

E-FREE BEMIDJI WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2026



BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 25

- 9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church
- 10:45 am - Women's Ministry Team (Fireside Room)
- 11:00 am - Potluck (Gym)
- 12:00 pm - Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, October 27

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 6:30 pm - Celebrate Recovery (Room 10)

Wednesday, October 28

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm - Wednesday Night Meal - Pork Sammies
- 6:00 pm - Kids Club/Youth Group
- Evans Life Group (Conference Room)

Thursday, October 29

- 10:00 am - Halverson Life Group (Fireside Room)
- 6:30 pm - Music Team Practice (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship
- (E/W Chapel, Room 4 & Youth Room)

Friday, October 30

- 1:00 pm - Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 4-7 pm - Trunk-or-Treat (Lower Level Parking Lot)

Sunday, November 1

- 9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- Nametag Sunday
- 9:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church
- 11:00 am - Global Partner Visit/Connection Time (Gym)

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving through October 18, 2026

Giving YTD: \$562,995
Total Offerings/Gifts: \$635,422
Needed YTD: \$663,180
\$ Over/(Short): (\$27,758)



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

9:30 am - Worship Service

Prelude: Mary Larson, piano

This Is Amazing Grace

How Great Is Our God

How Great Thou Art (Hymn #21)

Offertory: Amy Graf, "Trusting You"

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-9, Joel Hoover

Message: Pastor Ken Polley

My Jesus I Love Thee (Hymn #101)

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

November 1st: Colossians 3:5-17
Nov. 8th: What Is Missions? (John 20:19-23)
Nov. 15th: Who Is a Missionary? (Acts 13:1-4)
Nov. 22nd: Where Do We Go from Here?
(Rom. 15:14-21)

Visit efcbemidji.org/events
for the complete calendar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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November is Missions Month at E-Free Bemidji

We're kicking off our missions focus in November with a visit from some of our Global Partners serving with ReachGlobal Middle East/North Africa. For their security, we can't mention them by name, but you will find their info in our Global Partner Flipbook listed under **A, D, & E** (pick up your free copy in the main foyer).

Join us on **Saturday, October 31st at 1:00 pm** for lunch with A & D. They will share about their ministry in North Africa. Please RSVP to Peter Eriksson (periksson218@gmail.com) or Karin Thomas (pkthomas43@gmail.com) if you plan to attend the lunch.

A & D will also be sharing in the service on **Sunday, November 1st**, and will be giving an update after the service at 11 am in the Gym. Come and hear about the amazing things God is doing through the MENA team in North Africa.

Our month-long missions focus will continue starting November 8th with a three-week sermon series entitled **Developing a Heart for Missions**. We'll turn to Scripture to answer questions like: What is mission? Who is a missionary? and Where do we go from here?

Stay tuned as well for updates about how you can pray for and support our short-term team that we're sending out in early 2027 to our Adopted People Group.

Schedule a chat with Pastor Ken.

Help our new Interim Pastor get to know our church family. Stop by the church office, or contact the office at **office@efcbemidji.org** or **218-751-8834** to schedule an appointment.

A Note From the Elders

- Pray for the congregational meeting today. A proposed budget and agenda is available.
- Pray for the fall ministries of the church, for energy, staff, and the gospel to be shared.

Lost and Found

We have two locations for lost and found items: one by the main entrance, and in the office for valuables. Please check the office as we do have a few valuables.

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Hilda Hubbell, a Memorial Gift toward Hymnals was presented by Ray Hubbell 1985.

Now Hiring: Office Manager

Please pray for our search for our next Office Manager. The job description is available in the office or on our website (**efcbemidji.org/jobs**). Applicants can email **office@efcbemidji.org** with a letter of inquiry and resume.

Text **efree** to **94000** join our text notification system.

YOUNG ADULTS

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We will resume ANCHOR in the fall.
Please talk to Pastor Shane if you have questions.



All BSU, NTC, and OHCC students are invited to attend a co-ed bible study on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm. It will be held in the leadership center in Hobson Memorial Union (HMU 255). If you have any questions, please email Terry Hewitt (terryleehewitt@gmail.com).

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Youth Sunday School

6th - 12th Graders are welcome to join us during our Sunday School hour! We will meet in the 5:11 Room following service and we will spend time hanging out, spending time in God's word, and doughnuts will be present as well!

-I would also invite those who want to get to know our students better to join us! We are in need of a couple male and female leaders. Please see Pastor Shane for more details and information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

We are going strong this year as we've been walking through what it looks like to Become People of Worship!

Please continue to pray for our students and leaders as we continue on in this month's theme of Prayer. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 reminds us - "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Blessings,
Pastor Shane

E-FREE KIDS

Our goal is to share the love, grace, and truth of God that we learn in His Word, and to make Jesus known to children, parents, caregivers, and volunteers. We do this by gathering together, seeking God's truth in the Bible, building relationships through discipleship, and sharing how the Holy Spirit is working in our hearts and lives so that we live, love, and speak more like Jesus.

You are invited to participate in this goal of Kids Ministry. We would love for you to pray, serve, encourage, teach, share your faith, and make an impact that could change a child's/parent's life forever!

We are always in need of volunteers to help kids learn about Jesus, practice obedience to the Holy Spirit, and build relationships. If you feel lead to serve in one of these areas, please contact Amy Graf at:

agraf@efcbemidji.org
218-751-8834 (church office)

Volunteers Needed on Wednesday Nights:

- Nursery/childcare helpers (substitutes)
- Substitute Small Group Leaders/helpers
- Supply/Snack/Craft coordinator
- Substitute Awareness Team
- Classroom Support/helpers
- **Prayer leaders for P.O.P. (Place Of Prayer) - (This is a place for kids/adults to come for prayer). They can "POP" in and "POP" out when needed and be prayed for by a leader.

Volunteers Needed for Sunday Mornings:

- Nursery/childcare helpers and substitutes during the 9:30 service and 10:45-12pm Sunday School hour.
- Beginner's church teachers/helpers - (PreK class - 4year olds-1st grade)
- Kids church teachers/helpers - (2nd - 5th graders in Assembly Room)
- Awareness Team on the lower level on Sunday mornings
- Sunday School Substitute teacher/helper - (PreK - 1st in the PreK classroom)11-11:45am.

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Sunday School at 11 am

Nursery is provided at 11 am for Sunday School

Our Nursery is from 0-3 year old children. If your child begins the schoolyear at 3, then turns 4 within the schoolyear, they are still able to attend the nursery. Children must be 4 before Sept. 1st to attend PreK-1st Sunday School, Beginner's Church, or Kids Club. **The only exception is if a parent/grandparent/caregiver/teenage sibling would like to remain with the 3 or 4 year old in the class or Beginner's church time.

Promotions from Nursery to the PreK class (when a child is 4 before Sept. 1st) happen in August each year. (please reach out to Amy Graf if you have any questions)

We are making some updates to the nursery. The 0-2 year olds will have their own space. This will be more baby/toddler friendly. The 2-4 year olds will have a bigger space, and will begin to learn more about God's Word! Even 2 year olds can memorize scripture! We are so excited to disciple these little ones and share more about the love of Jesus!

PreK - 1st Grade is in the PreK classroom on the lower level. Please re-check in your child after you pick them up from Beginners/Kids church. These students are continuing their study on Answers in Genesis (going through the Old Testament, and memorizing Scripture through songs.

Save The Date!! October 30th - E-Free "Trunk or Treat" 4:00 - 7:00pm sponsored by the Youth and Kids Ministry.

Anyone can sign up to host a vehicle, give out candy or prizes, and share God's love.

**When you host a vehicle, you are responsible for your own decorations of your vehicle, candy, and prizes. **Please NO scary items or themes for your vehicle. A couple of examples for great themes are:

Sports themes, Camp themes, Dancing/disco themes, kids movie themes, Scripture themes, or puns - "God's love is purrrfect - with a cat".

Looking forward to this new outreach opportunity to share God's love with our community!

*Please reach out to Amy Graf if you have any questions or would like to sign up.