

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, April 14, 2024

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

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Lord I Want To Be A Christian (Hymn #563)

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me (Hymn #642)

Choir Anthem

He's Got the Whole World (Hymn #518)

Child Dedication

Offering & Prayer

Scripture Reading (Romans 15:23-33): Sylvia Johannes

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We Are Called To Be God's People (Hymn #710)

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: O Come To The Alter

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Who You Say I Am

Broken Vessels

Gratitude

Child Dedication

Offering & Prayer

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading (Romans 15:23-33): Hannah Elmer

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Goodness Of God

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 to get started.

Next Sunday, April 21, 2024

Message: Persons & Personalities - Part I

(Romans 16:1-16) 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

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 14

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)

Tuesday, April 16

6:30 pm - Trail Life (Gym)

Wednesday, April 17

5:00-5:45pm -Family Meal
Pizza (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.

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Youth Group this week:

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 14

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

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

Monday, April 15

6:30 pm - Softball Practice
(Gym)

Tuesday, April 16

6:30 pm - Trail Life
(Gym)

Wednesday, April 17

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

6:00 pm - Youth Group
6:05 pm - Oasis (Green)

Thursday, April 18

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.

July 1-5

Challenge

📷 follow [@efree_kids](https://www.instagram.com/efree_kids) | www.efcbemidji.org/kids

3 Text **efreekids** to **94000** join our E-Free Kids notification system.

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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 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 14

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

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

Monday, April 15

6:30 pm - Softball Practice
(Gym)

Tuesday, April 16

6:00 pm - Anchor

Thursday, April 18

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!

Congregational Potluck

Please join us on Sunday April 28th for an all-church

Potluck in the Gym at 12 PM before the congregational meeting at 1:00pm.

Please bring a main dish and either a side dish or dessert to share, we hope you will join us. Please contact the church office if you are available to help with set up and clean up. All are welcome!

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 today Sunday, April 14th at 12:00 pm in the gym. Please come even if you haven't RSVP'd!

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.

Global Partner Flipbooks

The updated Global Partner Flipbooks are here! Pick up a copy to learn more about our Global Partners and to keep them in prayer.

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

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. Please see the sign up in the Connection Cafe.

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: though May 15th
Time: 6:05-7:30 p.m.
If you don't feel like going home, come to the Oasis!

Christ in All the Scriptures: Reading the Old Testament

Sundays at 9:45 am in the Chapel
More info in the Church Center app under the Connect tab

April 21 - Reading Numbers (Part 1)

April 28 - Reading Numbers (Part 2)

May 5 - Reading Deuteronomy (Part 1)

May 12 - Reading Deuteronomy (Part 2)

May 19 - Global Partner Visit: Kent & Kim Fraser

May 26 - No Sunday School

Fraud Alert

Please be careful NOT to respond to any email or text messages supposedly coming from one of the church staff that asks you to purchase gift cards or give contact information. This is a scam. Please contact the church office with any questions or concerns. Staff will never ask for things this way.

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A/V TECH UPGRADE PLAN



North Central Foundation Grant

Praise the Lord for the generosity and gospel partnership of our EFCA North Central District! 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!

Softball Practice

Spring is here and so is church softball! Practice dates: April 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

Nursing Room TV

The nursing room next to the nursery has a TV screen for viewing the service to help accommodate families with small babies or toddlers.

Shamineau 46

Please be praying for the 4th-6th graders who are attending Shamineau 46 this weekend, April 19-21.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 14

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 II (Chapel)

Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John (Room 10)

10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

12:00 pm - Newcomers Lunch (Gym)

2:00 pm - GriefShare (Chapel)

6:30 pm - 2nd Sunday Prayer (Chapel)

Monday, April 15

6:30 pm - Softball Practice (Gym)

Tuesday, April 16

10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Chapel)

5:45 pm - Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)

6:00 pm - Trustee Board Meeting (Conference Room)

7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, April 17

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

6:05 pm - Oasis (Green Room)

Thursday, April 18

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

1:00 pm - Pickleball (Gym)

6:30- pm - Elder Board Meeting (Conference Room)

6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)

6:30 pm - Volleyball (Gym)

6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Chapel)

Saturday, April 20

9:00 am - Strategic Leadership Meeting (Chapel)

There are many ways to connect and grow at E-Free Bemidji. Visit
9 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 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 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 to watch any of our worship services from the past 90 days. Past sermons are also available online at 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 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

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Giving for April 7, 2024

Weekly Giving: \$ 18,954

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 214,315

Needed YTD: \$223,804



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, April 7, 2024

380 onsite | 37 screens / 4 states

SS: 13 kids | 19 youth | 45 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 47

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

69 adults, 75 children, 48 youth

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

Youth Ministry: text **efcbsm** to **94000**

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SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.

Romans 15:30 (NIV)

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