

WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME

Unflappable Faith
Romans 8:31-39
Pastor Jerry Johnson

To E-FREE Bemidji - August 20, 2023

9:30am

NEW HERE?

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

LIVESTREAM

Our Sunday service is livestreamed at 9:30am during the summer from May 28th through September 3rd.

For Your Information

Special Guests: Rob & Jackie Passer - Reach Global Crisis Response

Join us today, August 20th during the 11am Sunday School hour for a special presentation from Rob and Jackie Passer serving with EFCA Reach Global Crisis Response. Crisis Response is an EFCA ministry that mobilizes people to serve local churches and families after a crisis or natural disaster.

Cru

All college students are invited to come to Cru, a college ministry, on Thursday nights at 7 PM. We meet in the Crying Wolf Room in the Hobson Memorial Union on BSU's campus. It is a night of worship, fellowship, and a message. Check out our Instagram @bsucru for more information on events!

Child Dedication

We are having a Child Dedication Service on Sunday, August 27th. If you have any questions or are interested in having your child dedicated, please contact PastorJerry@efcbemidji.org no later than Sunday, August 20th.

Wednesday Night Meals

We are looking for 4-6 volunteers who would be willing to help with Wednesday night meals during the school year. You can contact the office to sign up, or to get more information at 218-751-8834. We appreciate you!

Thank you!

Thank you, Church Family, for all the cards, hugs, and words of encouragement you shared as we celebrated my ordination together last Sunday. What a privilege it is to serve as one of your pastors! Last Sunday's service will be one I remember for a long time. In Him, Pastor Eric.

Volunteers Needed!

If any of you are interested in being a helper with a lead teacher for Sunday School, Kids Church, or Wednesday Night, please let Amy Graf or Jessica Westlund know. We could really use some more adult helpers in each of these areas of ministry. You can email OfficeManager@efcbemidji.com.

SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

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

GIVING

Worship with giving with our secure Giving Boxes 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.

CONNECTION CAFE

Take some time to connect with others before or after our summer Sunday service, services, and consider reaching out to anyone from our church family who you haven't seen for awhile.

Back to 2 Services

We will be returning to our 2 services on September 10th. 8:30am Traditional and 10:45am Contemporary Service.

E-Free Softball

Congratulations to our softball team! They came in 5th place this year.

GriefShare Support Group

A GriefShare Support Group will meet on Sundays at EFree beginning Sept 17th. If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one, you are not alone. Join a safe community that understands what you're going through. Call Jenny Hodgson with questions about the GriefShare Support Group at 218-556-4250.

Wed. Night Kids Ministry & Youth Group

Kick off for Wednesday night Kids ministry and Youth Group is September 13th. A meal will be served at 5:15pm and the ministries will run from 6:00-7:45pm.

Congratulations!

We rejoice with Ashley & Davis Druckman on the birth of their twin boys, who were born August 11th. Jack Otis was 5lbs 14oz, 19" long, & Henry James was 5lbs 11oz, 19" long.

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

- Aug 20 - 8:45am Prayer
9:30am Worship Service
11am Rob & Jackie Passer
12:15pm Worship Comm.Mtg
2-4pm CRU - BSU
Trail Life Camping Returns
- Aug 21 - 6:30pm Trustee Mtg
- Aug 22 - 10:30am Bone Builders
5:30pm CRU - BSU
6:30pm Taste of Handbells
- Aug 23 - 7:30am Men's Bible Study
6-8pm Family Park Night
- Aug 24 - 10:30am Bone Builders
3-5pm Sewing Ministry
6:30pm Worship Team
7:30pm CRU - BSU
- Aug 25 - 7am Men's Discipleship
- Aug 27 - Baby Dedication
- Sept 6 - 5:30pm Kids/Youth leader mtg
- Sept 10 - 8:30am & 10:45am Worship Services resume
- Sept 13 - Kids & Youth Ministry begins
5:15pm meal
6-7:45pm ministry

SERMON SNEAK PEEK

- Aug 27: Prodigal God
Luke 15:11-32
Pastor Douglas
- Sept 3: Choosing the Good
Luke 10:38-42

8/13/2023 Sunday Attendance

286 onsite attendees, Plus 21 screens in 5 States: IA, KS, MN,

ADOPT A COLLEGE STUDENT!

Every year we welcome students from BSU, OHCC, NTC, and LLTC to our church. We want to welcome these students into our church, even if they will only be with us during the course of their studies. Many of these students come from far away and are miles from family or any support system. Our goal is to foster community with these students by providing them a home away from home and a church family to rely on!

How do I adopt a student?

1. Fill out the form at the bottom of this page and turn it in to the office or place in the offering box.
2. Get matched with a student.
3. Invite them to a movie, a home-cooked dinner, or family activity.
4. Be a helping hand and a resource!

I'm a student, how do I get adopted?

1. Fill out the form at the bottom of this page and turn it in to the office or place in the offering box.
2. Get matched with a family.
3. Enjoy your church-family!

Contact Pastor Douglas at pastordouglas@efcbemidji.org for more information!

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Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

- ☐ I'm looking to adopt a student
- ☐ I'm a student at: _____



My story begins with parents who saw value in going to church...

The first time that I recall hearing the gospel was around age 13 on a youth retreat. I responded by repenting of my sin and placing my faith in Christ. Throughout the rest of my teen years, I experienced moderate spiritual growth. In college, I got involved with –

Campus Crusade, studied the Bible for the first time, and was disciplined in my walk with Christ. I experienced real heart transformation and the gospel began to shape everything important to me. My wife Lindsay, also grew up in a family that valued church. We started dating in high school, and when Christ began to change my heart, I wanted to introduce her to the gospel. My attempts were varied and inconsistent, but God was at work. During her freshman year at college, Lindsay gave control of her life to Christ.

After graduation, we got married, knowing that God was calling me into local church ministry. We prayed together and asked God for direction. We visited the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School campus and knew it was where God wanted us. Upon graduating with my M.Div., I searched for two years for my first pastoral call, praying that God would lead us to whatever he desired, asking that he would open our hearts to possibilities we could not imagine. He answered with a call from Cornerstone EFC in Williamsburg, Iowa to serve as their solo pastor. It was during this time that I received my Ministry License with the EFCA. After nine years there, God called me to a new ministry opportunity in Mount Pleasant, Iowa where I accepted a call from Wellspring EFC to serve as their Associate Pastor. During our four years at Wellspring, we experienced great highs and difficult lows including an abrupt end to my time on staff there. I wasn't sure what the future might hold, but God did. He was already preparing the way for our family to move to Bemidji, Minnesota where I have been serving on staff at the Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji as their Associate Pastor since August 2018.

August 20, 2023 at E-FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI

Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together

E-Free Church Online

www.efcbemidji.org | Instagram & Facebook: @efcbemidji

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

Video Disclaimer:

Entrances are under video
surveillance and services
are Livestreamed in the Sanctuary
including those seated in the
congregation.



Prayer Chain:

Email efree@paulbunyan.net to share a
prayer request or to join our church
email prayer chain. You can also
text: efreeprayer to 94000

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 Aug 13, 2023

WEEKLY GIVING:
\$ 23,957

WEEKLY NEEDED:
\$15,195

GIVEN YTD:
\$ 458,340

NEEDED YTD:
\$ 501,435

Scan the QR code above or go to
our website to find out more ways
to give at: www.efcbemidji.org/give



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*Text EFree to 94000 for
notifications & weather*

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

*the word
OF OUR
God
endures
forever.*

Isaiah 40:8

