



NORTHERN BIBLE CHURCH

BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA
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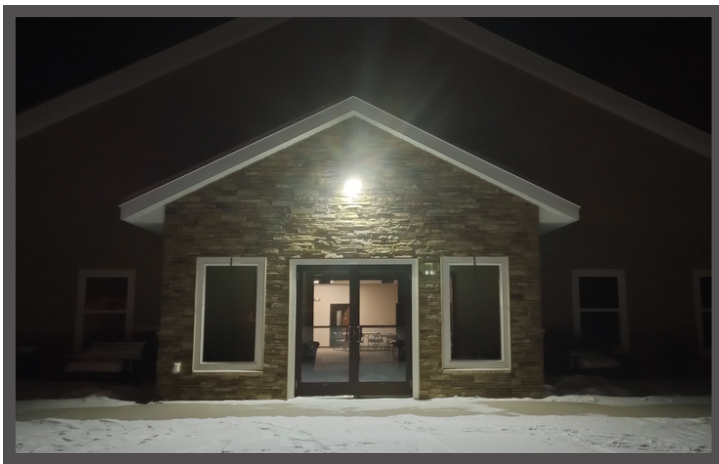
WHO WE ARE

Northern Bible Church began as a church plant in the 1940's. We are an unaffiliated, non-denominational church. We are an elder-led church with members that reflect a healthy balance of older members and young families with children who attend both homeschool and public schools. Our church has a strong focus on family and hard work. We are a genuine, servant-minded body of believers. Our new facility was built primarily by volunteer labor, allowing us to remain debt free. Members continue to volunteer their time and skills to work together in all areas of church function to make Northern Bible a special place.

We seek to continue growing in our faith by understanding God's Word, while resisting the pressure to compromise Truth for cultural relevance. We desire to reflect His Light in our lives and are equipped to share the Gospel message in our community.

The following describe our Sunday Worship:

- One service worshipping together as a body
- An average 80-90 people in attendance
- Corporate prayer
- A mix of praise and worship music with traditional hymns
- Primarily expository preaching
- Typically use ESV, NASB, NIV translations
- Open communion monthly
- Nursery provided



Other ways we currently seek to grow as believers:

- Baptism as a public profession of faith
- Sunday school for all ages
- Weekly prayer meetings
- AWANA / VBS
- Youth group
- Bible studies
- Visitations

We strive to reach unbelievers by:

- Providing financial support and prayer to regional and international missionaries
- Providing AWANA and VBS to the community
- Utilizing our individual skill sets to serve in the community
- Using the facility for weddings, funerals, and events

OUR NEEDS

The main emphasis of Northern Bible Church is fundamental Bible teaching and discipleship. We hope to call a pastor who will continue to lead us as we pursue these core objectives, but who will also lead us to carry the gospel of Christ to our area.

We are praying for a pastor who is prepared to fulfill those needs in these areas:

1. Consistently teach and preach sound Biblical doctrine derived from historical, grammatical, and literary study of a passage in context, through which the Holy Spirit impacts first the minister then the congregation.
2. Preach the Sunday morning sermon. Initiate and deliver 2-3 other teaching engagements throughout the week. (Possible options: Sunday Night Service, Weeknight Bible Study, Small Group, Discipleship Meeting, Sunday School, Wednesday Night Lesson, Youth Group, Church Retreat... etc.)
3. Be available to lead or facilitate services held at Northern Bible (Ex: Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings, Dedications, Special Holiday Services... etc.)
4. Oversee discipleship ministries for men, women, children, and families.
5. Oversee outreach, evangelism, and community service.
6. Have set office hours for scheduled visits, counseling, or other urgent needs.
7. Oversee and participate in visitation ministry of the hospitalized, shut-ins, or individuals in crisis.
8. Initiate contact with church families through calls, visitation, and Sunday morning contact. Follow-up with church visitors whenever possible.
9. Reach, engage, and encourage our members to become involved and actively serve the Lord through Biblical instruction and shepherding our church body.



WHAT WE BELIEVE

- We Believe the scriptures were "given by inspiration of God", by which we understand that both the Old and New Testaments equally and in all parts are verbally trustworthy; being written by men of God who "were moved by the Holy Spirit".
(*2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:21*)
- We believe there is one true God. The Godhead eternally exists in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that these three are one God, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable.
(*Matthew 28:18-19, John 1:4, Hebrews 1:1-3, Revelations 1:4-6*)
- We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary; that He lived a sinless life; that He is God manifested in the flesh; that His death was vicarious, that He bodily rose from the dead; that He ascended into heaven, that he is coming again, first to call the Church unto Himself, and then with the Church He will return to establish His kingdom.
(*Isaiah 7:14, John 1:1-3 & 14:1-9, Acts 1:11, 1 Corinthians 15:20, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Hebrews 7:26, 1 Peter 2:24, Revelations 20:4-6*)
- We believe that salvation was provided by Jesus Christ in His substitutionary and sacrificial death on the cross, by His burial, and by His resurrection; that all who by faith believe in Him are perfectly justified by His blood.
(*Mark 10:45, John 11:50, Romans 5:10, 2 Corinthians 5:18-21, Hebrews 2:9, 1 Corinthians 15:34*)
- We believe the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, is God; that it is through His work men are convicted, regenerated, indwelt, empowered, and transformed into Christ's image.
(*Acts 5:3-4, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Titus 3:5-6*)
- We believe that man was originally created in the image and likeness of God; that he sinned and thereby incurred not only physical, but spiritual death, which is separation from God; that all human beings are born sinners with a sinful nature, thus incurring the wrath of God.
(*Genesis 1:26-27, John 3:36, Romans 3:10-23, 5:12, & 8:7*)
- We believe that the Church is Christ's body, made up of believers who are born again by the Holy Spirit, and by His baptism are united to Christ; the mission of this Church to be the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: that it will be raptured at its completion.
(*Matthew 16:16-18, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Ephesians 1:20-24, Colossians 3:14-15*)
- We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the Church, and that they are a scriptural means of testimony of the Church in this age.
(*Matthew. 28:19, Acts 10:47-48 & 16:32-33, 1 Corinthians 1:26*)
- We believe in the bodily resurrection of the saved and the unsaved; in the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and in the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost.
(*Luke 16:19-26, 2 Corinthians 5:8, Philippians 1:23, Revelation 20:11-15*)



THE AREA



The city of Bemidji can be described as a rural community with many large city attractions and amenities. Its origins are heavily rooted in logging, farming, and lake-recreation, which are still economic staples.

Bemidji is well-known for its outdoor recreation opportunities because of its abundance of lakes, parks, forests, and public lands.



To find out more visit:

www.visitbemidji.com

www.bemidji.org

www.ci.bemidji.mn.us



CONTACT INFO

Thank you for taking the time to learn just a little about our church, community, and who we are as the body of Christ at Northern Bible Church.

If this is the type of church you are looking for, and you feel led to learn more, please contact us.

We pray God's blessings for you as you seek His will in your search for a church to call 'home'.



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