

# EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

*“To promote the supremacy of Christ  
by celebrating His love, obeying His truth,  
and enlarging His kingdom.”*

**July 2, 2017**

**WELCOME!** It's great to worship the Lord with you today. Please take a minute to fill out a **Welcome Card** located in the chair back pocket. We hope you feel right at home here.

Please stop by our Welcome Table in the main foyer with your completed Welcome Card and exchange it for a free church mug filled with chocolates and information about the ministries here.

**Worship Services: 8:30 Traditional & 11:00 Contemporary**

**Message** “Rest Matters”

Pastor Jerry Johnson

Genesis 1:31-2:3

## **NURSERY: For children age 3 and under**

We thank God for families and children! In order to help serve your needs we provide a staffed nursery at the 8:30 and 11:00 services, and during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 when noted on schedule. The nursery is located at the far end of the Fellowship Hall and to the right. The ushers will be glad to direct you. Please be sure to sign in your child and pick up a pager each week.



## **KIDS OPTIONS: QUIET PACKS AND ACTIVITY CART**

**Children third grade and under:** Quiet Packs are available at a table in the Fellowship Hall. These packs are for use during the worship services. Please sign out your packs and return them after the service so they are available for future use. Thank you.

**Children fifth grade and under:** An activities cart is in the Fellowship Hall. Please use these items in the Fellowship Hall and put them back on the cart when done.

Beginner's Church and Bay Point will not be offered during the 11:00 service this summer. Join us again in September.

## **NEED PRAYER?**

A member of our Prayer Team will be happy to pray with you this morning. Please come to the Prayer Corner on the right side of the platform after the worship service. All prayers will be kept confidential.



## **OUR CHURCH'S WEEK**

**Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
(closed Mondays)**

**The church office will be closed Tuesday, July 4.**

- TODAY** 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting – Fireside Room
- Wed.** 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study – Fireside Room  
8:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study – Tea and Gifts  
9:00 a.m. GriefShare – Fireside Room  
12:00 noon Summer Recital Series – Sanctuary
- Fri.** 10:30 a.m. Bone Builders – Chapel

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**SUNDAY:** Pray for safety for friends and family traveling this holiday weekend.

**MONDAY:** Pray for the financial needs of our church and the global partners we support. Pray that all our needs will be met.

**TUESDAY:** Continue to pray for the Associate Pastor Search Committee and the Elder Board as they consider a candidate.

**WEDNESDAY:** Pray for our Global Partners Oak Hills Fellowship, including Oak Hills Christian College, Camp Oak Hills and The Center for Indian Ministries.

**THURSDAY:** Pray for those in our church who are looking for work or better jobs. Pray that God will provide for all their needs.

**FRIDAY:** Pray for the people needed to help with our upcoming Vacation Bible School. Pray also for those who will attend to be open to the gospel.

**SATURDAY:** Pray for the hungry and homeless in our community. Pray that their physical and spiritual needs will be met.

## **NURSERY STAFF for TODAY**

- 8:30 Alisa McLemore and Jan Mauer  
11:00 Jake and Beth Kangas

## **NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK**

- 8:30 JD and Naomi Shindelar  
11:00 Aaron and Sharna Johnson

## **MINISTRY GIVING**

### **General Ministry Fund**

June 25 giving: **\$9,709**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,035**; 26 weeks: **\$312,910**

Received through June 25: **\$302,442**

### **Global Partners Fund**

June 25 giving: **\$730**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,449**; 26 weeks: **\$37,674**

Received through June 25: **\$34,016**

## **CAN I DESIGNATE MY GIVING TO THE CHURCH?**

Yes! For example, our church's Global Partner's Fund is kept separate from our General Ministry Fund. That means that all gifts contributed for missions go only for missions, but it also means that gifts need to be designated on your envelope or check for the Global Partners Fund. Any contributions that are not designated go to the General Ministry Fund.

Please do not overlook our General Ministry Fund. It covers all of our weekly ministries such as our youth ministries, Sunday School, worship services, and pastoral ministries.

Envelopes for your offerings are available on the counter in the church office. Listed on the envelope are the main areas for giving and a place to designate special donations. Forget your checkbook? You can give online at [www.efcbemidji.org](http://www.efcbemidji.org) and also by texting (218) 216-8560 with the amount you would like to contribute, including the dollar sign (ex. \$25).

## **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Technology Committee has several projects under way such as installing a larger monitor in the Fellowship Hall, having a live feed from the sanctuary to the monitor, and upgrading our wireless Internet access (when complete there will be a public access available to all).

If you would like to designate a special onetime gift to help fund these projects and more, please mark your offering as "Technology". Your financial help would be so appreciated.

# EFCB STUDENT MINISTRIES

## **SUMMER CAMPS AVAILABLE!!!**

If you are interested in going to summer camp please talk to Pastor Albin about the following: Camp Oak Hills, Camp Shamineau or Deeper Life Bible Camp.

## **CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS:**

If you would like to give to our camp scholarship fund please mark so on your offering. We have Scholarship request forms available in the main office if you are in need.

## **SUMMER DATES:**

July 12 at the Yerbich's house

July 26 at the Norvold's  
house

August 10 at the County Fair

August 23



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RECRUITING TABLE:

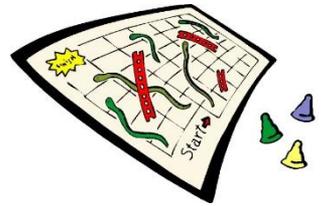
What is our summer going to look like at VBS this year? What will examining God's good gifts look like against the cross-cultural back-drop of Peru? What leadership needs do we still have? Come by our table in the Fellowship Hall TODAY and find out!



If you are not able to stop by this today, please contact Stacy Ferrin at (218) 751-8834 or [sferrin@efcbemidji.org](mailto:sferrin@efcbemidji.org) for more information on how you can help.

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: UPS & DOWNS

Throughout the summer we will have a sprinkling of children's Sunday School options for kids. This year, we are looking at valuable Bible principles using the theme of classic family games. A couple of weeks ago, we looked at the story of Joseph being sold into slavery while using the game Chutes & Ladders as our game illustration.



It really is such assurance to know that through all of life's ups and downs, God will be with us. Join us again on July 16 as we look at choosing well because it is right in God's eyes, not just our own. Our game engagement will be a classic favorite: Candy Land! Be sure to join us then!

## BACKYARD 5-DAY CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Minnesota is bringing a team of trained teenagers to Bemidji from July 10 – July 21 to teach 5 Day Clubs. During those 2 weeks they would like to teach 6 clubs at various times.

They currently have 4 scheduled and are looking for 2 more host families for the second week. It would include inviting your friends and neighbors over for 1 1/2 hours of Bible stories, missionary story, games, songs, and a snack.

All volunteers are required to do a background check, so paperwork needs to be completed one week prior to the club. For more information about CEF please refer to [www.cefmn.org](http://www.cefmn.org) or contact Becky Eastling at (218) 407-0072.

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

## CONGRATULATIONS!



We rejoice with Jonathan and Heidi Carpenter on the birth of their daughter. Faithful Justine was born on Thursday, June 29, at 6:30 a.m., weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces and measuring 21¾ inches long.

## LET'S PRAY

1 Peter 5:6-7 says "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." Come to the Fireside Room TODAY, July 2, at 6:00 p.m. to join with other believers in praying for one another and for the needs of our church.



## LIMARII FUNDRAISER - LAST CHANCE TO GIVE SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Franklin and Lorina Limariis will be sharing during the Sunday School hour next Sunday, July 9. After the 11:00 service, we will have a free-will-offering Taco Bar and silent auction in the Multipurpose Room.

We are looking for people both to help with this event and to donate items for the silent auction. Items can be small or large, simple or unique... put together a themed basket, offer a service you do, put in an item you sell or have made, or bake something, etc. Used items are welcome if they are in decent shape. Feel free to put in a business card or brochure to advertise.

If you are interested in either helping or donating, please contact Maria Raukar at (218) 444-0089 or drop off your items in the Prime Time room by Friday, July 8 but bring baked goods the morning of July 9. Thank you!

Please be praying about whether you would like to be part of the Limariis' monthly support team, giving above what you already give to the global outreach and general funds. Most importantly, pray that God will meet their needs and prepare the way for ministry in the Solomons, so that people can read about Jesus in their own language.

## **HELP WITH DRUG/ALCOHOL - FACE IT TOGETHER**

If you are looking for help for yourself or someone you love, consider contacting a local Bemidji organization called, "Face It Together." This is not a Christian ministry, but it is a good local resource that may be of help. They are located at 408 Beltrami Avenue NW, (218) 444-9494. Information brochures are available in the Fellowship Hall.

## **SERMON SNEAK PEEK**

July 9, "Responding to the Needs around Us,"  
Steve and Kathy Austvold

July 16, "The Body: a Church Physical," Karl Salscheider

July 23, "Paul's Prayer, Passion & Presentation for His People," Huron Claus

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **MEN'S SOFTBALL**

There is no softball this week due to the Holiday, come join us next Tuesday, July 11, as we play Solway. Call Jake Kangas at (218) 766-4122 if you want to join the team this summer or with any questions.

### **SUMMER RECITAL SERIES**

The Bemidji Area Church Musicians welcome everyone to a recital featuring Scholarship recipients: Anna Eriksson, McKayla Carter, and MacKensey Thunem, Wednesday, July 5, at 12:00 noon in our Sanctuary. A freewill offering will be received to support BACM music scholarships. Lunch is served following the concert. Costs vary.

### **MEET-AND-GREET WITH LUKE GIBBONS**

Join us for a missionary meet-and-greet for Luke Gibbons, son of Michael and Emilie (Global Partners in Toulouse, France) as he prepares to join the Mission Field in France! Come for French Crepes to hear more about the work and needs Luke will have.

This will be held at JD and Naomi Shindelar's home (2306 Ash Avenue NW Apt 5) on Saturday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Naomi at (218) 760-3321 for more details.

## **CAMPFIRE CHATS**

Ladies, you are invited to come and sit by the fire a few nights this summer. Join us at the church fire pit 7:00 p.m. on July 13 and August 24 for some fellowship, guitar music, marshmallow roasting and to hear from some ladies what God has been doing in their lives. Bring a chair and a friend!

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR NORMA TIMMONS**

Norma Timmons age 90, went to be with her Lord Saturday, May 27. Her memorial service will be at the Olson Schwartz Funeral Home on Saturday, July 22 at 10:30 a.m. Family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

## **ABUNDANCE CONFERENCE**

Ladies, you can still register for the Abundance Conference on September 29-30. Please contact Robin Hewitt at (218) 556-4847 to do so. We still have a few seats left on the bus....is one of them yours?!

# **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**9:45-10:45 a.m.**

All sessions will be held in the Youth Room unless otherwise noted. Please note that events may be subject to change. Follow the bulletin for updates.

\* Nursery for children ages birth through 3 and a class for children ages 4 through fifth grade will be offered during these events. Otherwise, nursery care is not provided.

**July 2 – Fellowship Hour** - Come and connect with one another over a cup of coffee and a breakfast treat. Coffee and juice will be provided. (Fellowship Hall)

**July 9 – Lorina and Franklin Limarii** - Franklin and Lorina are in the process of transitioning to the Solomon Islands. Come learn more about their ministry plans and how we can partner with them.

**July 16 – Hymns of Our Heritage** - Kenneth Wold, our choir director and retired music instructor at Oak Hills Christian College, will lead us in singing a selection of hymns and teach us more about our musical heritage as Christians.

# KEEP IN TOUCH

**Pastoral Emergency Care Phone:** (218) 760-7424

**[www.efcbemidji.org](http://www.efcbemidji.org):** Visit our website to keep up to date with what is going on in the church as well as getting the bulletin, sermons, calendar, and staff emails.

**[pray@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pray@efcbemidji.org):** Email or call the Church Office, (218) 751-8834 with your requests. Join our prayer team by emailing **[pray@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pray@efcbemidji.org)** and typing "Subscribe" in the subject line.

**Hearing Assistance:** Church hearing assistance system receivers are available in the church office.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **BEMIDJI COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF**

The Food Shelf is always in need of pancake mix. A bit of info: you can get a box for a dollar at the Dollar Store by Marketplace Foods. It would be great to have that shelf always filled at the Food Shelf.

### **NATIVE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE – “UNITED”**

This conference is co-hosted by Oak Hills Center for Indian Ministries and CHIEF, Inc. Speakers will include Ryan O’Leary, Vern Charette, Daron Butler, and Dr. Winfred Neely. We are excited to have “United in Christ” in our church building. This national conference is for anyone interested in Native First Nations ministry. Join us Thursday through Saturday, July 20-22. Registration materials are available on the Foyer bulletin board or by visiting **[www.centerforindianministries.org](http://www.centerforindianministries.org)**.

### **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

Improve your leadership influence with world-class leadership training and encouragement available right here in Bemidji via simulcast. Speakers include Facebook CEO Sheryl Sandberg, Andy Stanley, Professor Angela Duckworth, Bill Hybels, Immaculee Ilibagiza, Gary Haugen, comedian Michael Jr. and many more. Register now at **[www.willowcreek.com/summit](http://www.willowcreek.com/summit)**.

This event is being hosted at our church Thursday and Friday, August 10-11. Gain vision, inspiration, and practical skills to lead in your home, business, church, and community.

If you are part of our church, enter the Priority Code “PHS17TEAM” to get the best price of \$89 until July 11. After that, the price increases by \$30.