

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Giving through August 3, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$28,768

Weekly Need: \$ 15,986

Giving YTD: 452,962

Needed YTD: \$495,566



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, August 3, 2025

311 onsite | 20 screens / 9 states

11:00am Connection Time: 185

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Sunday, August 10, 2025

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Combined Summer Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Prelude: Kay Sue, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Your Grace is Enough

God You're So Good

How Great Thou Art #21

Ministry Moment: VBS

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Sylvia J., Nate & Taumi W.,

The Blood Will Never Lose It's Power

Scripture Reading: Mandi Buchan, Ephesians 5:21-33

Message: The Beauty of Christian Marriage, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Benediction

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."

The Deeply Devoted Podcast

The Deeply Devoted Podcast is moving to an every other week schedule. We're off this week, but look for our next episode to post Tuesday, August 12th. In the meantime, catch up on past episodes on your favorite podcast platform or by visiting efcbemidji.org/podcast.

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

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

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

E-Free Softball

Come on out and support our E-Free softball team Thursday nights! This week, August 14, our team begins the final playoffs at 6:30pm. Our first game is in the second bracket, so join us to find out if we're going up against Tenstrike or Calvary Chapel. **Go E-Free!!**

August 23rd Adult Grief Group Meeting

Not forgotten - an adult grief group, will be meeting at the church on Saturday, August 23rd at 10 am for a time of fellowship and connection. Those with questions are encouraged to contact Katrin Crow at (541) 410-8800 or LeAnn Frenzel at (218) 556-0350 for more information.

Memorial Book Entry

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Hattie Kortekamp, a memorial gift of hymnals was presented by a friend in 1985.

Musician & Tech forum

Musician and tech volunteers are invited to join us in the chapel at 11am on August 24th for a time of discussion after the service. Attendance is not required, but is welcomed and encouraged.

Volunteers Wanted!

Are you looking for a way to get involved serving at the church? we are in need of scripture readers for reading passages during Sunday services, ushers to help hand out bulletins and pass offering plates, and awareness team members to help monitor the church Sunday mornings. If you are interested in any of these serving roles, please contact the church office at officemanager@efcbemidji.org.

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

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 10

9:30 am - Combined Worship Service
11:00 am - Fireside Chat (Fireside Room)
6:00 pm - VBS Begins!

Monday, August 11

6:00 pm - VBS

Tuesday, August 12

10:30 am - Bone Builders (Chapel)
6:00 pm - Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm - VBS

Wednesday, August 13

7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)
6:00 pm - Last Night of VBS

Thursday, August 14

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

Friday, August 15

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

Sunday, August 17

9:30 am - Combined Worship Service
11:00 am - Fireside Chat (Fireside Room)

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Human Sexuality Sermon Series Disclaimer

Over the next 3 Sundays, (August 10, 17, and 24), our church will be continuing our sermon series on Human Sexuality. A number of these messages will contain some "PG-13" themes, so we wanted to give families a heads up. In addition to offering full-hour Beginner's Church and Kids Church, we're also providing families with an option for their pre-teens and young teens to help with Kids Church down in the youth room. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amy Graf or one of the pastors.

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.

Fireside Chat Sermon Discussion

Anyone interested in discussing one of our upcoming sermons on Human Sexuality is invited to join Pastor Jerry in the Fireside Room at 11 a.m. each Sunday. The sermon schedule is as follows: The Beauty of Christian Marriage (August 10); The Beauty of Innocence, Modesty, and Purity (August 17); A Compassionate, Truthful Response to LGBTQ+ (August 24). Feel free to grab whatever coffee or refreshments you'd like from the gym, and then walk on over to the Fireside Room for a friendly dialogue and to ask any questions that you may be wondering about.

Now Hiring: Office Manager

Please pray for our Search Team as we look for an Office Manager. The job description is available by stopping by the church office or on our website (www.efcbemidji.org/jobs). Applicants can email efree@paulbunyan.net with a letter of inquiry and resume.

Next Sunday, August 17, 2025 - 9:30 Combined Service

Message: The Beauty of Innocence, Modesty, Purity, and Human Sexuality (contains PG-13 themes)

Ephesians 5:3-14 , Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 10

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

Sunday, August 10-13

6:00 - 8:15 pm - VBS week!

Tuesday, August 19

4:30- 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 Registration Open

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



VBS - Live It Out!

This week is VBS! Ways to help and serve:

Pray, Pray, Pray!

Please pray that kids discover the love of Jesus and choose to follow Him!

Volunteer:

Even if you have not signed up to volunteer, we can use more help!

Crafts - Extra hands to help kids create crafts and memories.

Kitchen - More servers to help serve the meals for volunteers

4:30pm-6:30pm Sunday - Wed.

Clean Up - Show up to help tear down on Wednesday night at 8:30-9:30pm.

Community Outreach

Opportunity at Ridgeway - Tuesday, August 19th at 4:30pm-6:30pm

This is our final scheduled outreach at Ridgeway this summer.

Come and see how God has been working. Set up and tear down, serve food, meet new people, play with kids, give encouragement, invite kids/parents to church or to a life group, and share your faith!

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Youth Ministry



Youth Group & Sunday School

Sunday School will resume in September.

Youth & Young Adults

Pastor

Welcome to the Team Pastor Shane Flemming! Make sure to stop and give a warm E-free Bemidji Welcome to him and his family as he begins his first day with us today, August 10th.



Young Adults

Sunday, August 10

9:30 am - Summer Combined Service

ANCHOR

Anchor is our young adult life group. We will start back up in September with Pastor Shane leading the way!



Look for more info at the end of August when we start back up again!

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