

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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

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Giving for August 25, 2024

Weekly Giving: \$ 10,114

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 497,454

Needed YTD: 543,524

Remaining Mortgage: \$ 108,816



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, August 25, 2024

283 onsite | 20 screens / 3 states

SS: 67 adults

Misc: 55

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General notifications: text **efree** to **94000**

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

Youth Ministry: text **efcbesm** to **94000**

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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



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The LORD is
slow to anger
but great in
power; the
LORD will not
leave the guilty
unpunished.

Nahum 1:3a

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Message: Lessons from Nineveh

Nahum 1:1-8, Pastor Jerry R A Johnson

Combined Summer Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Prelude - Mary Larson, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

And Can It Be That I Should Gain? (Hymn #473)

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

NO Beginners/Kids Church today

Offering & Prayer

Offertory, Flute & Piano, Taumi Wilson & Mary Larson

Scripture Reading: Nahum 1:1-8, Sylvia Johannes

Message: Lessons from Nineveh

He Will Hold Me Fast

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)

Kids church will resume on September 8th during the 10:45 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, September 8, 2024

Message: Gather, Grow, Give, Go (part 1)

Hebrews 10:23-25, Pastor Jerry R A Johnson

E-Free Kids

Kids Ministry Volunteers Needed

Sunday School helpers:

We need 4 adults to help kids Sunday School.

(Helpers assist the teacher with activities and being a support in the classroom)

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 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.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 1

10:00 am - NO Kids/Beginners Church

Tuesday, September 3

6:30 pm - Trail Life (Gym)

Wednesday, September 4

5:30 pm - Kids Min Leaders Meeting (Connection Cafe)

Wednesday, September 11

Fall Kick Off

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal
Hot Dogs (Gym)

6:00-7:45 pm - Kids Club
PreK - 5th Grade

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

6:15-7:30 pm - Adult Life Groups

Youth Ministry

Summer Youth Group:

Youth group grades 6-12 will kickoff Wednesday, September 11th for the new school year. We'll meet from 6:00 - 7:45pm.

Youth Leaders Meeting

We will be meeting on Wed, September 4th from 6:15-7:45pm. If you are interested in helping with the youth group please see Shelly Mustful

shellymustful_mn@yahoo.com or

Danny Paddock

paddocksonsautorepair@gmail.com

Youth and Young Adult Pastor Search Team

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



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9:30 am - Combined Service

11:00 am- Musician & A/V Forum
(Chapel)

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Young Adults

ANCHOR

Anchor is our young adult life group. We meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm for food, fellowship, worship, and time studying God's word. Our first get together is a free pizza party on Tuesday, September 10th. We will then have our first official life group on September 17th and then continue throughout the school year. Please contact Jesse Schmidt at 218-760-5852 or email pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org with any questions.



Cru is back on BSU campus for the Fall Semester! Open to all BSU, Oak Hills, NW Tech, Leech Lake, and Red Lake Nation students. See Mark Carlson (mhockeymd@gmail.com) or Terry Hewitt (TerryLeeHewitt@gmail.com) for more information.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 1

9:30 am - Combined Service
11:00 am - Musician & A/V Forum (Chapel)

Tuesday, September 3

7:00 pm - CRU Small Groups
women: South Conference Room
men: Ozawindib Room
7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 5

7:00 pm - CRU
Crying Wolf Room

Tuesday, September 10

6:30 pm - Anchor Pizza Party

Tuesday, September 17

6:30 pm - Anchor

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Did you know...

Things began to turn around in September 1974 when the church called Maine lobsterman David Hathaway as pastor. By January 1975 a building fund was going, and missionary giving was back. It was decided to look into joining the Evangelical Free Church of America. In March 1975 the members voted 17-1 to apply for admission to the denomination.

Musicians & A/V Forum

We're trying something new! The Worship Committee would like to invite all of our Sunday morning musicians and A/V team members (staff and volunteers) to join us for our first Musician & A/V Forum. Grab some goodies in the gym and join us next Sunday, September 1st at 11 am down in the Chapel. We want to hear from you—your ideas, your feedback, your questions, your input.

Memorial Book Entry

Back in September of 2003 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Thelma Russell, a memorial gift was presented by her daughter, Kristi Ley.

Calling all bakers!

Our Kitchen Crew is looking for 10-12 volunteers to bake a pan of bars or a batch of cookies for our September 8th Kickoff Sunday. If you love to bake, please let the church office know what you'll be making.

E-Free Choir

Taylor Borders and Ian Trosen are looking for new members for our EFC Bemidji Choir. Join us if you want to

- Praise the Lord through music,
- Make new connections, and
- Work hard and learn together.

All people and skill levels are welcome! Come make music with us from 7:15-8:30PM sharp on Tuesdays starting Sept. 3.

Questions?

Contact Ian, 952-607-9095 or Taylor, 218-851-9627.

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Senior Connection Potluck

All senior adults are invited to our next potluck on Sept. 13 at 11:30 in the Connection Cafe. Come enjoy time visiting, eating, and learning together. Bring a simple dish to share; store-bought is just fine. Allen Benson will share a story and talk with us about prayer. Hearing from Allen is always a treat, so we hope you can join us! For more info contact Laura at 218-209-8190.

Building Access

If you need a room reserved or access to the building please contact Jessica in the Church Office at least 2 weeks in advance. It is helpful as we continue to serve God together. officemanager@efcbemidji.org

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.

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Work Day Thank You

Thank you to all the workers that came last Saturday to the Church Work Day! Thank you to the behind the scenes people who are busy repairing the Sanctuary chairs and the Youth Room couch along with all the other projects that are often unseen! Jessica Westlund & Corbin McCray

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.

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).

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 about our Benevolence Fund. This fund exists to help with unexpected financial burdens (utility bill, repair bill, medical bill, etc.).

Trail Life Open House

Our Trail Life Troop will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, September 17th from 6:30-8:30 pm. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the program and the events planned for this school year. Trail Life is a Christ-centered, boy-focused, outdoor youth program guided by Christian men and fathers.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 1

- 8:30 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 9:30 am - Combined Summer Service
- 11:00 am - Musician & A/V Forum (Chapel)
- 12:15 pm - Search Committee Meeting (Conference Room)

Tuesday, September 3

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 4

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 5:30 pm - Kids Min Leaders Meeting (Connection Cafe)
- 6:15 pm - Youth Leaders Meeting (Youth Room)

Thursday, September 5

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm - Men's Thursday Discipleship (Fireside Room)
- 6:30 pm - 100th Anniversary Committee (Conference Room)

Friday, September 6

- 7:00 am - Men's Discipleship (Chapel)

Sunday, September 8

- Kickoff Sunday
- 7:30 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Ministry Fair with Donuts (Gym)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:00 pm - Tailgate Cookout

Tuesday, September 10

- Anchor Pizza Party, see page 5 for details.

Wednesday, September 11

- Kickoff for Kids Club and Youth Group, see pages 3 and 4 for 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 worshiping God and 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.



Lessons from Nineveh (The LORD's Slowness to Anger)

Nahum 1:1-8 on September 1, 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.

