

# Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

**Sunday, October 13, 2024**

## Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Prelude - 2 Piano duets, Kay Sue Eriksson & Laura Engelstad

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

**To God Be The Glory** (Hymn #72)

### Living Hope

Message: REMEMBER, Marty Giese President of OHCC

Choir Anthem: His Eye Is On the Sparrow

Greeting from North Central District of EFCA, Paul Anderson

Kids Scripture Song

Offering & Prayer

Handbells: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Message: RECONNECT: Ephesians 2-3, Pastor Fred Martin

### Deeply Devoted

Message: RECOMMIT: Mark 8:34-35, Pastor Jerry Johnson

**I Have Decided To Follow Jesus** (Hymn #576)

Benediction

Postlude

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### Did you know...

By 1981, attendance rose to 192, and it was time to think about more space. In 1982 we moved our 1-story building to the other end of the property on top of a newly built basement. The building was designed to be used as apartments when sold, and actually included 2 full bathrooms, complete with bathtubs. We joked about using them for baptisms, but we never did. FUN TRIVIA: in 1952, we built a basement and put a church on top. Thirty years later, we built a church and put a basement underneath.

### Church History Booklet

A updated church history booklet will be available for a suggested donation of \$10 during our 100th Anniversary celebration. It includes all 100 years of our history, photos, and special memories from former Pastor Fred Martin and others. Limit of 1 per family, please.

### Memorial Book Entry

Back in May of 2006 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Eleanor P. Scherling, a memorial gift of hymnals was presented by her friends and family.

### October 13 E-Free Anniversary Love Offering

In honor of our church's 100th anniversary, we are inviting everyone to prayerfully consider a special one-time Love Offering toward our General Ministry Fund, which is currently behind. The Trustees and Elders are hoping that this might help us catch up on our current shortfall before we head into our 101st year of gospel ministry. Any gifts toward this one-time Love Offering are meant to be above and beyond our regular tithes and offerings.

### Calling Singers!

Calling all who love to "sing a new song"! If you would like to sing with the Choir just for the Christmas cantata, we need you! Please talk to Ian Trosen, Tayler Borders, Taumi Wilson or Laura Engelstad. Or just come to our rehearsals Tuesdays at 7:15 PM. We'd love to have you!

### Next Sunday, October 20, 2024

Message: Personally Sharing the Gospel Locally and Globally, part 1  
Matthew 28:18-20, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

## Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

### Sunday, October 13

9:45 am - No Youth or Kids Sunday School

10:45 am - Kids/Beginner Church (Lower Level)

### Tuesday, October 15

6:30 pm - Trail Life (Gym)

### Wednesday, October 16

No Kids or Youth Ministry due to MEA

### Saturday, October 19

5:00pm - 10:00pm - Youth Game Night (Gym)

### 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 age 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 teaching, worship, snacks and games. Contact Amy with questions: [agraf@efcbemidji.org](mailto:agraf@efcbemidji.org)

### Celebrating 100 Years! Community Fun Day!

Thank you to all who donated and volunteered for this event. It was so fun to bless our community, and celebrate together. Thank you for giving your time and for your generosity. Keep sharing your gifts the next 100 Years and beyond! All Glory Be To Christ!

### Operation Christmas Child

Our Kids Club Packing Party is November 6th.

You can begin to bring OCC donations this week.

We are hoping to make 100 boxes again this year!

Let's celebrate Christmas by giving to those in need, and sharing the love of Christ.

## Youth Ministry



### Youth Group

E-Free Bemidji Student Ministry welcomes all 6th - 12th grade students! Most Wednesdays throughout the school year we meet for Youth Group for time with Jesus, Bible, fellowship, worship, and fun. Most Sunday mornings 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](mailto:shellymustful@gmail.com) or [paddocksonsaautorepair@gmail.com](mailto:paddocksonsaautorepair@gmail.com)

### Game Night

on Saturday, October 19 we are having a game night from 5pm-10pm. Invite your friends and come for a FREE night of food, fun and games!

## Young Adults

### Sunday, October 13

9:30 am - Combined Service

6:30 pm - Prayer & Communion

### Tuesday, October 15

6:30 pm - Anchor

7:00 pm - CRU Small Groups

women: South Conference Room

men: Ozawindib Room

7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, October 17

7:30 pm -CRU -Crying Wolf Room

### ANCH R

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](mailto: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 C. or Terry H. with questions: [mhockeymd@gmail.com](mailto:mhockeymd@gmail.com) [Terryleehewitt@gmail.com](mailto:Terryleehewitt@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, October 13

- 8:45 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 9:30 am - Combined Worship Service
- 11:30 am - Catered Lunch (RSVP Required)
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm - A Night of Worship and Prayer with Communion (Sanctuary)

### Monday, October 14

- 6:00 pm - Foster the Family (Connection Cafe)

### Tuesday, October 15

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 5:45 pm - Handbell Practice (Connection Café)
- 7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

### Wednesday, October 16

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 4:00 pm - Ruby's Pantry (Sanford Center)

### Thursday, October 17

- 10:00 am - Life Group (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (chapel)
- 6:30 pm - Elder Board 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)

### Friday, October 18

- 7:00 am - Men's Discipleship
- 1:00 pm - Mom's in Prayer (Fireside Room)

### Sunday, October 20

- 7:45 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Church History Survey (Chapel)
- Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 006

This week on the podcast we will have highlights from our 100th Anniversary Celebration. New episodes are posted every Tuesday. Visit [efcbemidji.org/podcast](http://efcbemidji.org/podcast) for more information.

### Congregational Potluck

Please join us for an all-church Potluck in the Gym at 12 PM before the congregational meeting on October 27. Please bring a main dish 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!

### Congregational Meeting

October 27 at 1:00 PM we will hold our Congregational meeting in the sanctuary. The agenda will include membership updates, Strategic Ministry Plan commitment, vote on 2025 church officers, vote on 2025 Ministry Budget, Youth & Young Adult Search Team update, and Financial report. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. We hope to see you there!

Our Life Groups are all about learning together and loving one another. Visit [www.efcbemidji.org/lifegroups](http://www.efcbemidji.org/lifegroups) for more info.

### Communion

Today, October 13th, the Lord's Supper will be served during our 6:30 pm Night of Worship and Prayer. We will be using our non-alcoholic communion juice and gluten free bread. All who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to celebrate with us. Please take time to reflect upon your walk with the Lord and relationships with other Christians. 1 Corinthians 11:28 urges, "We ought to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup." The Lord's Supper represents Christians' union with Jesus and unity with other believers.

### Painting Our Sanctuary Back Wall

We have now painted the wall in our Sanctuary behind our platform. This has allowed us to get rid of the distracting shadows, and it also improves our Livestream ministry. Please direct any questions to one of our pastors, elders, or trustees.



## 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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### Support Staff

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Jessica Westlund, Office Manager ..... [officemanager@efcbemidji.org](mailto:officemanager@efcbemidji.org)

Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

### Giving for October 6, 2024

Weekly Giving: \$ 24,984

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 587,796

Needed YTD: 639,440

Remaining Mortgage: \$ 87,575



### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, October 6, 2024

315 onsite | 37 screens / 5 states

SS: 10 kids | 5 youth | 37 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 66

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

65 adults, 84 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 **efcbesm** to **94000**

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● **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 our Global Partners, some of whom will be onsite. We will also have the opportunity to recommit together to reaching our Adopted People Group in South Asia by renewing our adoption certificate.

● **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 a broad range of special guests who will be sharing fond memories and testimonies of praise for God's faithfulness. 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, classic vintage cars from the past 10 decades, church tour, Petting Zoo, Face Painting, Corn Hole, Animal Balloons, Cotton Candy, Cake Walk, and even a brief greeting from Mayor Jorge Prince! 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 an unprogrammed 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 prayer and the receiving of a special love offering toward our church's General Ministry Fund. Hear sermons from Oak Hills Christian College President Marty Giese, Pastor Emeritus 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, (regrettably, the RSVP deadline has passed)**

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! If you did not RSVP for this meal, please contact the church office to be put on our waiting list.

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

We will cap off our 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.

100th T-Shirt Order

Please enter the quantity you would like to order for each size. Payment by check or cash only can be turned in to the church office.

Name:

Phone:

Size	Quantity	Price	Total
Youth S		\$15	
Youth M		\$15	
Youth L		\$15	
Adult S		\$15	
Adult M		\$15	
Adult L		\$15	
Adult XL		\$15	
Adult 2XL		\$17	
Adult 3XL		\$18	



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# Deeply Devoted

## Verse 1

Father, guide us as we gather here.  
In Your body make Your home.  
Oh, Spirit give us power to live and love  
and be Your hands O' God.  
We can do nothing on our own.

## Chorus

O, we came, in Your Name O' Loving King, today  
to gather and to grow.  
Yes we came, Mighty Savior, Sovereign Lord  
to love and give and go.

## Verse 2

Jesus, meet us as we enter here.  
Let Your living waters flow (O' Holy Spirit flow).  
O, give us power to change our  
sinner's hearts to Yours O' God.  
The branch is nothing on its own. (Chorus)

## Bridge

Because we are deeply devoted. (x2)  
Because we are deeply devoted.  
We gather in Your Name.  
Yes, we are deeply devoted.  
We grow; we're not the same.  
Oh, we are deeply devoted.  
We give our lives to You.  
Lord, we are deeply devoted.  
We go to share Your truth. (Chorus)

Remember, Reconnect, Recommit

October 13, 2024

Marty Giese, Fred Martin, Jerry Johnson

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