

E-FREE BEMIDJI WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 6

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

Tuesday, September 8

10:15 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
7:15 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 9

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

Thursday, September 10

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

Friday, September 11

10:30 - Sr. Connection Potluck (Connection Café)

Sunday, September 13

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Communion Sunday
9:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church
11:00 am - Kickoff Sunday Ministry Fair (Gym)

Visit efcbemidji.org/events
for the complete calendar

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving through August 30, 2026

Weekly Giving: \$8,218
Weekly Giving Need: \$15,790

Giving YTD: \$473,377
Needed YTD: \$552,650



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

9:30 am - Worship Service

Prelude: Mary Larson

There Is Power In The Blood

This I Believe (The Creed)

Abide

Offertory: "Shoulders," Bekah Helweg & Lydia Nygren

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:19-30, Patti Lofgren

Message: Pastor Eric Nygren

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

September 6th: Paul's Partners (Php. 2:19-30)

September 13th: Grounded on the Gospel
(1 Cor. 15:1-4)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Senior Connection Potluck Sept. 11, 11:30

Senior adults, please join us as Kent Fraser shares his ministry of Without Reservation. See you there!

Greg & Jean Giles

Our church family was saddened to hear that former members, Greg and Jean Giles, passed away together on August 29th. Greg and Jean were not only part of the E-Free Bemidji church family, but were also part of Oak Hills Christian College for many years. A funeral service will be held on September 12th at 1:30 pm at First Baptist Church in Cordell, OK. Visit cordellbeacon.com/obituaries for a complete obituary.

A Note from the Elders

We are pleased to announce that we have a candidate for our interim pastoral position. His name is Ken Polley. He has a lot of experience working with churches in transition including Walker E-Free and Faithbridge church in Park Rapids. He was recommended by the North Central District of the EFCA. He currently lives in Warren, MN. Ken has already met with the staff and will do his candidate weekend on September 20th. If all goes well, we will have a congregational meeting on September 27th to vote on Ken. We will only call him to serve here at the Bemidji E-Free church if he garners a 75% majority. Ken will be able to really help us with organizational structure, with reviewing our strategic plan, and with processing the events that we have had to endure over the past year. If we, as a church, decide to move forward with getting a more permanent pastor, he will help us with that process too. His job is not to be our lead pastor, nor would he be the primary preacher (Eric will still do the majority of the preaching). He would be hired to work 25-30 hours per week to guide us as we continue to serve Jesus Christ in Bemidji, in Minnesota, and around the globe!

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Ginger Hubbell, a Memorial Gift toward Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji was presented by Family and Friends on Jan 31, 2021

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.

Choir Starts This Week!

See you Tuesday night Sept. 8 from 7:15-8:30. We're starting a new season and would love to see some new faces, and hear some new voices.

We rehearse two Tuesdays a month, 7:15-8:30 PM, and we sing the following Sunday. Come and see if Choir is for you--we'd love to have you!

September Overflow

Ladies - Mark Sept. 21st on your calendar for our first Overflow, and bring your camp chairs! We'll be meeting at the fire pit off the youth wing side of the building from 6:30-8:00 to hear about the Gospel from Lindsay Nygren, sing some campfire worship songs and roast s'mores. Stop by the Women's Ministry table and let us know if you're coming. See you there!

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 Mark C. or Terry H. with questions: mhockeymd@gmail.com
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

Redby Community Church VBS

Redby Community Church had their VBS last week. It was a great success for a first year of VBS! They had over 50 kids each night and 20 volunteers. Kids learned that Jesus is The Way, The Truth, and The Life! They focused on John 14:6, and also learned about many truths of scripture. How to love others when it is difficult, how God loves them no matter what, how to know what is true and to be honest, to have courage, wisdom, and humility. It was a great week! Thank you for your prayers. Continue to pray for this community and our global partners.

Thank you to all who donated and gave to Redby Community Church/Red Lake Ministries. They are grateful to be able to share with all of the kids the resources we provided.

Volunteers Needed

You are invited to volunteer in Kids Ministry! We are in need of volunteers for Sunday School, Beginner's and Kids Church, and Wednesday Night Classroom Leaders. Please pray and contact Amy Graf if the Lord is leading you to serve in Kids Ministry.

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