

# Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

**Combined Summer Worship Service - 9:30 AM**

Prelude: Kay Sue Eriksson, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

**Nothing But The Blood of Jesus (Hymn #471)**

**O Come To The Altar**

**Gratitude**

Ministry Moment: Youth & Young Adults Pastor Update

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Lizzy Lofgren, harp

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:18-21, Emily Quamme

Message: Eternal CPR, Jim Hodgson, Elder

**Blessed Assurance (Hymn #514)**

**Benediction**

## Loss of a Spouse Seminar

Today, Sunday, July 20, 2-4pm at the E-Free Church in the Chapel.

Questions? Contact Jenny Hodgson at 218-556-4250.

## Giving to our Roof Fund

Our church roof suffered significant damage in the June 21 storm. If you'd like to give a financial gift, above and beyond your regular giving, to help toward these repairs, please designate it "Roof Fund."

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## July 27 Quarterly Congregational Meeting

We'll receive an update on our mid-year financials, learn about a quasi-endowment fund, and more at our quarterly congregational meeting today, Sunday, July 27th at 11:00 AM in the sanctuary.

Members are urged to attend to help us reach a quorum, and, as always, anyone who is interested in our church's ministry is welcome to attend.

## Annual Cookout & Cornhole Tournament

We regret to announce that we will not be hosting our annual Summer Cookout and Cornhole Tournament this year. We hope to bring this event back next summer. Plans are underway for our Kickoff Sunday Ministry Fair and Tailgate Cookout in September. Stay tuned!

## Memorial Book Entry

Back in February of 1983 to the glory of God, in loving memory of William E. Hemp, a memorial gift of Communion Ware was presented by his wife, June Hemp.

## Flowers

The flowers on the communion table today are in loving memory of Ann Wedekind, Laura Engelstad's mother.

## Office Manager Update

Our Office Manager, Jessica Westlund, let us know that she is resigning from her position. Her last day will be Wednesday, July 23. She will be greatly missed. Please take time to thank her for her faithful service to our church.

**Next Sunday, July 27, 2025 - 9:30 Combined Service**

Message: A Way that Seems Right

Genesis 3:1-6, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

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

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

## Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

### Sunday, July 20

9:30 am - Beginner's Church - ages 4 - K (Lower Level Assembly Room)  
Kid's Church - Grades 1 -5 (Youth Room)

### Tuesday, July 22

5:00 - 6:30 pm - Ridgeway Outreach



### E-Free Kids

#### Summer Worship for Beginners/Kids Church

Beginners/Kid's Church will be offered for the full hour during the 9:30am summer service. Kid's Church will be in the Youth Room, Beginner's Church will be in the Assembly Room. Please make sure to check in your children for their appropriate class.

### VBS Donations

This year's theme is Live It Out (Camp Theme) - Living out the love of Jesus! We are not doing T-shirts this year, but each child will receive a backpack with a water bottle and camping supplies (compass, flashlight, keychain, etc). This is your opportunity to donate. Each backpack full of supplies is \$5. Also, you can donate towards our snacks for VBS - \$5. Make all your donations to VBS if you are using a check or paying online. You can donate cash in the giving box on the VBS table in the Connection Cafe.

### Community Outreach Opportunities

#### Summer Picnics at Ridgeway

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Ridgeway Outreach  
Fry Bread truck - Come help set up tables/chairs at 4:30pm and play 9 square/gaga ball with kids and residents.

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** - Outreach Opportunity  
Bemidji Community Picnic  
Nymore Park - 5:00pm-6:30pm

**Aug 19<sup>th</sup>** - Ridgeway Outreach  
4:30pm-6:30pm

### VBS Registration Open

Register your child now for VBS:  
August 10-13 from 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm



Final VBS training today **July 20<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00am  
and will be in the Lower Level Assembly Room.

📷 follow **@efreekidz** | [www.efcbemidji.org/kids](http://www.efcbemidji.org/kids)

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

## Youth Ministry



### Youth Group & Sunday School

Sunday School will resume in September.

### Youth & Young Adults Pastor

Shane Fleming will officially begin as our new Youth and Young Adults Pastor on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Please be praying for him and his family as they make their move from Grand Forks.

## Young Adults

### Sunday, July 20

9:30 am - Summer Combined Service

### ANCH

Anchor is our young adult life group. Stay tuned for our bonfire events this summer. Contact Jesse Schmidt at 218-760-5852 or email [pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org) with any questions.



Cru has ended for the semester. Look for more info in August when we start back up again.

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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, July 20

- 9:30 am - Combined Worship Service
- 11:00 am - VBS Training (Lower Level Assembly Room)
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share: Loss of a Spouse (Chapel)

### Tuesday, July 22

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm - Outreach Opportunity - Ridgeway
- 7:00 pm - Choir (Sanctuary)

### Wednesday, July 23

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
- 9:00 am - Women of the Bible (Room 10)

### Thursday, July 24

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Chapel)
- 6:30 pm - Worship Team (Sanctuary)

### Friday, July 25

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

### Sunday, July 27

- 9:30 am - Combined Worship Service
- 11:00 am - Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### Now Hiring:

#### Church Custodian

Please pray for our Search Team as we look for a Church Custodian (formerly 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 a good fit, please connect with us in the main office or email: [efree@paulbunyan.net](mailto:efree@paulbunyan.net).

### Join Us for Summer Choir

It's time for our one-time Summer Choir: rehearse once this Tuesday, July 22 at 7 PM, sing once this Sunday, July 27. We will sing an arrangement of "Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me." You know the song; now come discover the joy of praising God by singing in a group together! Questions? Talk to Ian Trosen (952) 607-9095 or Laura Engelstad (218) 209-8190.

### Global Fingerprints Update

We received word that Global Fingerprints had to make the difficult decision to close one of its sites in South Asia. Over the past several months, the ministry has experienced heightened government scrutiny in that part of the world. They are no longer authorized to receive foreign funds. More than 700 children will no longer be able to receive support through the Global Fingerprints Child Sponsorship Program. If you sponsor a Global Fingerprints child in South Asia, you will be contacted soon by the ministry about other support opportunities should you choose to continue. Please be in prayer for this ministry site and these children. For more information, contact Pastor Eric.

## 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

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Laura Engelstad, 8:30 Music Director

Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

### Giving through July 6, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$ 12,326

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: \$ 385,087

Needed YTD: \$ 431,622

July 13 & 20 TBA



### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, July 13, 2025

292 onsite | 23 screens / 8 states

11:00am Connection Time: 153

### Sign up for text notifications

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

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

**Youth Ministry:** text **efcbasm** to **94000**

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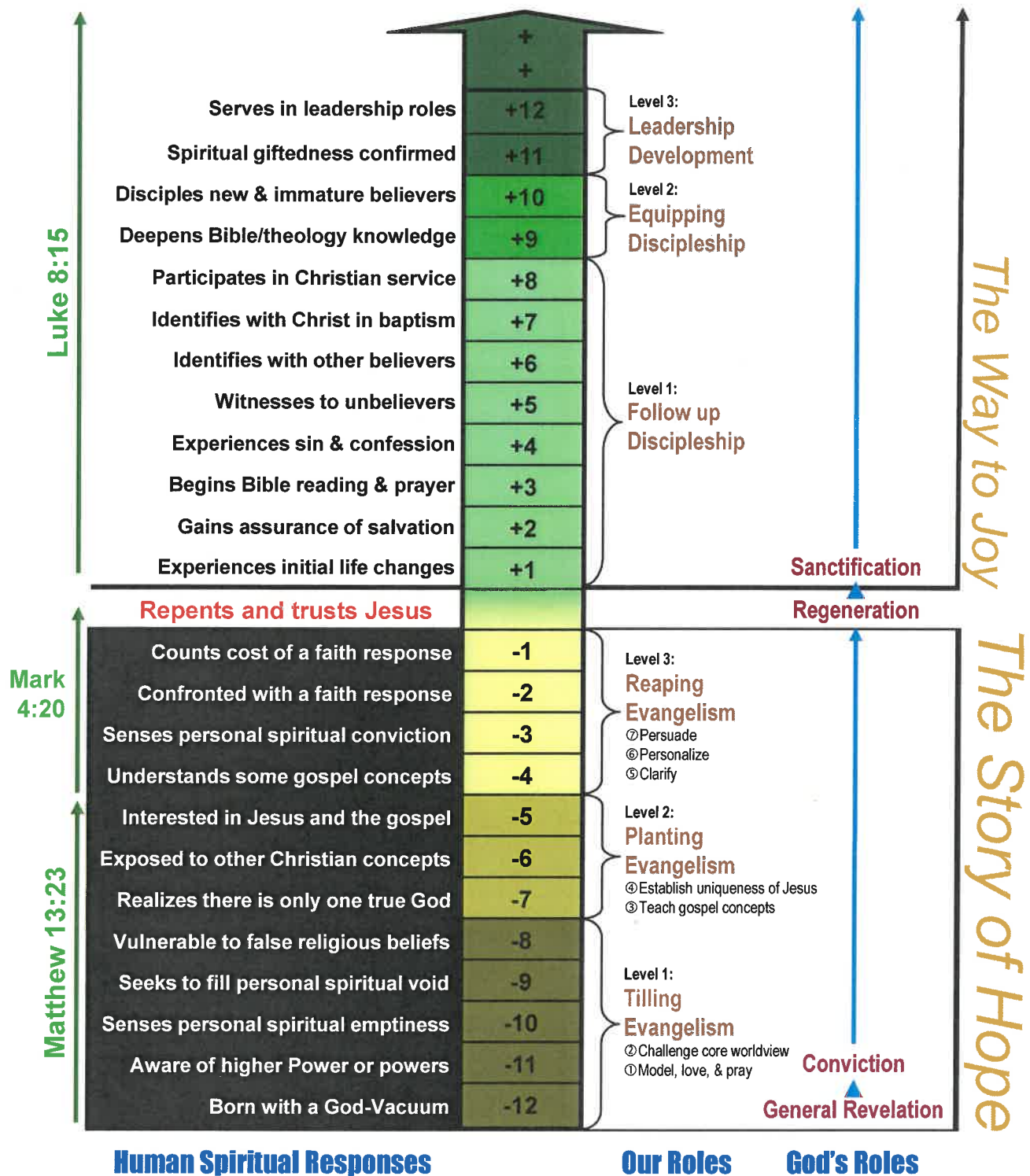
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# BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER E-FREE BEMIDJI

## July 20, 2025

# The Good Soil E&D Scale



\*Basic gospel concepts = **God, man, sin, death** (as divine judgment), **Christ, cross** (including resurrection), **faith**, & (spiritual, eternal) **life**.

The original concept for this scale was created by Viggo Sogard and later revised by James F. Engel and called the Engel Scale.

## Eternal CPR

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 on July 20, 2025

Jim Hodgson, Elder (OHCC/OHF)

Cultivating: \_\_\_\_\_ Christ-like friendships

Planting: \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' truth w/ those friends

Reaping (or Harvesting): \_\_\_\_\_ friends to  
respond in faith to Jesus

Who? \_\_\_\_\_

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