

E-FREE BEMIDJI WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 27

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church
10:45 am - Women's Ministry Team (Fireside Room)
11:00 am - Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
Connection Time (Connection Cafe)

Tuesday, September 29

10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
10:15 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
5:45pm - Handbells Rehearsal
6:30 pm - Celebrate Recovery (Room 10)

Wednesday, September 30

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

Thursday, October 1

10:00am - Halverson Life Group Fireside Room)
10:15 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
6:30 pm - Music Team Practice (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Chapel & Room 4)

Sunday, October 4

9:30 am - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church
11:00 am - Connection Time (Gym)
Family Sunday School: Practicing the Way (Youth Room)
Getting (Re)Started (West Chapel)
Adult Bible Study - Gospel of John (Room 10)
Young Families Class (East Chapel)

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Giving through September 20, 2026

Weekly Giving: \$10,334
Weekly Giving Need: \$15,790

Giving YTD: \$500,888
Needed YTD: \$600,020

Visit efcbemidji.org/give to learn about ways to give.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

9:30 am - Worship Service

Prelude: Laura Engelstad, piano

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Hymn #45)

Only A Holy God

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (Hymn #2)

Offertory: Piano duet, Kay Sue/Laura "His Mercy Is More"

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:1-14, Sylvia Johannes

Message: Pastor Eric Nygren

Abide

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

October 4th: TBD

Mark Your Calendars

Oct. 25th, All-Church Potluck 11:00 am (Gym)
Congregational Meeting 12:00 pm (Sanctuary)

Visit efcbemidji.org/events
for the complete calendar

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Prayers Requested

Please pray for our Nominating Committee as they prepare a list of candidates for the church offices of Elders, Trustees, and Church Clerk. Voting will take place at our Quarterly Congregational Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 25th at noon.

Please lift up the Trustees in prayer as they develop a proposed budget for 2027.

Membership Class

Join us on **Monday, Oct. 5th, 6:30-8:00 pm** for a group discussion on what it means to become a member of a local church and why it's important. This membership class is the first step in the membership process at E-Free Bemidji. Please contact the church office if you plan to attend. Copies of the Membership Handbook are available in the office or on our website at efcbemidji.org/believe.

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 efree@paulbunyan.net with a letter of inquiry and resume.

Men's Breakfast

Gentlemen, keep the morning of **Saturday, October 10th** open on your calendar. We'll gather in the Gym from 8:30-10:00 am for great food, and good fellowship together. Bring someone with you!

Memorial Book

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Doyle B. Smith, a Memorial Gift toward Hymnals was presented by his wife Vivian A. Smith, Oct 1982

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.

Senior Connection Potluck Oct. 9

Calling all senior adults to join us for our October Potluck and program on Friday, Oct. 9 at 11:30 in the Connection Cafe. Jerry and Sharon will report on their mission trip to Rwanda. Come see how God is working, and enjoy lunch together too! Questions? Reach Laura at 218-209-8190.

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.



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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. 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

Youth Group has officially begun! This past Wednesday we set the vision for what this year will look like and our theme: Becoming People of Worship. Prayer is the first core of worship that we are going to discuss, discover more about, and grow in. Frank Lanier defines a life of worship in this way:

"Being surrendered to God and expressing that surrender in practice and in praise".

Pray for the students and our leadership as we grow in Becoming People of Worship, not simply head knowledge but a life that is devoted and surrendered to Christ.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Hello E-Free Family! This last week we had an awesome kickoff to this season of Youth Ministry. Our theme this year is Becoming People of Worship. Thank you to all the leaders and volunteers who make our Wednesday evening ministries possible and continue to pray for us as we lead and guide this next generation of the church.

Also, our Youth Ministry is looking for help still in the areas of Game Leading and Worship Leadership. If you have any desire to serve in these capacities and are gifted in these areas, please come find me and we will chat more!

Blessings,
Pastor Shane

E-FREE KIDS

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Kids Club has kicked off! This year, we are starting at the beginning, and will be making our way through the Bible the next 3-4 years, using "The Biggest Story" curriculum. We are very excited to dive deeper into Scripture, memorize verses and the Books of the Bible, and share the Good News of God's Truth with others.

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

Volunteers Needed for Wednesday Night Kids Club!

- *Nursery/childcare helpers
- *Substitute small group leaders
- *Supply/craft/snack coordinators
- *Substitute Awareness Team
- *Classroom support/helpers
- *Leaders for the P.O.P. - Place Of Prayer - (This is a place for kids to come for prayer). They can "POP" in and "POP" out when needed and be prayed for by a leader.

If you are interested in serving in one of these areas, please contact Amy Graf - agraf@efcbemidji.org
218-751-8834

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.

Sunday School - Beginning October 4th - 11:00am - 11:45am. Please (re-check in) your child for 11:00am Sunday School with a new check-in tag.

***PreK - 1st Grade Sunday School** will begin October 4th at 11:00am in the PreK Classroom on the lower level.

Family Sunday School for all ages.

Beginning Oct. 4th, there will be a Family Sunday School offered in the youth room at 11:00am, for anyone. Singles, families, youth, kids, (must attend with a parent or guardian) anyone can attend. This is an 8 week study/practice of different spiritual disciplines.

"Practicing the Way" is a practical way to practice prayer, Biblical study, solitude, sabbath, serving, healing, confession, fasting, giving, community, and communion. This will give us an opportunity to share how God is working in our lives each week through these daily/weekly practices.

SAVE THE DATE!! October 30th - E-Free "Trunk or Treat"

Anyone can sign up to host a vehicle, give out candy, and share God's love.
More details to come.