

E-FREE BEMIDJI WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF **AUGUST 16, 2026**



BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 16

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church (Lower Level)
11:00 am - VBS Celebration & Treats (Gym)
Chat with an Elder (Green Room)

Tuesday, August 18

10:15 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
6:30 pm - Global Connection Team (Fireside Room)

Wednesday, August 19

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

Thursday, August 20

10:15 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
6:30 pm - Music Team Practice
Elder Board Meeting (Conf. Room)
6:30 pm - Softball Game (City Field 2)
7:30 pm - Softball Game (City Field 4)

Sunday, August 23

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church (Lower Level)
11:00 am - Coffee & Treats (Gym)

Visit efcbemidji.org/events
for the complete calendar

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving through August 9, 2026

Weekly Giving: \$7,762
Weekly Giving Need: \$15,790

Giving YTD: \$439,793
Needed YTD: \$505,280



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

9:30 am - Worship Service

Prelude: Ukulele ensemble

My Lighthouse

King Of My Heart

Only A Holy God

Offertory: Flute and Piano "Praise to the Lord"

Scripture Reading: Esther 1:1-17, Dave Knudson

Message: Pastor Eric Nygren

Goodness of God

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

August 16th: Esther's Moment, Esther 4:1-17

August 23rd: Nathan's Rebuke, 2 Samuel 11-12



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 16, 2026

Chat With an Elder - Today, August 16th

Come chat with an Elder today at 11:00 in the Green Room. We would love to hear your thoughts, answer your questions, or pray with you for our church

Music Night August 30

Mark your calendars for our next Church Music Night on Sunday, August 30 at 6 pm.

Volunteers Wanted!

Are you looking for a way to get involved serving at the church? We are in need of scripture readers for reading passages during Sunday services, ushers to help hand out bulletins and pass offering plates, and awareness team members to help monitor the church Sunday mornings. If you are interested in any of these serving roles, please contact the church office at officemanager@efcbemidji.org

A Note from the Elders

The nominating committee has been formed to review and nominate recommendations for the positions of Elders, Trustees, Church Clerk, and Global Partner chair.

The Elders are pleased to announce that a Celebrate Recovery Group will begin meeting in our church on September 15, 2026.

Contact your elders at any time by sending an email to elderboard@efcbemidji.org or by reaching out to an elder directly (see posted info in foyer).

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Tom Turney, a Memorial Gift toward Technology was presented by Meadows Townhome Assoc. Oct 2018

Men's Bible Study

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

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.

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YOUNG ADULTS

ANCHOR 

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



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We will resume CRU in the fall. See Mark C. or Terry H. with questions: mhockeymd@gmail.com
terryleehewitt@gmail.com

STUDENT MINISTRIES

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.



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Kingdom Quest - VBS Recap

Memory Verse – John 8:12 NIV

"Jesus spoke to the people again. He said, 'I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in darkness. They will have that light. They will have life'"

Hebrews 12:28 – "Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe."

Pastor Eric shared this verse at staff meeting on Tuesday, and it really encouraged me. I am truly in awe of God and all that He has done.

We had an amazing week at Kingdom Quest VBS! We averaged 70 kids each night, and 50-60 volunteers.

Thank you to all who prayed, prepared, served, lead, taught, encouraged, and loved throughout this summer and during VBS week! VBS cannot happen without many people using their gifts to serve and love others. I am so grateful for the team of volunteers God provides each year. You all are amazing! It brings me so much joy to watch you all engage with children and tell them about Jesus. I pray that you continue to have opportunities to connect with the kids you built relationship with, and to continue to encourage each other throughout the year.

VBS Celebration and Presentation!!!

Sunday, August 16th at 11:00 am in the gym.

After the service, come and get a treat in the gym and hear about what our kids, youth, and adults discovered about God's Kingdom!

The kids and some leaders will be sharing Bible stories, songs, memory verse, our mission to Red Lake Kids Ministries, and testimonies.

Come and hear what God has done!

**August 16th – Beginner's/Kids church will be combined in the gym...we will practice on the gym stage for our VBS Celebration.

Redby VBS is Monday, August 17th – 20th at 5:00pm – 7:30pm each evening.

Please pray for all the leaders and kids in this community and all that will be serving at this VBS. If anyone is interested in serving, please contact Amy Graf. We can carpool each day. Kids are welcome to come with and attend VBS, and youth kids are welcome to serve.

All Praise to God for who He is, and for all that He has done and will do!



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