

Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Giving through October 12, 2025

Weekly Giving: \$19,130

Weekly Need: \$15,986

Giving YTD: \$592,431

Needed YTD: \$655,426

Roof Funds Received: \$63,884



Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, October 12, 2025

403 onsite | 36 screens / 7 states

Sunday School Hour 167

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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, October 19th, 2025

Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Traditional Worship Service - 8:30 AM

Prelude: Mary Larson, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

My Faith has Found a Resting Place (#495)

It is Well With My Soul (#519)

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Handbells, "Christians We Have Met to Worship"

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: Sylvia Johannes, Col. 3:1-17

Message: How Do We Become Deeply Devoted Christ-Followers?,

Elder Jim Hodgson

Turn Your Eyes

Benediction

Women's Overflow

Ladies! Our October Overflow will be meeting Monday, October 20th from 6:30-8:00 PM at the fire pit on the west side of the church. We'll stay warm by the campfire singing praise songs, hearing from a speaker, and making s'mores. Stop by the women's ministry table in the Connection Cafe and sign up!

The Deeply Devoted Podcast

Catch up on past episodes of The Deeply Devoted Podcast by visiting efcbemidji.org/podcast or by subscribing on your favorite podcast platform. Send an email to podcast@efcbemidji.org to share your comments, feedback, or episode ideas.

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

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

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Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Chain Breaker

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

Graves into Gardens

Scandal of Grace

Garment

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Handbells, "Christians We Have Met to Worship"

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Scripture Reading: David Knudson, Col. 3:1-17

Message: How Do We Become Deeply Devoted Christ-Followers?,

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At the Cross

Benediction

Update from Elder Board

Pastor Jerry Johnson is currently on leave due to a private matter. We will share with you more information as we are able. During this time, we ask for your patience. If you have any questions, please speak with our Elder Chair, Jerry Drebelbis.

Giving to our Roof Fund

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

Next Sunday, October 26, 2025

From Hearing to Harvest

Luke 8:4-15, Pastor Shane Fleming

Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 19

- 8:30 am - Kids/Beginners Church (Lower Level, dismissed during service)
- 9:45 am - Kids Sunday School (Lower Level)
- 9:45 am - Youth Sunday School (5:11 Room)
- 10:45 am - Kids/Beginners Church (Lower Level, dismissed during service)

Wednesday, October 22

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

Our Kids Sunday School is going on at 9:45 am - 10:35 am in the lower level. PreK - 1st is held in the PreK classroom. 2nd - 5th is held in the 2/3rd grade classroom. Come join us to learn more about Jesus!



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

Youth Ministry

Youth Sunday School

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



Fall Fling

Camp Shamaineau time is coming soon! October 31st - November 2nd. Remember to get your forms in by the deadline of Wednesday October 22nd. See Pastor Shane for registration and more information.

Young Adults

Sunday, October 19

- 8:30 am - Traditional Service
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Service

Tuesday, October 21

- 6:00 pm - Anchor (5:11 Room)

Thursday, October 23

- 7:30 pm - CRU (BSU, Hobson Memorial 240)

ANCHOR

Join us for Anchor on Tuesday nights in the 5:11 Room from 6:30-8:00pm as we go through the Gospel of Mark.



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 a Tuesday Night Men's Bible Study and Monday Night Women's Bible Studies. See Mark C. or Terry H. with questions: mhockeymd@gmail.com Terryleehewitt@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 19

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 9:45 am - Adult SS: Survey of Church History (West Chapel)
- 9:45 am - Adult SS: Old Testament Survey (East Chapel)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)

Monday, October 20

- 6:30 pm - Women's Overflow (Fire Pit)

Tuesday, October 21

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

Wednesday, October 22

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

Thursday, October 23

- 10:30 am - Bone Builders (Gym)
- 6:30 pm - Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Youth Room, East Chapel, West Chapel, and Classroom 4)
- 6:30 pm - Heart of a Man: Men's Discipleship (Green Room)

Sunday, October 26

- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am - Adult Bible Study: Gospel of John (Room 10)
- 9:45 am - Survey of Church History (West Chapel)
- 9:45 am - Old Testament Survey (East Chapel)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:00 pm - All Church Potluck (Gym)
- 1:00 pm - Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 pm - Grief Share (Chapel)

What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

Oct. 26th Potluck & Congregational Meeting

Join us on Sunday, October 26th, for an all-church potluck at 12:00 pm, followed by our next Quarterly Congregational Meeting at 1:00 pm. Please bring a main dish and a side, salad, or dessert to share. At our meeting, we will be voting on the 2026 Annual Budget and will be electing Church Officers for 2026 (see nominees in the main foyer).

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

If you would like to send Pastor Jerry an encouraging note or card, you may mail it directly to him or drop it off in the church office, and we will forward it to him.

Bemidji Community Food Shelf

The food shelf is in need of personal hygiene products like shampoo, bar soap, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, and more. If you would like to help out leave your donations in the donation baskets by the office.

Foster the Family

The Foster Closet is in need of boys and girls clothes size 5-7. Any items brought in can be dropped off in the church office.

Officer Nominees

We will be voting on nominees for Elder, Trustee, and Church Clerk at our October 26th Congregational Meeting.

Elder: Jerry Drebelbis, Jim Hodgson, Paul Thomas, and Terry Hewitt.

Trustee: Richard Anderson, John Baer, Dan Frost, and Nicki Carlson.

Church Clerk: Kate Trosen

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.

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.

How Do We Become Deeply Devoted Christ-Followers?

Colossians 3:1 - 4:1 on October 19th, 2025

Elder Jim Hodgson

1. Identity (know who we are _____)
2. Repentance (_____ sin & temptation each day)
3. Get Dressed (_____ Jesus & His values every day)
4. Represent (_____ Jesus to others)
5. All Relationships (everything _____ by Jesus)

Visit **www.efcbemidji.org/sermons** to listen, watch, or read today's sermon. You'll find an archive of past messages on our website as well.



Life Group Questions for the week of October 19th

1. Read Colossians 3:1-17 together. What are your initial thoughts about this passage and Jim Hodgson's sermon on it?
2. As a Christian, are you a saint or a sinner, and why? What were the early church families called in Colossians 1:2, Ephesians 1:1, Romans 1:7, and Philippians 1:1? If we were sinners and are now declared to be saints in Christ, what difference does this make in how we choose to live now?
3. What are behaviors that you need to keep repenting of (putting to death or getting rid of) as a Christ-follower?
4. What are Jesus' values and actions you need to choose to clothe yourself with or put on each day?
5. What will you do to live with the peace of Christ and the Word of Christ in every situation so that you can represent Jesus clearly to others watching you?
6. How is your life with Jesus impacting your family, and how can we pray for you in this?
7. What are your thoughts about life with Jesus impacting masters and slaves back in Bible times, or employers and employees today?

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



Contact Information Update

Do you attend E-Free? Please fill out the form below, or scan the QR code to access the form on your smartphone. If you already filled in the form last year & nothing has changed, please just put your name on it & return to the office with the words "the same". **If you have never filled it out**, please do so & return to the office. I'd like to meet you!! Lex Zylka, Interim Office Manager



Name: _____
(Last, First) (cell phone number)

email: _____

Spouse: _____
(Last, First) (cell phone number)

email: _____

Address: _____

(city) (zip)

Landline phone: _____

Children's Names (kids at home)	Grade	birthday mm/dd/yy	allergies, health concerns, special needs

I am presently a college student enrolled at: _____

Please circle which service you typically attend:
8:30am 10:45am in person Livestream

Would you like:

- to receive occasional **text notifications**: weather-related & event reminders? Yes No
- to receive the **weekly bulletin** by email? Yes No