

# Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

**Sunday, August 4, 2024**

Message: God Hates Injustice (What God Hates, Part 2)  
(Micah 3:1-12) Pastor Jerry R A Johnson

## Combined Summer Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Prelude - Kay Sue Eriksson, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

### This I Believe

**Blessed Assurance** (Hymn #514)

**Christ Our Hope In Life And Death**

Offering & Prayer

Highlights from VBS

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Micah 3:1-12, Bill Oakes

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### His Mercy Is More

Benediction

## Nursery - 9:30 AM & 11:00 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 - 11:00 AM

Join us in the gym for refreshments and a time to connect with others. Sunday School classes are available for adults. Kids Sunday School will not meet over the summer.. See page 7 for the current schedule.

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### Notes:

## Beginners (ages 4-5) & Kids Church (1st-5th Grade)

Before the sermon at the combined 9:30 Service, kids age 4 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 4-5 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 other Kids Min activities, we ask that families register with our check-in system. Scan the QR code, use the Church Center App or visit [www.efcbemidji.org/kids](http://www.efcbemidji.org/kids) to get started.

## Next Sunday, August 11, 2024

Message: God Delights In Deliverance

Micah 5:1-9, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

## E-Free Kids

### VBS – Start the Party!

Thank you all for praying for VBS, and for all the donations that were given. We had an amazing week!!! We had 95+ kids every night, and 60+ volunteers serving and loving kids. It has been a joy to worship and celebrate the Good News together throughout the week. The VBS children raised over \$1,100 for GlobalFingerprints during their week at Start the Party.

### Foster Closet

We have helped 5 different foster families in the past month. What a joy it is to serve our community.

Thank you for those who have helped. If you have items that you would like to donate, please contact Amy or Mandi before dropping it off.

Items we CAN'T take:

stained or ripped clothing,  
toys, used underwear/socks.

Items we are in need of:

Quality clothes for kids age 7 and up



### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, August 4

10:00 am - Kids/Beginners  
Church (Lower Level)

#### Tuesday, August 6

6:30 pm - Trail Life, All Trailmen  
(Gym)

### Family Park Nights

Tuesdays, 5:30pm - 7:30pm  
August 13 & 27  
at Diamond Point Park

### Park Night - August 13

We will be serving Walking Tacos at this park night. All are welcome to come and fellowship, and minister to those in Diamond Point Park.

## Youth Ministry

### Summer Youth Group:

The next summer Youth Group will be on Wednesday, August 14th at 6:30pm at E-Free. We will continue with our study, How The New Testament Was Copied, and will play Dodgeball after.

See bulletin board for the full schedule.

6:30pm-8:00pm at E-Free

Wednesday, August 14

Wednesday, August 28

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, August 4

11:00 am - Congregational  
Meeting (Sanctuary)

12:00 pm - Cookout & Cornhole

#### Tuesday, August 6

6:30 pm - Trail Life, All Trailmen  
(Gym)



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## Young Adults

### ANCHOR

We will be having a bonfire and yard games at the Johnson's house on August 13th from 6:00 - 9:00pm. Please bring a lawn chair and a snack to share. 3214 Arrowwood Circle NW, please email [pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org) with questions.



Cru has ended for the semester. Look for more info in August when we start back up again.

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## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### Did you know...

In Fall 1962 the Carr Lake Bible Chapel called John & Charlotte Kerth as their new pastoral family. They lived with their 4 children in a nearby basement home bought as a parsonage. By spring the church was hard at work building a superstructure on top, and before winter the family moved into a modern home built by volunteers with love.

### Memorial Book Entry

Back in April of 2002 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Shirley Mihelich, a memorial gift of third octave handbells was presented by her family.

### Youth and Young Adult Pastor Search Team

Please pray for us as we begin searching for our next Youth and Young Adults Pastor. Our team includes: Danny Paddock (chair), Caleb Caster, Alexa Zylka, Pastor Eric Nygren, Pastor Jerry Johnson, Shelly Mustful, Jerry Drebelbis, Bethany Anderson and Amy Graf.

### Now Hiring: Youth and Young Adults Pastor

Please pray for our Search Team as we begin looking for our next Youth and Young Adults Pastor. The job description is now available online, including our church website, and in the church office. If you or someone you know may be interested, please connect with us soon or email: [efree@paulbunyan.net](mailto:efree@paulbunyan.net).

### Congregational Meeting

Today, August 4th at 11:00 AM we will hold our Congregational meeting in the sanctuary. The agenda will include membership updates, 100th anniversary update, Strategic Leadership Team update, Youth & Young Adult Search Team update, Financial report, Nominating Committee and more. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. We hope to see you there!

### Congregational Cookout

Please join us today, Sunday August 4th at noon for an all-church cookout (food provided!) and Cornhole Tournament.

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### Benevolence Fund

If you or someone you know from our church family is experiencing a financial hardship, please contact one of the Pastors or Elders. Our Benevolence Fund is managed by our elders and is there to help our church family with unexpected financial burdens (utility bill, repair bill, medical bill, etc.).

### Take 60 Seconds to Pray

Watch for a weekly text message with daily prayer prompts for our church and its ministries. Then take 60 seconds every day to pray. If you're not subscribed to our text notifications, send a message with the word efree to 94000 to sign up. (Note: This is not the Prayer Chain list).

### Strategic Leadership Team

Heading into our final month of meeting, the SLT is reviewing the work done over the last nine months. Words are important, and we want to be clear and concise in our statements. But most of all we want to seek God's heart in all we say and present to you. We are eager for your vital response and input.

### 100th Anniversary Cleaning and Work Day

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 24th for an All-Church Cleaning & Work day. There are projects for all skill levels. Snacks will be provided!!

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### E-Free Softball

Come on out and support our E-Free softball team Thursday nights! This week, August 8th, our team plays at 6:30pm in City field 3 vs Calvary Chapel, and at 7:30pm in City field 1 vs First Baptist Clearbrook. **Go Team!!**

### Senior Potluck

Senior Adults, our next Potluck is August 9 at 11:30 in the Connection Cafe. Join us for a great time of visiting, encouraging, and eating too. Bring a simple dish to share; store-bought is fine. Kay Sue Eriksson will tell us about a mystery song-writer. You'll have to come to find out who it is! For questions call Laura at 218-209-8190.

### Summer Sunday School 11:00am, Nursery Available

Aug 4: Congregational Meeting, Cookout, Cornhole  
Aug 11: Global Partner Visit- Kent & Kim Fraser, Without Reservation (Gym)  
Aug 18: How We Got Our Bible Part 5 (Chapel)  
Aug 25: How We Got Our Bible Part 6 (Chapel)

### 100th Anniversary donations

As we look forward to this celebration some have asked about helping financially. If you would like to do so simply designate your gift to, "The 100th year anniversary celebration". This can be done via the offering boxes or any of the other methods of giving to the church.

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, August 4

8:45 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)  
9:30 am - Combined Summer Service  
11:00 am - Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)  
12:00 pm - All Church Cookout and Cornhole Tournament

### Monday, August 5

6:30 pm - Strategic Leadership Meeting (Chapel)

### Tuesday, August 6

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

### Wednesday, August 7

7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)  
6:15 pm - Youth & Young Adult Pastor Search Committee  
(Conference Room)  
6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, August 8

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)  
6:30 pm - Men's Thursday Discipleship (Fireside)

### Friday, August 9

7:00 am - Men's Discipleship (Conference Room)  
11:30 am - Senior Connection Potluck (Connection Cafe)

### Sunday, August 11

8:30 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)  
9:30 am - Combined Summer Service  
11:00 am - Global Partner Visit (Gym)  
6:30 pm - Second Sunday Prayer (Chapel)

### Saturday, August 24

All Church Work Day - see page 7 for more details

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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Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

### Giving for July 28, 2024

Weekly Giving: \$ 13,025

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 435,437

Needed YTD: \$479,580

Remaining Mortgage: \$ 117,410.00



### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, July 28, 2024

311 onsite | 33 screens / 4 states

SS: 0 kids | adults

Misc:

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He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and  
to love mercy and  
to walk humbly  
with your God.

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024

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## God Hates Injustice (What God Hates, part 2)

**Micah 3:1-12 on August 4, 2024**

Pastor Jerry R. A. Johnson

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