E-FREE BEMIDJI WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2026

BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 1
9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church
11:00 am - Global Partner Visit/Connection Time (Gym)

Tuesday, November 3
10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
6:30 pm - Celebrate Recovery (Room 10)

Wednesday, November 4
7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
5:00 pm - Wednesday Night Meal -Spaghetti
6:00 pm - Kids Club/Youth Group
Evans Life Group (Conference Room)

Thursday, November 5
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, November 6
1:00 pm - Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)

Sunday, November 8
9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church
11:00 am - Connection Time (Gym)
- Adult Bible Study - Gospel of John (Rm 10)
- Family Sunday School (Youth Room)
- Getting (Re)Started (West Chapel)
- Young Families Class (East Chapel)

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving through October 25, 2026

Giving YTD: $571,475
Total Offerings/Gifts: $643,902
Needed YTD: $678,970
$ Over/(Short): ($35,068)

ONLINE GIVING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

9:30 am - Worship Service
Prelude: Kay Sue Eriksson, piano
Mighty To Save
How Firm A Foundation (Hymn #612)
He Will Hold Me Fast
Offertory: **Handbells** "Praise Him! Praise Him!"
Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:5-17, Patti Lofgren
Message: Pastor Ken Polley
Take My Life And Let It Be (Hymn #568)

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

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).

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.

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Hastings Foust, a Memorial Gift toward Hymnals was presented by his son Charles Foust 1985.

A Note From the Elders

Pray for our newly elected officers.
Pray for our church's time of transition.
Thank you.

Senior Connection Potluck Nov. 13

Senior adults please join us for our potluck and program on Friday, Nov. 13 at 11:30 in the Connection Café. This time we will focus on Art and Faith. Patti Lofgren will share her beautiful paintings, talk about illustrating books for her daughter Rachael, and share a devotional from those books. Contact Laura at 218-209-8190 with questions.

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.

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

ANCHOR

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

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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

Hello everyone, just an update for our Youth (6th-12th Grade) Sunday School time. We will be combining with the Family Sunday School group in the Youth Room as we go through Practicing the Way. Please come join us for this hour following service to grow deeper in our faith, fellowships, and worship with one another.

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

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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.