

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Giving for December 29, 2024

amounts will be available next week.
Sorry for any inconvenience

Weekly Giving: \$ TBD

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ TBD

Needed YTD: TBD

Remaining Mortgage: \$ 65,357.89

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, December 29, 2024

202 onsite | 41 screens / 8 states



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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



And
Jesus grew
in wisdom
and stature,
and in favor
with God
and man.

Luke 2:52 (NIV)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

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Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Piano, Kay Sue

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

O God Our Help In Ages Past (Hymn #78)

The Solid Rock (Hymn #517)

Step By Step

Ministry Moment: Grief Share

Dismiss for Kids Church (1st-5th grade)

Offering & Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:41-52, Sylvia Johannes

Message: 12-year-old Jesus

Be Thou My Vision (Hymn #532)

Benediction

Now Hiring: Facility Supervisor

Please pray for our Search Team as we look for our next Facility Supervisor. The job description is 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.

Bibles and One-Year Devotional For Sale

We have a variety of NIV Bibles for sale in the Connection Cafe. Prices range from \$20 to \$35. We also have a new one-year devotional called Everyday Gospel available for \$10. Use the included envelope for payment. Pick one up to start a Bible-reading habit in the new year.

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Grace Like Rain

Holy Forever

Offering & Prayer

Ministry Moment: Grief Share

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church (Pre-K-5th Grade)

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:41-52, Debbie Johnson

Message: 12-year-old Jesus

Build My Life

Benediction

The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 019

We're kicking off 2025 with another Testimony Tuesday episode. On the podcast this week, Pastor Eric chats with Maria Raukar about how she came to faith and how the Lord is at work in her life today. Visit efcbemidji.org/podcast or listen via your favorite podcast app.

Senior Connection Potluck

Let's welcome the new year with a virtual trip to Africa with Jan Parham, our speaker for the Senior Potluck on Jan. 10 at 11:30. This is Part 2 of a journey she shared with us last year. Bring some food to share, and come enjoy fellowship with old and new friends. As always in January, keep an eye on the weather; we will let you know if anything changes. Call Laura with any questions, 218-209-8190.

Next Sunday, January 12, 2025

Message: Repentance Prepares the Way

Luke 3:1-20, Pastor Jerry R A Johnson

There are many ways to give at E-Free Bemidji.

1 Visit www.efcbemidji.org/give or by scanning the QR code (back page)

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 5

8:30 am - Kids Church (Lower Level, dismissed before sermon)

9:45 am - Kids Sunday School (Lower Level)

Youth Sunday School (511 Room)

10:45 am - Kids/Beginner Church (dismissed before sermon)

Tuesday, January 7

6:30 pm - Trail Life (Gym)

Wednesday, January 8

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Hot Dogs, Chips, Carrots

6:00-7:45 pm - Kids Club, PreK - 5th Grade (Lower Level)

Youth Group, grades 6-12 (Youth Room)

E-Free Kids

Sunday School

Today, at 9:45am

All Kids are welcome.

PreK/KInd (PreK Room)

1st-5th grade (5th grade classroom)

Kids Club

E-Free Kids Club welcomes all children ages 4 through 5th grade!

Join us for dinner at 5pm. 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

Blessing Bags!

We will be filling Blessing Bags for the homeless/shelters again this year. Accepting donations at any time. There is a bucket by the E-Free Kids Check In Table. If you would like to donate items, this is the list of supplies: (socks, mittens, hats, soap, washcloths, snacks, toothpaste, toothbrushes, small shampoo/conditioners, combs, small brushes, etc.) If you would like give a donation towards the purchase of small Bibles to go in each bag, please specify "Blessing Bags" on your donation. Thank you! May we be church who sees those who are hungry, thirsty, cold, and in need and be able to help, and show them 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 or
paddocksonsautorepair@gmail.com

January 5th...

January 5th we're back to Sunday School at 9:45am for 6th-12th grade in the 5:11 Room. We will be starting the series Not a Fan looking at the difference between being a follower of Jesus or just being a spectator cheering for Him. We'd love to have you join us!

Young Adults

Sunday, January 5

8:30 am - Traditional Service

9:45 am - Church History Survey (CH)
Gospel of John (rm 10)

10:45 am - Contemporary Service

Tuesday, January 7

6:30 pm - Anchor resumes

ANCHOR

Anchor is our young adult life group. We will 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 will resume January 23, 2025.

See Mark C. or Terry H. with questions:

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 5

- 7:45 am - Prayer (Fireside Room)
- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Adult Sunday School: Church History Survey (Chapel)
Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

Tuesday, January 7

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Anchor
- 7:15 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, January 8

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

Thursday, January 9

- 10:00 am - Halverson's Life Group (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 2:00 pm - Pickleball (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Worship Team (Sanctuary)
Women's Bible Study Fellowship BSF (Chapel)
Volleyball (gym)
- 7:00 pm - Shindelar Life Group (Fireside Room)

Friday, January 10

- 7:00 am - Men's Discipleship (Chapel)
- 11:30 am - Senior Connection Potluck (Connection Cafe)
- 1:00 pm - Mom's in Prayer (Fireside Room)

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Did you know...

In 1993, after several years of searching, the church was very happy to hire Matt Sconce as our first Pastor of Family Education. The church continued to look at our styles of worship and music, adding contemporary worship choruses. And in 1994 a large group of men were blessed by attending the Promises Keepers conference.

Memorial Book Entry

Back in November of 2009 to the glory of God, in loving memory of David Kalmi a memorial gift towards Sanctuary Projection Equipment was presented by his family.

Friday AM Men's Discipleship

Join us from 7:00-7:50 am for Friday AM Men's Discipleship. We are starting a new book this week, Hearing God by Dallas Willard. Contact Pastor Eric for a copy (\$15).

Barnabas groups

In a Barnabas group we are committed to pray and care for one or a few of our Global Partners. A group usually meets for prayer quarterly or bi monthly. Please, inquire with Peter Eriksson or Pastor Eric if you are interested in praying and caring for a specific Global Partner. Call Paul T. 218-759-9026 for any questions.

Mere Christianity

Are you interested in reading Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis in 2025? Pick up a copy for sale in the Connection and join the Podcast Read-along. Each month we'll read a short section of the book and discuss it on an episode of the Deeply Devoted Podcast. Grab your copy and read Book 1 before the January 14th episode is posted. For more info, contact Pastor Eric.