

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude - Kay Sue Eriksson, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

How Firm a Foundation (Hymn #612)

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place (Hymn #495)

'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus (Hymn #520)

Offering & Prayer

Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-11, Paul T.

Message: Our Discipleship Pathway, Part 3 - Give

Come, All Christians, Be Committed (Hymn #578)

Benediction

Global Partner Update: MENA

Membership Class

Tomorrow night, Monday, September 23rd from 6:30-8:30 pm. This class is an important first step in the membership process. Contact the church office if you plan to attend. Copies of the Membership Handbook are available in the office or on our website.

Strategic Leader Team

Today, September 22 members of our Strategic Leadership Team will be available to answer questions about the new Strategic Ministry Plan. Copies of the first 6 pages are in the Connection Café.

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: One Pure And Holy Passion

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Build Your Kingdom Here

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

I Surrender

Offering & Prayer

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-11, Debbie Johnson

Message: Our Discipleship Pathway, Part 3 - Give

Build My Life

Benediction

Global Partner Update: MENA

The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 004

For the first of our Testimony Tuesday episodes, Pastor Eric sits down with Shelly Mustful to talk about how she came to faith in Christ and how God has been at work in her life ever since. New episodes post every Tuesday. Visit efcbemidji.org/podcast for more information.

Women's Overflow

The women of E-Free are invited to our first Overflow women's event on **Monday**, September 30 from 6:30-8:00pm. Join with us for campfire and s'mores down by the firepit and bring a friend!

Next Sunday, September 29, 2024

Message: Our Discipleship Pathway, Part 4 - GO

Mark 5: 1-20, Pastor Eric Nygren

There are many ways to give at E-Free Bemidji. Visit
1 www.efcbemidji.org/give or by scanning the QR code.

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 22

9:45 am - Kids Sunday School (Lower Level)
9:45 am - Youth Sunday School (Gym)
10:45 am - Kids/Beginner Church (Lower Level)

Wednesday, September 25

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal - Pulled Pork Sandwiches (Gym)
6:00-7:45 pm - Kids Club, PreK - 5th Grade (Lower Level)
6:00-7:45 pm - Youth Group, grades 6-12 (Youth Room)

E-Free Kids Sunday School



9:45-10:30am - use secure check-in
PreK-Kindergarten (PreK Room)
1st-5th grade (5th grade class room)

Kids Club

E-Free Kids Club welcomes all children ages 4 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. We meet each week in small group, large group Bible teaching, worship, snacks and games. Contact Amy with questions: agraf@efcbemidji.org

****Children must be toilet trained or parents need to remain in the building if child needs to be changed.**

Community Fun Day! Candy Donations!

At our Community Fun Day Celebration on Saturday, October 12th from 11am-2pm, we are providing LOTS of games and activities for all who come to this event. We would like to give out candy as prizes. If you would like to donate candy, please drop it off at the church during the next two weeks! Thank you for your generosity.

Community Fun Day Volunteer Opportunity

We need several volunteers to help run the different games and activities that will be happening on Saturday October 12th between 11am-2:00pm. Please sign up in the Connection Café.

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 Sunday School during the Sunday School hour to connect, and pray about our week and have class. See Shelly Mustful or Danny Paddock with questions.

shellymustful@gmail.com or
paddocksonsaautorepair@gmail.com

Global Fingerprints Offering

This Wednesday, September 25th, we will be receiving an offering for our Global Fingerprints children.

Care Package

This Wednesday, September 25th, we are gathering items to send in a care package to Pastor Douglas. If you want to bring an item for the Box or Dollar box that is going to him, please bring it this Wednesday.

See You At the Pole

See You At the Pole is this Wednesday, September 25th at 7:30am. This is a time when students around the nation gather to pray at their flagpole before school begins.

Young Adults

Sunday, September 22

9:45am- Global Partners (gym)

Tuesday, September 24

6:30 pm - Anchor
7:00 pm - CRU Small Groups
women: South Conference Room
men: Ozawindib Room
7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Thursday, September 26

7:00 pm -CRU -Crying Wolf Room

ANCHOR

Anchor is our young adult life group. We meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm. 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.

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

📷 follow @efcb_sm | www.efcbemidji.org/youth

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 22

- 7:45 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Adult & Youth-Global Partner Update (gym)
- 9:45 am - Women's Ministry meeting (Conference Room)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)

Monday, September 23

- 6:30 pm - Membership Class (Chapel)

Tuesday, September 24

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 5:45 pm - Handbell Practice (Connection Café)
- 6:30 pm - Anchor - Young Adults (see page 4)
- 6:30 pm - CRU at BSU (see page 4)
- 7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 25

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 6:05 pm - Oasis (Green Room)
- 6:15 pm - Life Group (Conference Room & Fireside Room)

Thursday, September 26

- 10:00 am - Life Group (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Search Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm - Shindelar Men's Life Group (Fireside Room)
- 7:00 pm - Cru at BSU - Large Group (see page 4)

Friday, September 27

- 7:00 am - Men's Discipleship (Chapel)
- 1:00 pm - Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 6:30 pm - 100th Anniversary Committee (Conference Room)

There are many ways to connect and grow at E-Free Bemidji. Visit www.efcbemidji.org/events for a complete calendar of events.

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Did you know...

By January 1977 the church made its fourth move, into the new single-story building on Washington Av. Attendance was back into the 70s and growing, and giving improved. Pastor Dave Hathaway encouraged variety and participation in the services, and did extensive visitation.

100th Anniversary Weekend

Please RSVP for the different events that will happen during our 100th Anniversary Celebration, October 10-13. This weekend is quickly approaching! Please take special note of the Sunday Oct. 13th catered lunch, it does require an **RSVP** to attend. See our website to see information and the RSVP to each event: efcbemidji.org/100/ or see Jessica in the office for a green paper to fill out. **The RSVP deadline is September 29th.**

Memorial Book Entry

Back in December of 2005 to the glory of God, in loving memory of C. Wendell Martin, a memorial gift of communion ware was presented by friends of the Martin family.

Grief Share

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Join us Sundays at 2:00pm in the Chapel. Pick up a pamphlet at the Welcome Table for more information. See Jenny Hodgson with questions, jennyhodgson@oakhills.edu.

Why Should I Give to My Church? (Free booklet)

Please check out these booklets on giving located in the main foyer by the giving kiosk.

Containers

The kitchen is in need of containers for leftover food. If you have coolwhip, sour cream, yogurt, etc containers, please leave them in the big kitchen.

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

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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Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

Giving for September 15, 2024

Weekly Giving: \$ 10,852

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 534,518

Needed YTD: 591,482



Remaining Mortgage: \$ 97,742.83

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, September 15, 2024

364 onsite | 28 screens / 5 states

SS: 13 kids | 14 youth | 28 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 49

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

74 adults, 87 children, 52 youth

Sign up for text notifications

Stay connected by signing up to receive our text notifications.

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

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

Youth Ministry: text **efcbism** to **94000**

Prayer chain: text **efreeprayer** to **94000**

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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



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STRATEGIC PLAN

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI



MISSION

*What we are
supposed to be
doing as a church.*



VISION

*A picture of
what the mission
will look like when
it is realized.*

**BECOMING
DEEPLY DEVOTED
FOLLOWERS OF
JESUS TOGETHER.**

WE WILL BE A CHURCH WHO

- GLORIFIES GOD IN ALL OF LIFE
- IS TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S WORD
- SERVES AND CARES FOR EACH OTHER IN LOVE
- WELCOMES ALL PEOPLE AND CARES FOR OUR NEIGHBORS
- PERSONALLY SHARES THE GOSPEL LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY



CORE VALUES

*The biblical beliefs that empower
and guide our ministries.*

GOD'S GLORY

BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

CARING FOR THE BODY OF BELIEVERS

CONNECTING WITH THE COMMUNITY

EVANGELIZING THE LOST

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY



*A plan to guide
disciples toward
maturity in Christ.*





● **Thursday, October 10th, Global Partners Night, 6:30pm**

Together we'll remember all that God has done across the globe through our Global Partners and we will reconnect with current and former Global Partners serving locally and globally. We will also have the opportunity to recommit together to reaching our Adopted People Group in South Asia.

● **Friday, October 11th, Senior Connection Potluck, 11:00am**

Seniors, come for our special 100th Anniversary Potluck. Out-of-town guests are welcome! Pastor Fred and Berta Martin plan to join us. Come at 11 am for visiting, and we'll eat at 11:30 am. After lunch Sarah (Page) Friesen will share a devotional. Then we'll have a Heritage Panel with Sarah, her sister Ruth Eastling, Allen Benson, and other old-timers. Hear stories of the early days of our church! Contact Laura Englestad for questions.

● **Friday, October 11th, Through the Decades Night, 6:30pm**

Come enjoy a fun video presentation reviewing our church's 100 year history. We'll have some audience participation and a trivia quiz about our history with a chance to win the privilege of ringing the church bell on Sunday morning. We will hear from some of our church's "history makers" including Pastor Fred Martin and Pastor Jerry Johnson. Cookies and cider will be available afterwards.

● **Saturday, October 12th, Community Fun Day, 11:00am-2:00pm**

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a super fun day full of fellowship, activities, and a free meal! There will be a pulled pork meal at 12:00 pm in the gym. Activities include Bouncy Houses, Petting Zoo, Face Painting, Corn Hole, Animal Balloons, Cotton Candy, Cake Walk, and more! Invite your friends and family to this fun event to help celebrate our 100th Anniversary together.

● **Saturday, October 12th, Dessert With Friends, 6:30pm**

Join us for a chance to reconnect with each other! Enjoy sampling desserts made from historical church cookbooks while chatting in a relaxing atmosphere. This is a time to enjoy being together seeing old friends. Hope to see you there!

● **Sunday, October 13th, 9:30am Combined Worship Service**

Come and hear testimonies of God's faithfulness throughout E-Free's 100-year history. We will debut a brand new E-Free song along with congregational singing, music from our handbell choir, kids ministry, and choir. The service will also include times of prayers and the giving of our tithes and offerings. Hear sermons from Oak Hills Christian College President Marty Giese, Pastor Fred Martin, and Pastor Jerry Johnson as well as a greeting from Paul Anderson from our North Central District, EFCA.

● **Sunday, October 13th, 100th Anniversary Catered Lunch, 11:00am,
(RSVP required)**

Directly following the service on Sunday, we will enjoy a delicious meal together provided by Baker's Place Catering. On the menu is Marinated Chicken Breast, Roasted Baby Red Potatoes, California Medley Vegetable, and Fresh Bread/Butter. We will top it off with 100th Anniversary Cake and Coffee! You MUST RSVP for this meal no later than September 29th!

● **Sunday, October 13th, A Night of Worship and Prayer
with Communion, 6:30-7:30pm**

We will cap off the 100th Anniversary weekend in a spirit of worship and song. This will be an evening of prayer for our church, our community, and our world. We will worship by sharing Communion together. Together we will recommit to Christ, his church, and his disciple-making mission.

