

# EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

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

**July 23, 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**      “Paul’s Prayer, Passion & Presentation  
for His People”      Huron Claus

**8:30 Choir Anthem**      “A Mansion, Robe and Crown”

## **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)**

- TODAY** 9:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting – Youth Room  
7:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School Mtg. – Conference Rm.
- Tues.** 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room  
10:30 a.m. Bone Builders – Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Softball vs. St. Phillips – Softball Field
- 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  
6:30 p.m. Summer Youth Group – Norvold's
- Fri.** 10:30 a.m. Bone Builders – Chapel  
11:30 a.m. 55+ Picnic – Lakefront by Paul and Babe

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**SUNDAY:** Pray for the Eriksson's and those on the Uganda trip  
July 16 – August 2 through Hands of Action.

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

**TUESDAY:** Pray for safety for the men's softball team as they  
play tonight. Pray God will be honored by their sportsmanship.

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

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

**FRIDAY:** Pray for our Global Partners Franklin and Lorina Limarii  
as they prepare for their ministry in The Solomons.

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

## **NURSERY STAFF for TODAY**

- 8:30 Jan Mauer and Jan Conway  
11:00 Aaron and Sharna Johnson

## **NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK**

- 8:30 Tracy Parthun and Joan Ditty  
11:00 Aaron and Sharna Johnson

## **MINISTRY GIVING**

### **General Ministry Fund**

July 16 giving: **\$7,210**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,035**; 29 weeks: **\$349,015**

Received through July 16: **\$338,583**

### **Global Partners Fund**

July 16 giving: **\$595**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,449**; 29 weeks: **\$42,021**

Received through July 16: **\$37,961**

## **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 it.

## **CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS**

If you want 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 26 at the Norvold's house-

*51602 County RD 36, Bemidji*

August 10 at the County Fair

August 23 at the Eastling's House



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## IMPORTANT VBS LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Are you signed up on our Vacation Bible School leadership team? Thinking about it? Wondering what that week will look like or what needs we still have? We have two important leadership meetings on the calendar.



Please plan to come! We will be meeting on TODAY, July 23 and Sunday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUP LEADERS

We are in need of a just a few more folks that are willing to offer two hours of their evening August 14-17 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. to serve as a grade level small group leaders.



These leaders do not need to prepare lessons or materials. They just need to come prepared to pour into relationships with kids and move throughout our stations with their crew.

Contact Stacy Ferrin at (218) 751-8834 or [sferrin@efcbemdiji.org](mailto:sferrin@efcbemdiji.org).

## VBS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

VBS pre-registration is now open for kids Pre-K through Grade 5! Registration is available in-person at the table in the Fellowship Hall or online, at:



<https://vbspro.events/p/events/efree2017>.

Please fill out the form completely, including any allergy or medical information that will be helpful for us and we prepare for your child's attendance.

## VBS SNACK DONATION CARDS

One of our favorite stops every night at VBS is our snack station. With our cross-cultural theme, kids will get a chance to sample some Peru-inspired snacks.

If you are interested in donating needed items, you will find snack need cards on the VBS table in the Fellowship Hall. Food may be dropped off beginning August 6 in the kitchen off the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS



## **IT'S OFFICIAL!**

We rejoice with Scott and Mandi Buchan in the adoption of their son Landyn Scott. Landyn was born March 21, 2016; his adoption into the Buchan family was completed on July 19.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

We rejoice with Andrew and Alicia Kriens on the birth of their son. Waylon Thomas was born on Wednesday, June 28, at 11:38 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measuring 20 inches long.



## **NEW PUBLIC EFREE WI-FI**

We have set-up a new Wi-Fi for the building, feel free to use the Wi-Fi while at church.

Username: EFCB-Public

Password: efreebemidji

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

TODAY, July 23, we will hold our quarterly congregational business meeting in the Youth Room at 9:45 a.m. The congregation will receive various reports, we will also be voting on new Members and the Nominating Committee. It is open to anyone who would like to attend, but only church members may vote.

## **SERMON SNEAK PEEK**

July 30, "Taking Up Our Cross", Mark 8:34-38

August 6, "Adopting a People Group", Paul Thomas preaching

August 13, "Jealously & Betrayal", Genesis 37

# Summer

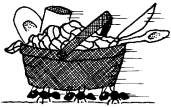
# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **MEN'S SOFTBALL**

Come support our team Tuesday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m. as they face St. Phillips at our ball field. Call Jake Kangas at (218) 766-4122 with any questions.

## **SUMMER RECITAL SERIES**

The Bemidji Area Church Musicians welcome everyone to a recital featuring Glenn Seibel on euphonium and Wayne Hoff on piano, Wednesday, July 26, at 12:00 noon at United Methodist Church. A freewill offering will be received to support BACM music scholarships. Lunch is served following the concert. Costs will vary.



## **55+ PICNIC**

The 55+ Club will meet Friday, July 28, at 12:00 noon for a picnic lunch. Join us in the Pavilion at the lakefront by the Paul and Babe statues. Bring a bag lunch, beverage and a lawn chair. After lunch we will drive over to Scott and Laura Engelstad's home, 406 Meadow Court NE, to view their beautiful flower garden. Call Caroline Story at (218) 333-3774 with any questions. Please come and bring a friend.

## **COME FOR DESSERT**

Jose and Laura de Dios, one of our Global Partners who are serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators, will be sharing about their ministry next Sunday, July 30 at 6:00 p.m. hosted by Mike Fritz at the home of Dwight and Josie Fultz. Come enjoy some dessert and fellowship and hear what God is doing around the world. 2310 South Lake Irving Drive, Bemidji. (Call for directions: (612) 770-9198)

## **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 30 – Ask the Experts** - Come prepared with your puzzling questions about the bible and theology! Our panel will include Dr. Gale Struthers and Dr. Fred Martin. You are welcome to submit questions in advance—contact Micah Carpenter ((218) 751-8834, [mcarpenter@efcbemidji.org](mailto:mcarpenter@efcbemidji.org)) if you would like to do this.

**August 6 – 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, accompanied by Laura Engelstad and guest vocalist Dan Utter.

**August 13 – Jose and Laura de Dios** - Hear from our global partners working with Wycliffe Bible Translators. We will also hear stories of those who have gone on short term mission trips this summer, including **Peter, Kay Sue, Anna, and Matthew Eriksson**, regarding their trip to Uganda with *Hands of Action*. We will also hear reports from local camp ministries.

## KEEP IN TOUCH

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

**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:** 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

## **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".

## **RED LAKE ADVENTURE CAMP AT CAMP OAK HILLS**

The Red Lake Adventure Camp will be held at Camp Oak Hills, Sunday, July 30 to Friday, August 4. This important ministry gives children of the Red Lake Indian Reservation an opportunity to hear the Gospel, build relationships with caring adults, and experience fun activities in a safe environment.

We are planning to reach 55 campers and teen volunteers. Your prayer, financial support and volunteer service is needed for the Red Lake Adventure Camp to be fruitful. The cost for each camper is \$125. If you would like to sponsor a child, commit to praying, and volunteer, please sign up at the table in the fellowship hall.

For more information, please contact Scott Buchan, (218) 444-4085 or Corey & Ellie St. Peter at (218) 760-9086 and (218) 760-9532.

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

NOW is a great time to purchase school supplies for OCC Shoeboxes! Did you know that in many areas of the world children are not allowed to attend school if they don't provide their own school supplies? You can help children receive an education (something we often take for granted). With school just around the corner, deals on school supplies are easy to find. Some of the items I like to include in my shoeboxes include: spiral notebook or notebook paper, pencils and pencil sharpeners, pens, compass, protractor, colors, color pencils, etc.

I also like to include an item of clothing, bar of soap, washcloth, toothbrush, and a WOW item – stuffed animal, toy, sports item, homemade item, flip flops/shoes. If you want to find out more, go to [www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org) or call Anna Johnson, (218) 444-7256. Also, don't forget that a donation of \$9.00 for each shoebox helps defray shipping costs.