E-FREE BEMIDJI WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2026

BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 15
9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church
1:00 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)

Monday, November 16
6:30 pm - Women's Overflow (Connection Cafe)

Tuesday, November 17
10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
6:30 pm - Celebrate Recovery (Room 10)

Wednesday, November 18
7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
5:00 pm - Wednesday Night Meal - Hot Dogs
6:00 pm - Kids Club/Youth Group
Evans Life Group (Conference Room)

Thursday, November 19
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)
6:30 pm - Shindelar Life Group (Fireside Room)

Friday, November 20
1:00 pm - Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

9:30 am - Worship Service
Prelude: Laura Engelstad, piano
Sing We the Song of Emmanuel
Firm Foundation
Cornerstone
Offertory: Choir, "Angus Dei/How Great Thou Art"
Scripture Reading: Acts 13:1-4, Richard Anderson
Message: Pastor Eric Nygren
Abide

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving through November 8, 2026

Giving YTD: $601,851
Total Offerings/Gifts: $674,278
Needed YTD: $710,550
$ Over/(Short): ($36,272)

ONLINE GIVING

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

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

Our month-long missions focus continues with a three-week sermon series entitled **Developing a Heart for Missions**. We'll turn to Scripture to answer questions like: What is missions? 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.

Contact Us

We've recently upgraded our email system in the church office. You may want to add the following contact info to your email address book.

Church Office - office@efcbemidji.org
Giving/Donation Questions - giving@efcbemidji.org
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November Women's Overflow

Monday, Nov. 16th, 6:30-8:00 pm, in the Connection Cafe.
Before you start focusing on the holidays, please join us for a stress-free evening. Enjoy fellowship and spiced treats while "Gathering Your Blessings." Stop by the Women's Ministry table to let us know you are coming. Please take a reminder/invite for yourself and a friend!

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Carl Olander, a memorial gift of hymnals was given by his wife, Florence Olander, in Dec. 1988.

A Note From the Elders

- Our church has a confidential Benevolence Fund which provides help for those in financial crisis. Please reach out to the elders for information.
- Continue to pray for a person to fill the role of Office Manager for the church.

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.

Volunteers Needed for Community Thanksgiving Meal (Home Delivered)

Thanksgiving meals will be delivered to those who are homebound on Thanksgiving Day. Serve the Lord and our community by volunteering to prepare or deliver meals. Contact LaMae at 218-766-8876 to help. Call Sydney at 2118-308-3869 to reserve a meal. **Click here** for more information.

Tree Thank You

Thank you to the Parthun family for relocating a number of trees from our property to around our church building. Take a look at the beautiful evergreens when you get a chance.

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

YOUNG ADULTS

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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.