

NEWSLETTER

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 5

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
* No Kids/Beginners Church Today
11:15 am - Downtown Prayer Walk (Paul Bunyan Park)

Tuesday, July 7

9:30 am - Adult Bible Study (Room 10)
10:30 am - Bone Builders (Chapel)

Wednesday, July 8

7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)

Thursday, July 9

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
7:30 pm - Softball Game (city field 4)
8:30 pm - Softball Game (city field 3)

Friday, July 10

11:30 am - Sr. Connection Potluck (Connection Café)

Sunday, July 12

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church
11:00 am - Coffee & Treats - (Gym)
- Second Sunday Prayer (Chapel)
- Chat with an Elder (Green Room)

July 5th: Paul's Prayer (Ephesians 3:14-21)

July 12th: Psalm 1

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving Through
June 28, 2026

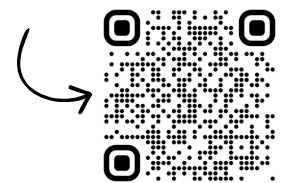
Weekly Giving:
\$21,345

Weekly Giving Need:
\$15,790

Giving YTD:
\$350,083

Needed YTD:
\$410,540

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GET CONNECTED



We've got a variety of activities planned for after service this summer. Here's what's happening this month.

Two Ways to Pray - July 5th & July 12th

This month, our focus has been on Becoming People of Prayer. Now let's put that into practice:

Today, **July 5th**, we're planning a Downtown Prayer Walk after the service. Plan to meet up near Paul & Babe around 11:15 am. We'll have prayer guides available for you and your group to pray through as you walk around downtown Bemidji. Stay and pray as long as you like. The 4th of July parade starts at 1:00 pm.

The following **Sunday, July 12th** our Second Sunday Prayer focus will be on praying through our new Global Partner flipbooks (coming soon). We'll have various prayer stations in the CLC hosted by members of our Global Connections Team. We'll focus on our partnerships with our Adopted People Group, ReachGlobal MENA, Camp Oak Hills, Center for Indian Ministries, and our other Global Partners around the world.

July 26th - Congregational Meeting, Cookout, & Cornhole Tournament

Following our July 26th Congregational Meeting at 11 am, we'll be hosting our annual Cookout & Cornhole Tournament. Grab a partner and register your team for the double-elimination tournament. We're keeping it to 32 teams, so register soon. Pick up a form at the Welcome Table, or in the office, or tap your phone on the Tap Tag on the seat in front of you to sign up. Please contact Pastor Eric or Jessica in the church office if you would like to help with this special all-church event.

JULY 5TH ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:30 am - Worship Service

Prelude: Piano, Mary Larson

My Savior's Love (Hymn #478)

How Deep The Father's Love

Living Hope

Offertory: "One Thing Remains," Mary Larson

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

Message, Pastor Eric Nygren

He Will Hold Me Fast

11:15 am - Downtown Prayer Walk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Rudy Christiansen, a Memorial Gift of sanctuary projection equipment was presented by friends and family Nov. 2011.

July 10th Sr. Connection Potluck

We welcome all senior adults to join us for fellowship and potluck on Friday, July 10th at 11:30 in the Connection Cafe. Bring an easy dish to share; homemade or store-bought is fine. Tracy Parthun will share her work with therapy and reading dogs, and will bring a furry friend along. And after the meeting, feel free to come tour the Engelstad gardens! Contact Laura at 218-209-8190 for our address, info, and questions

Chat with an Elder - Sunday, July 12th

Next Sunday, a couple of your E-Free elders will be available to chat in the Green Room at 11 am after the service. Bring your questions, concerns, feedback, or just come and get to know your E-Free elders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ways to Give

We invite you to prayerfully consider worshiping God and supporting the ministries of E-Free Bemidji through regular financial giving. A portion of every gift goes to support the ministry of our Global Partners. You can find out more about the various ways to give by visiting our website at www.efcbemidji.org/give or by scanning the QR code with your mobile device.



E-Free Softball

Come on out and support our E-Free softball team Thursday nights! This week, July 9th, our team plays at 7:30pm in City field 4 against First Baptist and at 8:30pm in City field 2 against House of Prayer. There is a schedule posted on all the bulletin boards if you'd like to see it. Go E-Free!! THE TEAMS ARE LOOKING FOR MORE PLAYERS, SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN, CONTACT MATT MYRICK AT 218-242-0822

Men's Bible Study

Join us in the Chapel on Wednesday mornings at 7:30am for good coffee, great conversation, and an opportunity to grow in your walk with Christ along with other men.

Scam & Fraud

Please beware of emails or texts that come to you asking for you to provide information or purchase something. Staff will never ask you for this information in this way. Please connect with the church office if you have questions.

YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, July 5

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)



We will resume CRU in the fall.

See Mark C. or Terry H. with questions:

mhockeymd@gmail.com

Terryleehewitt@gmail.com



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

E-FREE KIDS



Sunday, July 5

9:30 am - No Kids/Beginners Church Today

TODAY!

Make sure to stop out in the courtyard and get a cold treat, and head down to Paul and Babe as a family for the prayer walk! Every person in Bemidji and beyond needs Jesus and we can pray for others, and be a light in our community. After praying, find your spot downtown to watch the parade, meet new people, and pray with or for those around you. Try to introduce yourself and meet someone new and ask how you can pray for them!

Tuesday, July 7

Ridgeway Outreach - 12:00pm-1:30pm - Help serve lunch to this community, get to know them, and pray for them.

VBS - Kingdom Quest

SAVE THE DATE - Aug. 9th-12th 6:00pm - 8:15pm
4 years old - 6th grade



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR VBS



follow [@efreekidz](#) | www.efcbemidji.org/kids

Text **efreekids** to **94000** join our E-Free Kids notification system.

Volunteers needed

We are still in need of volunteers for beginners/kids church.

Kids ministry looks a bit different in the summer, but there are plenty of opportunities for kids/families to learn about Jesus, deepen their faith, and be discipled.

Kids can attend Beginners/Kids church each Sunday (they will be dismissed halfway through the service, and grade levels will be combined in the Assembly Room on the lower level - Please check in your children).

Kids can attend VBS at different churches in town (and at E-Free - Aug. 9-12)

Kids can go to Camp Oak Hills or Shamineau (there are scholarships available)

Kids can serve at an outreach opportunity, or attend our monthly Sunday Kids Ministry Events following the 9:30am service.

ALL of our outreach events/Sunday events are for kids and families. These are NOT "drop off" events. Parents/caregivers need to stay with their children.

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Sunday, July 5

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Youth Sunday School

We have officially wrapped up Sunday School for the Youth this season. We would encourage our congregation to continue daily in the Book of Proverbs. We collectively can grow in the abundant knowledge, wisdom, and love for our God through this time in His Word.

Youth Group

We have officially wrapped up the Youth Group for the year! Stay tuned to Newsletter and announcements for events/outreach opportunities for the Youth and Families this summer. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Shane or Amy Graf.

Youth Adult Ministry

Our Young Adult (Anchor) group has officially wrapped up for the year. If you want to know more about this ministry or are interested in joining, please reach out to Pastor Shane.

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