

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Mary Larson, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

To God Be The Glory (Hymn #72)

At Calvary (Hymn #510)

You Are My All in All

Offering & Prayer

Handbells: "Caribbean Praise on O For a Thousand Tongues"

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:33-39, Paul Thomas

Message: Out with the Old; In with the New, Pastor Eric Nygren

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Benediction

Women's Overflow

Ladies! Join us Monday, March 31st at 6:30 PM as we hear from Dr. Gale Struthers, Director of Biblical Studies at Oak Hills Christian College, as she speaks on "Women at the Cross and Tomb". Stop by the Women's Min table in the Connection Cafe and sign up!

Newcomers Lunch

Have you started coming to E-Free Bemidji recently? Do you still feel new to our church family? You're invited to be our guest for our next Newcomers Lunch on Sunday, March 30th at 12:00 pm. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend.

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: piano & flute duet

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Your Grace Is Enough

Holy Forever

Holy Spirit

Offering & Prayer

Handbells: "Caribbean Praise on O For a Thousand Tongues"

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 5:33-39, Sarah Robeck

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The Deeply Devoted Podcast - Episode 029

We're nearing the midpoint of our Podcast Read-Along through Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis. This week on the podcast, Pastor Eric sits down with Justin Burpo to discuss the first half of Book Three: Christian Behaviour.

Men's Breakfast

Gentlemen! Our next men's breakfast is coming up on Saturday, March 29th from 8:30-10:00 am. Come hungry because we've got plenty of bacon on the menu. We'll feed you spiritually too with a testimony of faith and a brief devotional. Bring a friend!

Next Sunday, March 23, 2025

Message: Lord of the Sabbath

Luke 6:1-11, 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, March 16

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, March 18

6:30 pm - Trail Life (gym)

Wednesday, March 19

5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Tacos

6:00-7:45 pm - Kids Club, PreK - 5th Grade (Lower Level)
Youth Group, grades 6-12 (Youth Room)

E-Free Kids

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

To continue to serve our families and offer Nursery and Beginner's/Kids Church, we need more people to volunteer.

We need **4 nursery volunteers** to serve 6 times/year (every other month) - either at 1st service/2nd service or during the Sunday School time.

Beginner's and Kids Church - We need **6 adults** (3 for Beginner's church, and 3 for Kids Church) to serve 6 times/ year.

Our policy is to have 2 adults in each classroom to keep our kids safe.

There have been several Sundays where we are short and have to combine 4 year olds through 5th grade. This gets to be really tough for the kids to transition and to also teach the curriculum. Would you consider praying and seeing if God is leading you to minister to kids?

We could also use Substitute leaders on our sub list for Sundays and Wednesdays.

Kids Leading Worship

On March 30th, E-Free Kids will be leading worship during our 10:45 service. For more information go to this link: <http://eepurl.com/iYx1X2>

📷 follow @efreekidz | www.efcbemidji.org/kids

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



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

paddocksonsaautorepair@gmail.com

Sunday School

Sunday School class for grades 6-12 is using The Money Challenge for Teens. We will be meeting together in the 511 room and is being led by Matt & Shelbi Myrick.

District Blitz

District Blitz registration has ended. However, 6-12th grade students can still be put on a waiting list if a spot opens up. Contact Shelly if you want to be on the waiting list, 218-760-2821. Please get your final payment in by April 1st.

E-Free Prom

Thank you to everyone who helped with E-Free prom! It takes many hands to make it go smooth! Thank you!

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Young Adults

Sunday, March 16

8:30 am - Traditional Service

9:45 am - Gospel of John (Room 10)
Church History Survey (Ch)

10:45 am - Contemporary Service

7:00 pm - CRU Women
(BSU library, 3rd floor)

Tuesday, March 18

6:30 pm - Anchor Life Group

Wednesday, March 19

7:15 pm - CRU Men (BSU, south
Conference Room of lower union)

Thursday, March 20

6:30 pm - Volleyball (gym)

7:30 pm - CRU Large Group (BSU
Crying Wolf room)

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 is on BSU campus for the spring semester. Open to all BSU, Oak Hills, NW Tech, Leech Lake, & Red Lake Nation students.

See Mark C. or Terry H. with questions: mhockeymd@gmail.com
TerryLeeHewitt@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 16

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

Tuesday, March 18

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

Wednesday, March 19

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

Thursday, March 20

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

Friday, March 21

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

Saturday, March 22

- 8:30 am - Elder Board Meeting (Chapel)

Saturday, March 29

- 8:30 am - Men's Breakfast (Gym)

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Did you know...

From 2007-2010, the church gladly used our expanded space to continue the work of our Lord. In 2008, Pastor Mick resigned. Pastor Dave Smith was hired as a Temporary Ministry Assistant in 2009, and we launched a church website that year. We used our new space to host the Servants of Shelter homeless ministry. By 2010 we paid off a short-term loan, but the budget did not yet allow us to hire more staff.

Memorial Book Entry

Back in 2017 to the glory of God, in loving memory of Ken & Norma McGuire, a memorial gift toward TV Monitor & Technology needs was presented by their daughter, Jan Mauer.

Softball Practice

Spring is here and so is church softball! Here are the first practice dates: April 7th and 21st starting at 6:30pm in the E-Free Gym. Co-ed, ages 14+ are welcome to join, no experience necessary. Contact Matt Myrick with questions 218-242-0822.

Camp Oak Hills Needs

We need to collect the following items to be made into fun crafts at Camp Oak Hills this summer.

1. Empty, clean clear (not green) 2 liter pop bottles---without lids (160+)
2. 15 or 29oz. empty, clean Tin Cans (50)
3. Clean lids from pasta sauce, salsa, etc. (100)
4. Camp themed stickers and/or stamps with stamp pads
5. Colored yarn for crafts
6. Smallish rocks that can be painted for a game (a lot)
7. Adult cru size or larger socks (need 80 pairs)
8. 3 bags of poly-fill
9. Bird Seed (2 bags)
10. Battery powered tea lights (need 160+)
5. Wood burner kit (2)

Thank you for considering helping us with these lists. We are grateful for your partnership with the camp. Please contact Becky with questions at (218) 407-0072.

Ruby's Pantry

Ruby's Pantry is scheduled for next Wednesday afternoon, March 19th (www.rubyspantry.org/location/51) at the Sanford Center.

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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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Laura Engelstad, 8:30 Music Director

Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

Giving for March 9, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$ 14,350

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 155,575

Needed YTD: \$ 159,860



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, March 9, 2025

316 onsite | 38 screens / 10 states

2 countries

SS: 12 kids | 4 youth | 46 adults

Connection Café/Misc: 77

Remaining Mortgage: \$ 27,901.83

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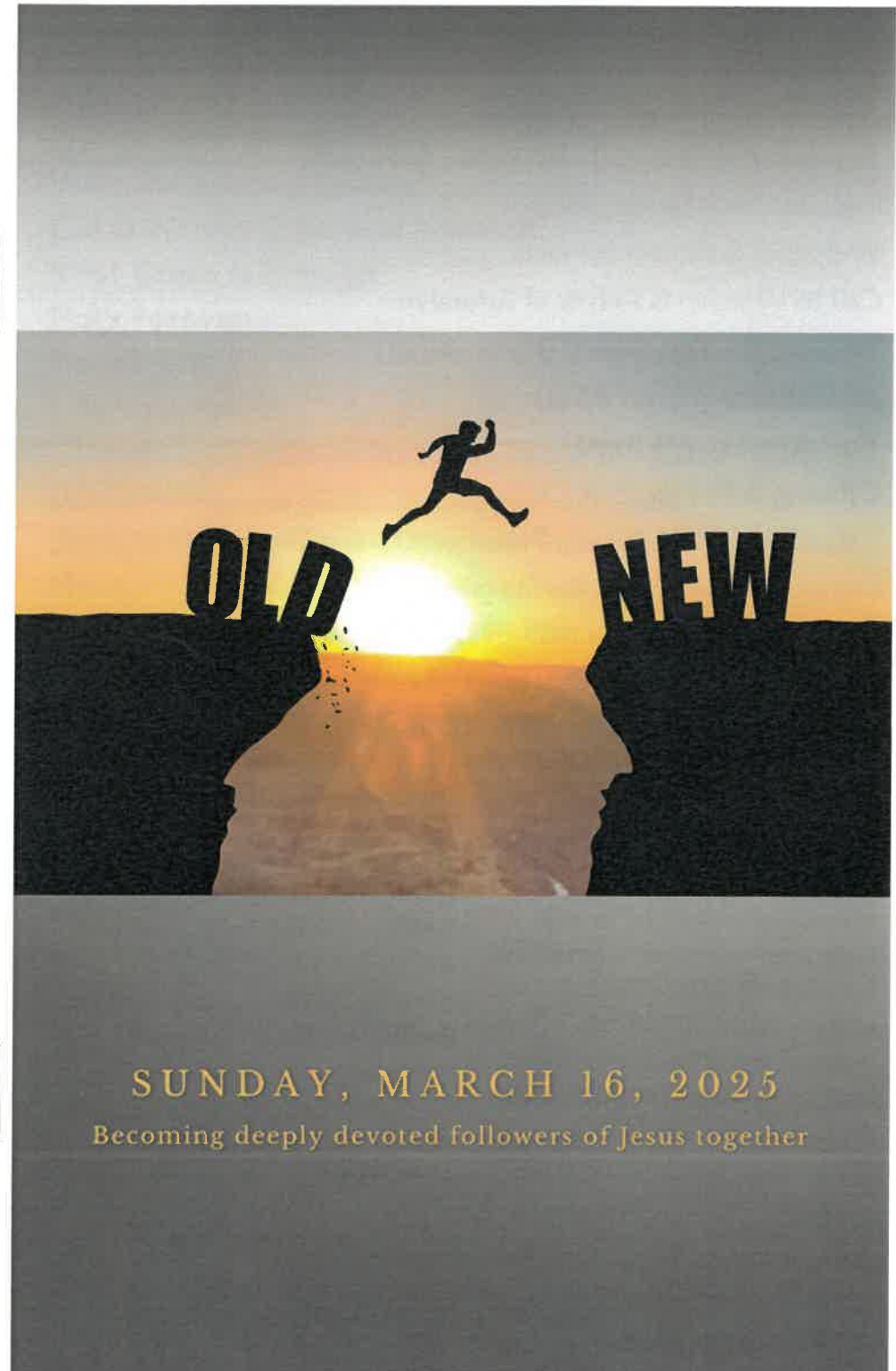
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Prayer chain: text **efreeprayer** to **94000**

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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



1. Are you someone who adapts well to change, or do you find change difficult? Share with your group about a time when you had to navigate a significant change.

2. Read Luke 5:33-39. In what ways might people today wrestle with who Jesus is and what makes him different? What "bucket" would you have put Jesus in before you started following him?

3. Would you rather speak at a wedding or share a eulogy at a celebration of life/funeral service? How would you describe the difference in atmosphere between these two events?

4. In what sense is the method, message, and ministry of Jesus (the gospel) something new? What impact has Jesus had on your life? How would you answer the question "What's new with you?"

5. If your Bible has a concordance, or if you can search in a digital Bible, look up some of the uses of the word "new." How is the word "new" used? How do these occurrences relate to Luke 5:33-39?

6. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Hebrews 8:6-7, 13. According to these passages, what makes the new covenant "new"?

7. Why might someone say, "The old is better" (v. 39)? What are the dangers that come with this attitude?

Out With the Old; In With the New, Luke 5:33-39

March 16, 2025, Pastor Eric Nygren

A problem: What makes Jesus _____? Who is Jesus? (v. 33)

A new perspective: There is a proper time for _____, but now is not the time. (vv. 34-35)

The method, message, and ministry of Jesus pointed people to something _____.

A parable: A new _____ on an old shirt won't _____. New wine in an old _____ can't be _____. (vv. 36-38)

A proverb: The _____ is better. (v. 39)

