

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Giving for August 4, 2024

Weekly Giving: \$ 15,717

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 451,154

Needed YTD: \$495,566

Remaining Mortgage: \$ 117,410.00



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, August 4, 2024

361 onsite | 18 screens / 5 states

SS: 0 kids | adults

Misc:

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

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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together. @efcbemidji



"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Micah 5:2 (NIV)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, August 11, 2024

Message: God Delights in Deliverance

(Micah 5:1-4) Pastor Jerry R A Johnson

Combined Summer Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Prelude - Mary Larson, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Whom Shall I Fear

My Hope Is In The Lord (Hymn #482)

Living Hope

OGlobal Partner Update: Kent Fraser

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Offering & Prayer

Scripture Reading: Micah 5:1-4, Scott Engelstad

Message: God Delights in Deliverance

God You're So Good (O Little Town of Bethlehem) #155

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 to get started.

Next Sunday, August 18, 2024

Message: God Delights In Showing Mercy

Micah 7:8-20, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

E-Free Kids

Kids Ministry Volunteers Needed

- Beginner's Church - Leaders/Helpers
(1 time per month)
- Kid's Church - Leaders/Helpers
(1 time per month)
- Nursery - Adult volunteers
(1 time every 2 months)
- Kids Club Leaders -
Kindergarten/1st/3rd grade leaders
(weekly on Wednesday nights)

Please prayerfully consider serving in Kids Ministry. We keep adding to our number of kids, and we need more volunteers to keep kids safe, invest in their lives, teach them God's truth, and love them deeply.

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 & up



Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 11

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

Tuesday, August 13

5:30 pm - Family Park Night
Diamond Point Park

Family Park Nights

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

Family Park Night

Tuesday, August 13th at 5:30pm
Diamond Point Park
Everyone is welcome to come, eat, and fellowship at Family Park Nights! This week, we will be serving Walking Tacos, carrots, and popsicles. Would love to see you all there! Let's share the love of Jesus with those in the 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 11

11:00 am - Global Partner Visit
Kent & Kim Fraser
(Gym)

Tuesday, August 13

5:30 pm - Family Park Night
Diamond Point Park

Wednesday, August 14

6:30 pm - Summer Youth Group
(Youth Room)



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Text **efcbasm** to **94000** join our Student Ministries notification system.

Young Adults

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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 with questions.

cru⁺

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 11

11:00 am - Global Partner Visit
Kent & Kim Fraser
(Gym)

Tuesday, August 13

6:00 pm - Anchor

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Did you know...

Pastor John Kerth worked with our small but healthy church from 1962-1967, focusing on the youth of the community. His wife Charlotte and Marilyn Van Kuiken from Oak Hills led Pioneer Girls, and Awana was available for the boys. Sunday School giving was above what was needed. A Missions Committee was formed and missions giving increased from \$360 per month in 1961 to \$2300 in 1966.

Welcome New Members!

The following people were welcomed into membership at our August 4th Congregational Meeting: Rob & Ellen Smith. If you would like to learn more about church membership, please contact Pastor Eric.

Memorial Book Entry

Back in June of 2003 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Kenneth A. Scholz, a memorial gift of fourth octave handbells was presented by her family.

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.

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.

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 from 8:00am to noon for an All-Church Cleaning & Work day. There are projects for all skill levels! We need cleaners, painters, tree trimming, weeding and more! Donuts and coffee will be waiting for you! Please see Jessica in the church office and sign up for a task that fits you! We can also set another time and day that works best for your schedule. Email Jessica in the church office at officemanager@efcbemidji.org with questions or signups.

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Summer Sunday School 11:00am, Nursery Available

- 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.

Men's Quartet

Members of the quartet: Chris Parthun, Gardell Emery, Bill Oakes, Nate Willson

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 11

8:45 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)

9:30 am - Combined Summer Service

11:00 am - Global Partner Visit - Kent & Kim Fraser (Gym)

6:30 pm - Second Sunday Prayer (Chapel)

Monday, August 12

6:00 pm - Foster the Family - (Camp Oak Hills)

Tuesday, August 13

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

Wednesday, August 14

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

Thursday, August 15

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)

Friday, August 16

7:00 am - Men's Discipleship (Conference Room)

Sunday, August 18

8:30 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)

9:30 am - Combined Summer Service

11:00 am - How We Got Our Bible - Part 5 (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 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.



God Delights in Deliverance

Micah 5:1-4 on August 11, 2024

Pastor Jerry R. A. Johnson

Visit www.efcbemidji.org/sermons to listen, watch, or read today's sermon. You'll find an archive of past messages on our website as well.

Our Life Groups are all about learning together and loving one another. Visit www.efcbemidji.org/lifegroups for more info.

