

# Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

## Sunday, April 7, 2024

Message: Passion for the Unreached  
(Romans 15:14-22) Paul T.

### Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

**Great is Thy Faithfulness (Hymn #60)**

**Like A River Glorious (Hymn #594)**

**He Will Hold Me Fast**

Offering & Prayer

Global Partner Update: Camp Oak Hills - Scott Buchan

Scripture Reading (Romans 15:14-22): Karl Salscheider

Message: Passion for the Unreached

**We've a Story to Tell to the Nations (Hymn #733)**

Benediction

### Nursery - 8:30, 9:45, & 10:45 AM

Our nursery is available for children aged 3 and under. Please use our secure child check-in system in the main foyer to print a name label and security tag before taking your child to the nursery.

### Sunday School & Connection Time - 9:45 AM

Join us in the Connection Café for refreshments and a time to connect with others. Sunday School classes are available for all ages. See the upcoming events inserts for the current schedule.

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### Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Promises

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

**Set Free**

**Build My Life**

**He Will Hold Me Fast**

Offering & Prayer

Global Partner Update: Camp Oak Hills - Scott Buchan

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading (Romans 15:14-22): Amber Wendorff

Message: Passion for the Unreached

**Famous One**

Benediction

### Beginners (ages 3-5) & Kids Church (1st-5th Grade)

Before the sermon at the 10:45 Service, kids age 3 through 5th grade are dismissed for Beginners and Kids Church. Parents and guardians can use our secure child check-in system in the foyer and escort their children down to their designated spot: Ages 3-5 at the top of the stairs by the Nursery, 1st - 5th Grades at the top of the stairs by the office.



### Secure Child Check-in

To take part in our Sunday morning and Wednesday night Kids Min activities, we ask that families register with our check-in system. Scan the QR code or visit [www.efcbemidji.org/kids](http://www.efcbemidji.org/kids) to get started.

### Next Sunday, April 14, 2024

Message: Joining in the Struggle, Refreshed in the Company  
(Romans 15:23-33) Pastor Jerry Johnson

## E-Free Kids Kids Club



E-Free Kids Club welcomes all children age 3 through 5th grade! Use our Secure Child Check-In and drop your children off in their classroom by 6:00pm. Pickup your children in their classrooms by 7:45 pm. Contact Amy with questions: [agraf@efcbemidji.org](mailto:agraf@efcbemidji.org)

### VBS Volunteers Needed

Please sign up at the table in the Connection Cafe.

This summer, we need you to help share the Good News! VBS cannot happen without the body of Christ using their gifts, serving, and loving children. I hope you will pray and consider being a part of the VBS Team this summer.

### VBS Volunteer Teams:

Craft Team    Snack Team  
Worship Team    Small Group Team  
Game Team    Awareness Team  
Decorations    Registration  
Tech Team    Missions Director  
Kitchen Team    Clean up Team  
Nursery Team    Set up Team  
Coach for Small Group Leaders  
"HUB" Team - To give "high fives" to kids!

Let's get this party started and share the Great New of Jesus Christ!!!

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, April 7

9:45 am - Kids Sunday School  
(Lower Level)

PreK/Kindergarten Sunday  
School is in the PreK room  
1st - 5th grade Sunday  
School meets in the 2nd  
grade room

10:45 am - Kids/Beginners  
Church (Lower Level)

### Monday, April 8

9:30 am Open Gym for Littles  
(Gym)

### Wednesday, April 10

5:00-5:45pm -Family Meal  
Tacos (Gym)

6:00 pm - Kids Club  
PreK - 5th Grade

6:05-7:30 pm - Oasis (Green)

### April 19-21

Shamaineau 46 Retreat

### VBS-SAVE THE DATE!

July 28th-31st @ 6:00pm-8:00pm.



## Youth Ministry



### Youth Group

E-Free Bemidji Student Ministry welcomes all 6th - 12th grade students! Each Wednesday throughout the school year we meet for Youth Group for time with Jesus, Bible, fellowship, worship, and fun. Each Sunday morning we have Student Life Group during the Sunday School hour to connect and pray about our week. See Pastor Douglas with questions.

[pastordouglas@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pastordouglas@efcbemidji.org)

### Youth Group this week:

We are going through Psalm 51 and how Jesus purifies us from our sins.

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, April 7

9:45 am - Middle School &  
High School Sunday School  
(511 Room)

12:00-1:00 pm Youth Band  
Practice (Youth Room)

### Monday, April 8

6:30 pm - Softball Practice  
(Gym)

### Wednesday, April 10

5:00-5:45pm -Family Meal  
Tacos (Gym)

6:00 pm - Youth Group

6:05 pm - Oasis (Green)

### Thursday, April 11

1:00 pm - Pickleball (Gym)  
6:30 pm - Volleyball (Gym)  
ages 16+

### Saturday, April 27

High School Prom - Tickets for  
sale in the church office.

### Challenge

Challenge is a week-long youth conference put on by the EFCA. It will take place this year in Kansas City July 1-5. Any high school students who are interested in going have to sign up by **April 10th**

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## Young Adults

### ANCHOR

The Young Adult Life Group, Anchor, meets on Tuesday nights from 6:00pm-9:00pm. We start with food and fellowship. We start into the Bible Study portion at 7:00pm. Anyone who considers themselves a young adult is welcome to come. See Lydia Johnson or Pastor Douglas for more information and location.

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### CRU

Cru is a college ministry that is open to all students at BSU, OHCC, NTC, and LLTC. We have Bible Studies on campus at BSU and meet each Thursday night from 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the Crying Wolf Room on BSU's campus. See Pastor Douglas for more information.

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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, April 7

9:45 am - Gospel of John (Room 10)

9:45 am - Christ in All the Scriptures: Reading Leviticus Part I (Chapel)

### Monday, April 8

6:30 pm - Softball Practice (Gym)

### Tuesday, April 9

6:00 pm - Anchor

### Thursday, April 11

1:00 pm - Pickleball (Gym)

6:30 pm - Volleyball (Gym)

7:00 pm - Cru at BSU

## Graduating Seniors

Please notify Pastor Douglas or Jessica Westlund in the office if you are graduating with a bachelors or graduate degree so we can let the church know of your accomplishment. On April 28th, we are going to pray for all our college graduates!

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### E-Free's 100th Anniversary SAVE THE DATE!

Please set aside October 10-13, 2024, for a very special weekend of events celebrating God's 100 years of faithfulness to E-Free Bemidji!

### Welcome Ezra David!

We rejoice with MaryGrace & Ryan Speck on the birth of their son, Ezra David Speck, who was born March 23rd, weighing 8lbs 7oz, 21.5"long.

### Child Dedication

We are having a Child Dedication Service on Sunday, April 14.

If you have any questions or are interested in having your child dedicated, please contact [PastorJerry@efcbemidji.org](mailto:PastorJerry@efcbemidji.org) no later than Sunday, April 7.

### Men's Breakfast

Guys! Join us on Saturday, April 13th from 8:30-10:00am for lots of bacon and food, fresh coffee, and a great morning of fellowship and spiritual encouragement.

### Strategic Leadership Team

The SLT continues to refine our church mission, vision, and core values. We would love to hear your input and questions! Here's a reminder of who is on the team: Deb Brown, Mandi Buchan, Barb Capes, Mark Carlson, Douglas Daube, Laura Engelstad, Kay Sue Eriksson, Dan Evans, Dan Frost, Amy Graf, Todd Guntzel, Holly Howes, Jerry Johnson, Brandon Mustful, Eric Nygren, Bill Oakes, Karl Salscheider, Ken Wold. Feel free to talk to us, or leave a note in the SLT mailbox in the Church Office.

### Visitation Caregiver

I am looking forward to serving the church family as Visitation Caregiver now, long-term. I am thankful for all the many words of encouragement to continue on in this ministry and will appreciate your ongoing prayers, and that I might learn and grow into the additional facets required of this position! Hoping to be a blessing to all - Tom Halverson.

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### Newcomers Lunch

Have you started coming to E-Free Bemidji recently? Do you still feel new to our church family? You're invited to be our guest for our next Newcomers Lunch on Sunday, April 14th at 12:00 pm. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend.

### Women's Overflow

The women of E-Free are invited to our next Overflow women's event on **Monday, April 22nd** from 6:30-8:00pm in the Connection Cafe. This is our last Overflow before summer.

### Oasis

Welcome to the Oasis!  
We are offering a space for you to relax and regroup while your children are in Wednesday night Kids Club.

Where: the Green Room  
Dates: Wednesdays that Kids Club is running: through May 15th  
Time: 6:05-7:30 p.m.  
If you don't feel like going home, come to the Oasis!

### Senior Connection Potluck

Senior adults, please join us for our monthly potluck on Friday, April 12 at 11:30am in the Connection Cafe. Bring a simple dish to pass, store-bought or homemade is fine. John Williams will share his rock hobby with us, with stories and samples to view. We'll also take a look at what the Bible says about the Lord our Rock. Contact Laura with questions 218-209-8190.

### North Central Foundation Grant

Praise the Lord for the generosity and gospel partnership of our EFCA North Central District! This week our church received a \$15,000 grant from them toward our fundraiser for the upgrade of our sound and projection systems. This puts us very close to completing Phase 1! Hallelujah!

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### A/V TECH UPGRADE PLAN



### Bemidji Food Shelf

Please pray for the Bemidji Community Food Shelf as we strive to meet the needs of so many people struggling with food insecurity. We can really use donations of Mac & Cheese which can be dropped off in the baskets located outside the church office.

March totals of people served:  
Total Households: 1,000  
Total Individuals: 3,011  
Total Pounds Dist. 72,507  
1st Time Customers: 149

### Softball Practice

Spring is here and so is church softball! Here are the first practice dates: April 8th and 15th 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.

### Volleyball

Join us for Volleyball on Thursdays at 6:30pm in the gym, ages 16+, no experience necessary. Contact Stephen Helweg with questions 218-242-0041

### Pickleball

Join us Thursdays from 1:00pm-3:00pm in the GYM. All skill levels welcome and we have extra paddles to share. Contact Bob Parham with questions 218-260-0708.

### Open Gym for Littles

Twice a month on Mondays, we have a Gym time for moms and children up to age 5. It is a good time to run off energy with other friends. Contact Shelly for the time or other questions: (218) 760-2821

Looking for a way to use your gifts to serve others? Visit [www.efcbemidji.org/serve](http://www.efcbemidji.org/serve) to discover opportunities for you to serve.

Our Life Groups are all about learning together and loving one another. Visit [www.efcbemidji.org/lifegroups](http://www.efcbemidji.org/lifegroups) for more info.

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, April 7

- 7:45 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:15 am - Worship Team (Conference Room)
- 9:45 am - Adult Sunday School: Christ in All the Scriptures:  
Reading Leviticus Part I (Chapel)  
Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 9:45 am - Women's Ministry Meeting (Conference Room)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - GriefShare (Chapel)

### Monday, April 8

- 6:00 pm - Foster Care Support (Connection Cafe)
- 6:30 pm - Softball Practice (Gym)

### Tuesday, April 9

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Chapel)
- 5:45 pm - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm - Trustee Board Meeting (Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm - Global Connections Meeting (Fireside Room)
- 7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

### Wednesday, April 10

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 6:05 pm - Oasis (Green Room)

### Thursday, April 11

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 1:00 pm - Pickleball (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm - Volleyball (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Chapel)

### Friday, April 12

- 7:00-7:50 am - Friday AM Men's Discipleship (Chapel)
- 11:30 am - Senior Connection Potluck (Connection Cafe)

### Saturday, April 13

- 8:30 am - Men's Breakfast (Gym)

There are many ways to connect and grow at E-Free Bemidji. Visit  
9 [www.efcbemidji.org/events](http://www.efcbemidji.org/events) for a complete calendar of events.

## We're glad you're here!



Welcome! If you're our guest this morning, we would invite you to fill out a Connection Card online at [efcbemidji.org/connectioncard](http://efcbemidji.org/connectioncard) or by scanning the QR Code with your mobile device and letting us know that you joined us for worship today. Be sure to stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer to pick up a free gift. Watch our calendar for an upcoming Newcomer's Lunch—a special event just for you!

## Watch our services online

Every Sunday, we offer a live stream of both of our services on our website. Visit [www.efcbemidji.org/live](http://www.efcbemidji.org/live) on your computer or mobile device. Our live stream is also available on Roku, Apple TV, and Amazon Fire TV. Connect to the BoxCast through your streaming device and search for E-Free Bemidji.

## Sermon and Worship Service Archive

Check out our Worship Service Archive at [www.efcbemidji.org/archive](http://www.efcbemidji.org/archive) to watch any of our worship services from the past 90 days. Past sermons are also available online at [www.efcbemidji.org/sermons](http://www.efcbemidji.org/sermons) or on our YouTube page (@efc\_bemidji). Sermons are available on our website in video, audio, and transcript format. Please contact the church office if you would like to request a sermon transcript be sent to you via mail or email.

## Ways to give

We invite you to prayerfully consider 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](http://www.efcbemidji.org/give) or by scanning the QR code with your mobile device.



## Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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### Church Office

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Office hours: Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am - 8:30 am; 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

### Ministry Staff

Jerry Johnson, Lead Pastor ..... [pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org)

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### Support Staff

Corbin McCray, Facility Supervisor

Dan Evans, A/V Supervisor

Tom Halverson, Visitation Caregiver

Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

Jessica Westlund, Office Manager ..... [officemanager@efcbemidji.org](mailto:officemanager@efcbemidji.org)

### Giving for March 31, 2024

Weekly Giving: \$ 14,097

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 195,360

Needed YTD: \$207,818



### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, March 31, 2024

512 onsite | 35 screens / 9 states

SS: - kids | - youth | - adults

Connection Café/Misc: 142

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

62 adults, 85 children, 50 youth

### Sign up for text notifications

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**E-Free Kids Ministry:** text **efreekids** to **94000**

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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



It has always been my  
ambition to preach the  
gospel where Christ was  
not known.

Romans 15:20 (NIV)

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

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## Life Groups

### Sermon-based Discussion Questions

1. Read Romans 15:14-22. In verse 14, Paul gives a very positive evaluation of the church at Rome. Some churches didn't receive such high praise from him (See 1 Corinthians 5:1-2; 11:17-19 and Galatians 3:1). How do you think Paul might describe our church?
2. In verse 15, Paul talks about reminding them of the gospel truths. How can we do that for one another today? Have you ever had a time when you benefited from being called back after starting to drift away? What does this say about being an active part of a local church?
3. How would you describe Paul's life's passion (see verse 20)? How do you think that relates to the passion of God the Father and of Jesus? (See Luke 15, Luke 19:10 and Mark 2:17) What things are you passionate about?
4. How would you describe the difference between individuals who are unreached and living in a reached area, versus an unreached people group? What are some examples of each? What differences might there be in reaching them?
5. What is our church's responsibility for reaching the unreached in the Bemidji area? How is our church presently involved in reaching those people?
6. Where do you think most unreached people groups live? How can our church be involved in reaching them? How can individuals take part in reaching the unreached?

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## Passion for the Unreached

April 7, 2024 on Romans 15:14-22

Paul T.

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