

April 2, 2023 at
E-FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI

Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together

E-Free Church Online

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Other Info

Looking to connect at E-Free Bemidji?
Scan the QR code below or fill out the
Welcome Connection Card located in the
sanctuary seats, or complete our online
Connection Card by following this link:
<https://efcbemidji.org/connectioncard>

Livestream link:
www.efcbemidji.org/live



Prayer Chain:

Email efree@paulbunyan.net to share a
prayer request or to join our church
email prayer chain.

Text: efreeprayer to 94000

Wi-Fi password: efreebemidji

Leadership:

To see a full list of our ministry staff
and leaders, visit our website at
www.efcbemidji.org/about-us/our-leadership
or stop by the foyer bulletin board.

115 Carr Lake RD SW, Bemidji, MN 56601

GIVING

For March 26, 2023

WEEKLY GIVING:
\$14,940

WEEKLY NEEDED:
\$15,195

GIVEN YTD:
\$178,073

NEEDED YTD:
\$197,535



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our website to find out more ways
to give at: www.efcbemidji.org/give

Church Office
(218) 751-8834

efree@paulbunyan.net
Text EFree to 94000

Hours:
Tuesday-Friday: 8am-12pm;
1pm-5pm
Sunday: 7:30am-8:30AM;
9:30am-12:30PM

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WELCOME

WORSHIP SERVICE

Proved Right
Romans 3:1-8
Pastor Jerry Johnson

To E-FREE Bemidji - April 2, 2023

NEW HERE?

New here? Regular attender? Stay connected via text message by texting the word **EFREE** to **94000**. Or, check out our website at www.efcbemidji.org

LIVESTREAM

Both of our regular Sunday services are livestreamed at our normal times. Join us online at 8:30 am for a more traditional service or at 10:45 am for a more contemporary service.

For Your Information

Our Kids Sharing Their Faith

This week in Kids club the students learned about the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Each week we are learning more about sharing the gospel, and that the Holy Spirit is our helper to boldly share God's truth.

Youth Ministry

On Wednesday, March 29th, the youth discussed how Jesus is the true and better Abraham who left the familiar to bring a blessing to his people and to lead them to the heavenly promised land. Our flower fundraiser has also started. Please consider joining in the discipleship of our youth as all proceeds from the flower sale go towards sending the students to conferences and trips.

Young Adult Ministry

Please be praying this week as the BSU Cru students engage with their fellow classmates on the question, "If you could ask God one question, what would it be?" Pray that this would lead to spiritual conversations and hopefully gospel presentations. Pastor Douglas will be giving a biblical response to the top-asked question this Thursday night, April 6th, on campus.

For updates on Kids Ministries or Youth Ministries:

Text: efreekids to 94000

Text: EFCBSM to 94000

New Paint

Come check out the lovely new paint job in the kitchen by the connection café. Thanks to Ron for his hard work!

Softball Practice

Spring is here and so is church softball! The next practice date is Tuesday April 11th starting at 6:30pm in the E-Free Gym. Co-ed, ages 14+ are welcome to join, no experience necessary. Contact Matt Myrick with questions 218-242-0822.

SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

We're glad to have you in person or online!

CONNECTION CAFÉ

Take some time to connect with others at our connection time between Sunday services, and consider reaching out to anyone from our church family who you haven't seen for awhile.

GIVING

Try out our secure giving kiosk here at the church or visit our website for a list of giving options including: giving over the phone, mobile-app, text-to-give, mailing in checks, giving online, setting up automatic giving at www.efcbemidji.org/give, or donating stock.

SERMON

You can request to have sermon transcripts mailed or emailed to you weekly by contacting the office. Our sermons are also available to read or watch online at: www.efcbemidji.org/sermons.

Tune in on Sunday mornings during our regular service times to watch our livestream services! Find out more at www.efcbemidji.org/live.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 2 - 8am Prayer
9:45 Pancake breakfast
2pm Griefshare
- April 4- 5:45 Handbells
6:30 TrailLife
7:15 Choir
- April 5- 7:30 Men's Bible study
9am Women's Bible study
5:30 Seder Meal
No kids or YG Ministry
- April 6- 12pm Life Group
6:30 Women's BSF
6:30 Worship team
6:30 Volleyball
- April 7- 7pm Good Friday Service
- April 9- 8am Prayer
8:30 Traditional worship
10:45 Contemporary worship
6:30 2SP Chapel

SERMON SNEAK PEEK

- April 9: Evidence for the Resurrection
1 Corinthians 15:1-14
- April 16: Let Us Cross Over to the
Other Side Mark 4:26-5:20
- Pastor Micah Carpenter preaching

3/26/2023 Sunday Attendance

300 onsite attendees
Plus 37 screens in 12 States: MN, OR, WA, IL, AZ, NV, ND, IA, MO, MI, KS, FL

3/29/2023 Wednesday Attendance

42 Adults, 68 Children, 54 Youth

Wednesday Night Ministries-April 5

No regular Wednesday night activities.

5:30 pm Seder Meal

The April 5th Seder Meal will take the place of Kids Club and Youth Group on this night. All families and kids are welcome. There will be nursery provided. If you are interested in attending the Seder Meal and you do not normally attend on Wednesday nights, please RSVP to the office by April 2nd so we have plenty of food.

A Taste of Handbells

Have you ever wanted to try handbells with no obligation to perform? This spring we will hold an introductory 4-week session to give you the opportunity to play this unique instrument. The day and time will be determined by those wishing to attend. Please contact Tracy Parthun @ 218-766-4935 or Kay Sue Eriksson @218-766-9991 by April 10.

Vacation Bible School

VBS is August 6th-9th from 6:00pm-8:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Jessica know in the office, or you can email Amy Graf at: agraf@efcbemidji.org

I WANT TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT
JESUS
BUT I DON'T
KNOW **HOW**

As we seek to take the good news of the gospel outside of our church's walls, we invite you to take part in a 6-week workshop in April and May called **GOSPEL SHAPED OUTREACH** that will help us to become more competent and grow more confident in sharing our faith in Christ.

SUNDAYS AT 9:45 AM
APRIL 16TH, 23RD, & 30TH
MAY 7TH, 14TH, & 21ST

Holy Week at E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, April 2nd 9:45 am

Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

You're invited to join us for a free breakfast in between services on Palm Sunday. We'll be serving pancakes, fruit, juice, and coffee. This event will be hosted by our own Trail Life Troop MN-0110.

Wednesday, April 5th 5:30 pm
Seder Meal

Join our Kids and Youth ministries for a very special meal as we prepare our hearts for Easter. Come and experience a Seder meal together and learn how it points us to Jesus and our need for a Savior. If you're not a regular part of Wednesday night meals and would like to attend, please contact the church office to let us know you will be coming.

Friday, April 7th 7:00 pm
Good Friday Service

Our Good Friday Service this year is entitled Confession and Celebrating Forgiveness. This will be a night of worship for our church family as well as for our community featuring Scripture readings, music led by our worship team, choir, and handbells, as well as an opportunity to celebrate Communion together.

Sunday, April 9th 8:30 am Traditional
Easter Sunday 10:45 am Contemporary
Worship Services

This will be a joy-filled morning of worship celebrating the resurrection. Come and hear testimonies of God's saving grace and hear a message on 'Evidence for the Resurrection'. Pick up a copy of the free book 'Is Easter Unbelievable?' to give to a friend and invite them to join you on Easter Sunday.

6. Give by Phone

Call Vanco at **1-800-675-7430, option 1** for Client Services during their business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. When prompted, tell the representative that the donation is for the **Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji** with the zip code of **56601**, and they will be able to direct it to our church correctly.

7. Cash or Check:

Using a giving envelope (available in the church office) to give by cash or check. There are options to designate which fund(s) you want your donation to go toward. Please place your gift in one of the boxes in the sanctuary or in the foyer of our main entrance. If sending by mail, send to: **Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji, Attn: Financial Secretary, 115 Carr Lake RD SW, Bemidji, MN 56601**

8. Stock: There is an account set up through Edward Jones for the transferring of stock from our congregation/people to the E-Free Church of Bemidji. There could be additional tax advantages for using this form of giving. For more information please check with Jerome by emailing him at efree@paulbunyan.net or calling 218-751-8834.

Thank you for financially supporting God's work in and through the Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji. We are very careful to steward each dollar in a way that honors God. Any questions can be directed to our Trustee Board or by emailing efree@paulbunyan.net.

Your giving at E-Free is completely confidential. Only our Financial Secretary knows what anyone gives.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

Ways to Give at E-Free Bemidji

Your financial gift to E-Free Bemidji supports our various church ministries as well as that of our Global Partners.

1. Online Giving:

Visit www.efcbemidji.org/give and click **GIVE ONLINE** to go to our secure giving page. Create your online profile and choose a one-time gift or set up a recurring donation. There are options to designate which fund(s) you want your donation to go toward.

2. Mobile App Giving:

Download the **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** app on Google Play (Android) or the App Store (iOS). Search by church name or by Zip Code to locate Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji. Give as a guest or set up an account.

3. Giving Kiosk

Our Giving Kiosk is located in the foyer of our main entrance. Instructions on how to give via a debit or credit card are available next to the Giving Kiosk.

4. Automatic Bank Withdrawal:

To set up making recurring gifts from your bank account, please download and complete the authorization form. Forms are also available in the church office. Please return the completed form to the church office in a sealed envelope.

5. Text to Give:

Send a text to **(218) 216-8560** with the amount you would like to contribute. Include the dollar sign before the amount (example: \$25). You'll get a reply with a link to register. Once complete, you'll receive a text verification and an email receipt. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

FRIDAY **AM** MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

FRIDAYS 7:00 - 7:50 AM

 BEGINNING APRIL 14TH 

What does it look like for us to become deeply devoted followers of Jesus together?

MEN, join us on Friday mornings at 7:00 am for good coffee, great conversation, and an opportunity to grow in your walk with Christ along with other men.

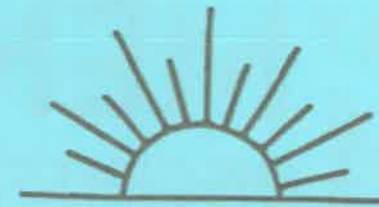
This spring and summer we're going to work through a discipleship curriculum called **ZúME** as we seek to become—and help others become—deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.

ZÚME



We'll start at 7:00 am and will finish by 7:50 am so that you can get to work, school, or on with your day by 8:00 am.

Sign up online at <https://bit.ly/42Vx68Q>, scan the QR Code, or contact Pastor Eric.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men join us for faith stories,
bacon—lots of bacon,
and some pancakes & good fellowship.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND

8:30-10AM

Bring your appetite and a
friend or neighbor!



SEDER MEAL

Wednesday, April 5 at 5:30pm

Come worship and eat together as a family.

This meal will be in place of Kids Club and Youth Group. In addition to the Seder meal a regular meal will be provided.

We will be looking back and remembering The Messianic Passover and the Last Supper that Jesus had with His disciples.

Most families will be "reclining" at tables. Please bring a throw pillow to sit on, some pillows will be provided.

We want to create a space to worship, eat, fellowship, and remember what Jesus has done!

All families and kids are welcome. There will be nursery provided. If you are interested in attending the Seder Meal and you do not normally attend on Wednesday nights, please RSVP to the office by April 2nd so we have plenty of food.