested in

- Knowing how to receive Christ as Savior
- Knowing how to grow as Christ's disciple
- Joining a small group
- Helping with the Music Ministry
- Helping with the Children & Youth Ministries
- Other

## GOD, THE FATHER or GOD, OUR FATHER?

*This We Believe #3*

God, the Father, is . . .

◆ Heavenly.

*"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them." Matthew 6:26 (cf. Ephesians 4:4-6)*

◆ Holy.

*"Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come." Luke 11:2 (cf. John 17:11; 1 Peter 1:16-17)*

◆ Righteous.

*"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me." John 17:25*

◆ Love.

*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God. . . We love, because he first loved us. 1 John 3:1; 4:19 (cf. 4:8, 16; John 14:21; 16:27)*

◆ Merciful.

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3 (cf. 2 Corinthians 1:3; Psalm 103:8-13)*

◆ The Source of life.

*For us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live. 1 Corinthians 8:6 (cf. John 5:26; 3:16)*

◆ Personal.

*Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." Galatians 4:6 (cf. John 1:12-13; 1 John 1:3)*

*Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. Hebrews 12:10 (cf. vss. 7-11)*

**NEXT STEPS:** Review the outline and scriptures. Consider reading the message online for more references along with the NAB Statement of Beliefs 2a. Is God *the* Father to you, or *our/my* Father? What difference does it make? Share your discoveries with someone; pray for each other.



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**GOD, THE FATHER or GOD, OUR FATHER?**

Dr. Randall Jaspers, Sr. Pastor  
Rev. Randy Brown, Associate Pastor of Youth/Families

To **worship** God, help people **know** Jesus Christ personally, **grow** to be like Him, **show** His love and **go** where He leads... **together.**

# today at *tbc*

## Worship

Worship through Singing

Worship through Prayer

(Children, ages 3-K, dismissed for Jr. Church)

Message: **GOD, THE FATHER or GOD, OUR FATHER?**

Worship through Giving

Music Ministry: Becky Pergotski

Closing Prayer

*Please fill out the Response Form and place it in the offering plate.  
Supervised nursery provided during Small Groups and Worship.*

## Nursery Workers

TODAY: Mary J. (S.S.); Mary J., Mel H., Ali H. (Worship)

MAR. 2: Lois V. (S.S.); Lois V., Cassandra B., Cassie V. (Worship)

# this week

- Today Noon Potluck meal (Group 4 serving)  
**Annual Business Meeting** (following meal)  
(Report on 2013 finances and ministries; 2014 plans)
- Wednesday 6:30 pm AWANA (Regular Club Night)  
6:30 pm PHYM (Gr. 7-12)
- Friday 6:00 pm *Dinner for 10* (See R2 to sign up)
- Saturday 7:00 am *DAWG Pound*
- Next Sun. 9:20 am S.S./Small Groups  
10:30 am Worship  
3:00 pm *Ice Bowl* (Youth vs. Adult Football Game)  
5:00 pm Chili Cook-off (**Bring a pot of your best chili**)

The *Ice Bowl* and *Chili Cook-off* are **open to everyone!**  
Enjoy fellowship and some friendly competition!

# coming events

- March 7-9 **Winter SOULstice** for Grades 6-8, CSB Camp
- March 9 9:20 am *Getting Out of Debt* (Rev. Ron Norman)  
10:30 am *Biblical Stewardship 101*  
1:30 pm *Estate Design Workshop*

Please use **sign-up sheets** (tables by sanctuary doors)  
or **Response Form** to register for the workshop.

# praise & prayer

## Around TBC

- ◆ Special health concerns: Anne Friesen, Candace Brown, Randy Brown, Orlee Howell, Jessica Kercher
- ◆ Family of Ruby Grenz; Ruby's funeral was February 21.
- ◆ David Craig - Afghanistan
- ◆ TBC College Student Ally Nill (Grand Canyon University)
- ◆ Elders of Worship and Children & Youth
- ◆ God's direction for the building on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW
- ◆ Jana Potter and unborn Baby (see CaringBridge site)
- ◆ Opportunities to interact and share with those on your "Matthew" list

## Around the World

**TAJKISTAN**— Muslim 93.9% ; Christian 1.0%

Religious freedom is guaranteed by the constitution, but fear of radical Islam provides the government with an excuse to watch all religious activity closely. Although there are only about a thousand believers in the church, it continues to grow. Recent laws require religious literature to be approved by government censors. Another law prohibits the teaching of religion to children except in a few isolated cases.

**Continued prayer** for conflicts in Syria, Egypt, Cen. African Republic & S. Sudan

**Congratulations** to Grandpa Dean and Grandma Doris Giedt on the birth of their granddaughter, Ava Yoon Luther, born February 15, weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz., measuring 21 inches! Parents: Kristin and Hal.

**Matthew Training**—If interested in one 2½-hour session, please contact the church office or use Response Form.

**Our Daily Bread** Devotionals (March-May) are available in the foyer. Please consider a \$1 donation.

## Around the NAB Conference

### Kristi TenClay - Cameroon



Please pray for continued and increased prayer and financial support as Kristi transitions from her original two-year missionary commitment to a longer 'continued' term. **Pray for** safe travel and effective ministry for Kristi while she is on home assignment and completing additional language school. **Ask God** to supply her needed housing in Yaoundé when she returns to Cameroon.

### Metropolitan Baptist Church - Fargo, ND

Rev. Allan Gerber (Interim)  
Rev. Steve Burrell (Evangelism);  
Tim Bauslaugh (Student Ministries and Worship)

## GIVING REPORT

Benevolent Fund	\$150.00
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$56,189.53</b>
YTD Building Fund	\$2,025.00
YTD General Fund	\$41,011.17
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<b>\$43,036.17</b>

# response form

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Your age group 18-23 24-29 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80+ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT (If A Student) Your Current School Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Are You:  Single  Married

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Names of children living at home & birth dates: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your...  1st time?  2nd time?  3rd time?

I am:  Attendee  Member  Visitor

I came as a guest of: \_\_\_\_\_