

E-FREE BEMIDJI WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF **AUGUST 30, 2026**



BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 30

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
No Kids/Beginners Church
11:00 am - Coffee & Treats (Gym)
6:00 pm - Music Night

Tuesday, September 1

10:15 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

Wednesday, September 2

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

Thursday, September 3

10:15 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
6:30 pm - Music Team Practice

Sunday, September 6

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Name Tag Sunday
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 23, 2026

Weekly Giving: \$13,803
Weekly Giving Need: \$15,790

Giving YTD: \$465,159
Needed YTD: \$536,860



SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH

9:30 am - Worship Service

Prelude: Laura Engelstad

Graves Into Gardens

Gracefully Broken

The Father's House

Offertory: Faithfully, Ezra Anderson

Scripture Reading: Romans 12: 1-2, Joel Hoover

Message: Jim Hodgson and Randy McKain

Abide

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

August 30th: Being Transformed by Jesus
(Romans 12:1-2)
September 6th: Paul's Partners
(Philippians 2:19-30)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST 30, 2026

Acoustic Music Night - Tonight, August 30th

Join us at 6 pm tonight for Acoustic Music Night. We'll unplug and enjoy a simple, relaxed time of singing some favorites. Nothing fancy, just worshipping God together with our church family.

Now Hiring: Office Manager

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

Kickoff Sunday Ministry Fair

Hey, Ministry Leaders! If your ministry would like to have a table at our annual Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 13th, please contact Pastor Eric so we can reserve your spot.

The new Global Partner flipbooks are here!

Pick up a copy of the new Global Partner flipbook in the Connection Cafe. Put a copy on your kitchen table, your desk at work, or wherever you'll see it to be reminded to pray for our Global Partners.

A Note from the Elders

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

The Elders would like to remind the congregation that there is a Benevolence Fund available for regular attenders who have a financial need (medical bill, unexpected repair, etc). Please contact an Elder or use the Elder email.

Please pray for the Elders as they continue to have conversations with potential Interim Pastors recommended by the North Central District.

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Don Emery, a Memorial Gift toward Building Fund was presented by Family & Friends Mar 2020

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.

Find Your People, Find Your Voice—in Choir

Have you ever thought about joining the Choir? This is your invitation!

We're starting a new season and would love to see some new faces—and hear some new voices. Whether you've been singing for years or you've always thought, "Maybe I should try that," join us. We'll sing, learn, laugh, and worship together. No pressure; just come and see if Choir is for you.

Two Tuesdays a month, 7:15–8:30 PM. Come join us September 8th for our first rehearsal. We'd love to have you!

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

YOUNG ADULTS



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



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

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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.

E-FREE KIDS

Fall Kick-Off for Kids Club, and Sunday School is coming soon, and we are in need of adult and teen helpers. (Adult helpers for Wed. Kids Club, Beginner's/Kids Church, Sunday School, and teen helpers for Beginner's/Kids Church, Sunday school, and nursery).

YOU ARE INVITED to PRAY, SERVE, ENCOURAGE, TEACH, SHARE YOUR FAITH, and MAKE AN IMPACT THAT COULD CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE FOREVER!!

Wednesday Night - Kids Club leaders needed: (Commit to the Fall Semester, or for the whole year)

Kids Club begins (Sept. 16th - May 5th) This Fall, Kids Club meets for 12 Wednesdays before Christmas. 6-7:30pm each Wednesday. Our leaders meeting is at 5:45pm in the Assembly Room.

Here are the needs we have. These are the holes that will need to be filled in order to provide our full program of Kids Club (Wednesday night discipleship/Bible study). If these "holes" are not filled, we will have to adjust Kids Club and what ages of students that we can safely disciple on a Wednesday night. Our Leaders Meeting/Training is September 9th at 5:30pm in the Connection Cafe. I will need to finalize leaders by September 9th to know what classes we will be able to provide to our church and community. Thank you for your support, encouragement, and prayers. Kids are longing for people to talk with them, teach them something new, share with them, disciple them, build relationships with them, encourage them, love them, and have a safe place that they can be themselves and learn about the love, grace, and truth of Jesus.

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Please pray and consider serving in one of these areas.

Kindergarten Leaders (2)

1st Grade Leader (1)

2nd Grade Helper (1)

3rd grade Leaders (2)

Awareness Team (1)

Technology/Computer Support(1)

Check-In Helper (1-2) - help with Ipads, greet parents, and give kids High Fives!

Greeter (1-2) - Greet parents and kids

Nursery helper (1)

Substitute Leaders/helpers (to be called on when leaders are sick, or on vacation)

Sunday School Teacher and Helper

Please pray and consider serving and teaching Sunday School.

We are in need of a 2nd-5th grade Sunday School Teacher and Helper. If these two roles are not filled by September 20th, we will not be able to offer Sunday School for this age level this School year.

The Fall Schedule for Sunday School is: Oct. 4, 11, & 18. Nov. 1, 8, 15, & 22. Dec. 6 & 20.

I have curriculum and training for any Sunday School Teachers/Leaders, Beginner's/Kids Church Teachers/Leaders, and Wednesday night Small Group Leaders.

Thank you again for praying and asking God how you can serve in Kids Ministry.

Amy Graf

Kids Ministry Director