

## Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

### Giving through Sept. 7th, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$16,710

Weekly Need: \$15,986

Giving YTD: \$523,719

Needed YTD: \$575,496

Roof Funds Recieved: \$3,420



### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, September 7th, 2025

349 onsite | 28 screens / 4 states

Ministry Fair & Cookout: 226

Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

57 adults, 71 children, 65 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 **efcbsm** to **94000**

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

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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



# BECOMING DEEPLY DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF JESUS TOGETHER

Sunday, September 14, 2025

# Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

**Sunday, September 14, 2025**

**Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM**

Prelude: Kay Sue, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

**O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing (#130)**

**There's Something About That Name (#104)**

**Jesus Name Above All Names (#106)**

**Like A River Glorious (#594)**

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: "Fairest Lord Jesus", Kay Sue & Laura, piano duet

Ministry Moment: Grace Marriage

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Mishel Carlson, Luke 7:1-10

Message: The Faith of the Centurion, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

**My Faith Has Found a Resting Place (#495)**

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

If you're thinking about joining a Life Group this fall, check out our latest episode of the podcast. Nate and Taumi Wilson share about their Life Group experience at E-Free Bemidji. Visit [efcbemidji.org/podcast](http://efcbemidji.org/podcast) to listen or to subscribe.

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)

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**Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

**Praise**

**No Longer Slaves**

**King Of My Heart**

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: I Lift My Hands

Ministry Moment: Grace Marriage

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Debbie Johnson, Luke 7:1-10

Message: The Faith of the Centurion, Pastor Jerry R.A. Johnson

**This I Believe**

Benediction

## Women's Overflow

Ladies! Join us for the first Overflow of the year tomorrow night, Monday September 15th, at 6:30 PM in the Connection Cafe! We'll have a cooking demonstration by Dede Helweg, and hear how God has been working in Katrin Crow's life. Bring your garden abundance and/or take some abundance home. If you have a recipe you'd like to share, bring that along too!

**Next Sunday, September 21, 2025**

Living Hope

Luke 7:11-17, Pastor Eric Nygren

## Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

### Sunday, September 14

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

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

9:45 am - Youth Sunday School (5:11 Room)

10:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church (Lower, dismissed before sermon)

### Wednesday, September 17

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

6:00-7:30 pm - Kids Club, PreK - 5th Grade (Lower Level)

6:00-7:45 pm - Youth Group, grades 6-12 (Youth Room)

## E-Free Kids

### Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers for Beginners Church and Kids Church. Please consider serving once per quarter.

### Kids Sunday School

Sunday School Begins September 14th at 9:45am - 10:35am

PreK and Kindergarten will be in the PreK classroom

1st-5th will be in the 2nd/3rd 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 7:30 pm. We meet each week in small group, large group Bible teaching, worship, snacks and games. Contact Amy with questions: [agraf@efcbemidji.org](mailto:agraf@efcbemidji.org)

## Youth Ministry



### Youth Sunday School

Youth Sunday School starts today, September 14th, in the 5:11 room at 9:45 am. Don't miss out as we go through the series, "Faker or Follower."

### Student Rally

We are taking part in a Student Rally for local youth being held at the Crossroads Church from 6:30-8:00 pm on Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. All Youth Group students are invited to attend. For More information ask Pastor Shane or email [pastorshane@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pastorshane@efcbemidji.org)

### See You at the Pole

National "See You at the pole" Day is on Wednesday September 24<sup>th</sup>. Meet up with others in our community before school at the flag pole at your school to pray over our schools together.

### Fall Fling

Camp Shamineau time is here! It's happening the weekend of October 31<sup>st</sup>- November 2<sup>nd</sup>. See Pastor Shane for registration and more information.

## Young Adults

### Sunday, September 14

9:30 am - Summer Combined Service

### Tuesday, September 16

6:30 pm - Anchor (5:11 Room).

### ANCHOR

We're diving into the Gospel of Mark. This week we will look at Mark 1:35-39, the Power of Prayer. Join us in the 5:11 Room from 6:30-8:00pm.



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. We meet Thursday nights from 7:30-8:30 pm in Memorial 240. As well as having Monday Night Men's and Women's Bible Studies.

See Mark C. or Terry H. with questions:

[mhockeymd@gmail.com](mailto:mhockeymd@gmail.com)

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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, September 14

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 9:45 am - Second Sunday Prayer (Chapel)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

### Monday, September 15

- 6:30 pm - Women's Overflow (Connection Cafe)

### Tuesday, September 16

- 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)
- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)

### Wednesday, September 17

- 7:30 am - Men's Bible Study (Chapel)

### Thursday, September 18

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Youth Room, East Chapel, and West Chapel)

### Friday, September 19

- 7:00 am - Heart of a Man: Men's Discipleship (Fireside Room)

### Sunday, September 21

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 9:45 am - Survey of Church History (East Chapel)
- 9:45 am - Old Testament Survey (West Chapel)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### Choir - Come Join Us & Schedule Changes

This year the choir will only sing one Sunday a month, and rehearse for just the two Tuesdays before we sing. Our first practice is Sept. 16 at 7:15. We need all singers, especially men. Maybe this new schedule will work well for you. Come and join us! Contact Ian at (952) 607-9095 or Laura at (218) 209-8190 with questions.

### Book Signing by Greg Giles

Greg Giles, former E-Free Bemidji member, and former professor at Oak Hills Christian College, will be having an informal gathering in our Fireside Room on Sunday afternoon, September 28, beginning around noon. There will be a brief reading from his new book, "Wisdom About Wisdom," as well as an opportunity to buy a signed copy.

### Fraud Alert

Please be careful NOT to respond to any email supposedly coming from one of the church staff that asks you to purchase gift cards or give personal information. This is a scam. Please contact the church office with any questions or concerns.

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.

### Memorial Book Entry

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Carl Olander, a memorial gift towards the Organ was presented by his wife Florence Olander in January of 1989.

### 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).

### Now Hiring: Office Manager

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Sign up at [efcbemidji.org/lifegroups](https://efcbemidji.org/lifegroups)



JOIN A LIFE GROUP

MON	TUE	WED	THU
<div>OPEN</div> <div>Paul &amp; Launa Schlador 6-7:30 pm</div>	<div>OPEN</div> <div>Len &amp; Sandi Carlson 2:00- 3:30 pm</div>	<div>Dan Evans/ Neil Hall 6-7:30 pm (Fireside Room)</div>	<div>OPEN</div> <div>Tom Halverson 10-11 am (Fireside Room)</div>
<div>Randy &amp; Mishele McKain 6:30-8 pm</div>	<div>OPEN</div> <div>Anchor Young Adults 6:30-8 pm (5:11 Room)</div>	<div>OPEN</div> <div>Justin &amp; Kara Nicholson 6-7:30 pm (Green Room)</div>	<div>OPEN</div> <div>John S. Men's Group 6:30-8 pm (Fireside Room)</div>
	<div>Johnson Life Group 6:30-8 pm (at church)</div>		<div>OPEN</div> <div>Ian &amp; Kate Trosen 6:30-8 pm (Nursery)</div>
	<div>OPEN</div> <div>Hudson &amp; Lea Cermak 7-8:30 pm</div>		

### WHAT IS A LIFE GROUP?

A Life Group is a small group of 10 to 14 adults who are committed to meeting regularly for the purpose of becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.

Life Groups are designed to be a place where people can learn together and can love one another.



### WHERE AND WHEN DO LIFE GROUPS MEET?

Some Life Groups gather in a member's home. Others meet at the church. Life Groups often come together around a kitchen table or in a living room setting that provides a good space for fellowship, discussion, and prayer. We encourage your group to meet weekly. Life Groups meet from September through May, with breaks for holidays and other special occasions.

### WHAT DOES A TYPICAL LIFE GROUP GATHERING LOOK LIKE?

Life Groups meet for around 90 minutes. This allows enough time for visiting as a group, spending time in sermon-based discussion, and sharing life and a time of prayer. Often, groups will enjoy treats or a meal together.

### IS CHILDCARE AVAILABLE?

There are some Life Groups available for families with kids, however, not all of our groups are able to accommodate children or provide childcare. Individuals may need to arrange their own childcare in order to participate in a Life Group.

### HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR A LIFE GROUP?

Sign up at the Ministry Fair in the Gym, register online at [efcbemidji.org/lifegroups](https://efcbemidji.org/lifegroups) or by scanning the QR code with your smart phone.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Pastor Eric at (218) 751-8834 or [pastorerice@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pastorerice@efcbemidji.org)





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**Friday, October 3rd**  
**Friday, November 14th**  
**Friday, December 12th**  
**7:00-8:30 PM**

Join us for this three-part event this fall and enjoy an evening of encouragement, instruction, and dessert!

Return the registration below to the church office or scan the QR code to register online.

\$20/Couple Registration Fee due at first event.



Names:

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## SCRAMBLE FOR MISSIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT

***SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28***  
***2:00 P.M. SHOTGUN START***

**GREENWOOD GOLF COURSE**

- ✓ Cost – \$50/person includes green fees and a donation to the short-term Global Partner fund
- ✓ 18 hole golf tournament
- ✓ No previous golf experience necessary
- ✓ 3-4 person teams
- ✓ Format is Texas Scramble – everyone on a given team hits their ball from the location of the best previous shot
- ✓ Food – BBQ sandwiches provided – please bring a side dish to share – we begin eating when people start arriving back at the clubhouse – bring your own beverage
- ✓ Sign up in the Connection Café Sundays, or call or text Terry Hewitt at 760-9164, or email [terryleehewitt@gmail.com](mailto:terryleehewitt@gmail.com)

**Deadline to sign up is September 23**

