

# Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji

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Jason Robeck, 10:45 Music Director

## Giving through February 15, 2026

Weekly Giving: \$8,153

Weekly Need: \$15,986

Giving YTD: \$67,279

Needed YTD: \$111,902



## Last Week's Attendance

Sunday February 15, 2026

299 onsite

Sunday School Hour:101

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Becoming deeply devoted followers of Jesus together.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

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# Welcome to E-Free Bemidji

**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

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

Prelude: Mary Larson, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

**And Can It Be That I Should Gain? (#473)**

**My Hope Is In The Lord (#482)**

**How Deep The Fathers Love For Us**

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Choir Anthem, "Be Thou My Vision"

Ministry Moment: Women's Ministry

Scripture Reading: Nate Wilson, Philippians 2:1-4

Message: Hanging Together (Why Unity is a Survival Skill), Pastor

Paul Schlador

**They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love**

Benediction

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## Celebrate Marriage

We are celebrating marriage during the month of February. We would like to post wedding photos to remember and cherish all the marriages that have taken place in our church family. They will be hung up in the connection cafe. If you have yet to send one we'd love to see it! Please contact Mandi Buchan to let her know to include your photo. (218)766-9106

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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)

## What's Happening at E-Free Bemidji

### February Overflow

Ladies: "GAME ON" Monday, February 23rd @ 6:30 PM in the Gym! Come learn how to play pickleball OR choose a board game to challenge others in OR bring a project to work on if you're not the gaming type but still enjoy the fellowship. Questions? Stop by the Women's Ministry table to let us know you're coming - we'd love to talk with you!

### Appreciation Event for the Johnsons

Come and express your appreciation for God's faithfulness in working through Pastor Jerry Johnson and his wife, Debbie, over the past 25 years. There will be an open house on Sunday, March 8, from 2-4 p.m. in the FC Lounge at Oak Hills Christian College. Join us for cake, coffee, & punch, lots of visiting and hugs, and many great photos and fun stories from the good old days. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Katrin Crow at 514-410-8800.

### Memorial Book Entry

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert Cornstock, a memorial gift toward the building fund, was presented by his granddaughter, Tessa Johnson, in September of 2006.

### New Bulletin and Newsletter Coming Next Week!

Beginning next Sunday, we are moving to a simplified bulletin format. This will save the church money on printing costs. The new bulletin will include the Order of Worship, a few key announcements, space for sermon notes, and the weekly Life Group questions. All other announcements and event information will move to our new weekly newsletter, emailed out on Fridays. If you're not already receiving the bulletin email on Friday, please contact the office to sign up. If you want to include an announcement in the newsletter, please call or email the office no later than Wednesdays at noon.

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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.

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, February 22

- 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)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

### Monday, February 23

- 6:30 pm - Women's Overflow (Gym)

### Tuesday, February 24

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

### Wednesday, February 25

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

### Thursday, February 26

- 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 - Volleyball (Gym)

### Sunday, March 1

- 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)
- 10:45 am - Contemporary Worship Service

### Contemporary Worship Service - 10:45 AM

Prelude: Jesus Lover Of My Soul

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Call to Worship & Prayer of Adoration

**Your Grace Is Enough**

**Build My Life**

**They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love**

Offering & Prayer

Offertory: Where You Go

Dismiss for Beginners/Kids Church

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**Cornerstone**

Benediction

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**Next Sunday, March 1, 2026 9:30 Worship Service**

Seventy-Two Deja Vu, Pastor Eric Nygren

Luke 10:1-24

## Kids & Youth Upcoming Events

### Sunday, February 22

- 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, February 25

- 5:00-5:45 pm - Family Meal: Pork Sandwiches
- 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

### Shamineau Retreat 46

Shamineau Retreat 46 is April 10th-12th. This retreat is for 4th, 5th, & 6th grade students. If your child is interested in attending this retreat, please pick up a "youth retreat release form" from the church office, or at the child check-in stations. The cost is: \$125/student for the weekend. Forms and fees are due by March 25th. Meals at the camp will be included. We will stop at DQ on the way down to Shamineau, and when we head back to Bemidji. Students will be responsible for their meals at DQ. \*\*If you are available to be a counselor, or help by driving kids to Motely ( Camp Shamineau) Please contact Lex in the office, or Amy Graf - [agraf@efcbemidji.org](mailto:agraf@efcbemidji.org)

## 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)



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## Youth Ministry

### Youth Sunday School

We finished up our Bad Advice series and are moving into Proverbs - or Good Advice! Each Sunday we will be tackling a new chapter of Proverbs and discussing the wisdom and discernment that we have been given through this wonderful book. We are currently heading into Chapter 6!

### Sunday School Volunteers Needed

if you are willing/desire to lead a discussion with our 6th-12th Grade students, let Pastor Shane know. We are looking for more Male and Female leaders to help guide/teach our Sunday School Group.

### Youth Group

We are currently going through the Book of Ephesians and this series will be called "To Glory of His Grace". Each week we will be tackling a different part of each chapter as we interact and learn from such a beautiful, powerful, and foundational portion of God's Word.



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## Young Adults

### Sunday, February 22

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

### Tuesday, February 24

- 6:00 pm - Anchor (Youth Room)

### Thursday, February 26

- 7:30 pm - CRU (BSU, Hobson Memorial - Crying Wolf Room)



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



Our Anchor group continues! Tuesday evenings from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the Youth Room. Join us for fun, fellowship, bible study, and occasional Pie Nights at Perkins!