

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

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

July 30, 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	“Taking Up Our Cross”	Pastor Jerry Johnson
	Mark 8:34-38	
Offertory	Dorothy Salscheider and Lynnea Kaehne	

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)**

- Tues.** 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room
10:30 a.m. Bone Builders – Chapel
- Wed.** 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study – Fireside Room
9:00 a.m. GriefShare – Fireside Room
- Thurs.** 6:30 p.m. Elder Meeting – Conference Room
- Fri.** 10:30 a.m. Bone Builders – Chapel

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

- SUNDAY:** Continue to pray for the Associate Pastor Search Committee and the Elder Board as they consider a candidate.
- MONDAY:** Pray for those in our church who are looking for work or better jobs. Pray that God will provide for all their needs.
- TUESDAY:** Pray for our Global Partners Andrew and Heidi Kellogg as they serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators.
- WEDNESDAY:** Pray for the Eriksson's and those on the Uganda trip July 16 – August 2 through Hands of Action.
- THURSDAY:** Pray for the hungry and homeless in our community. Pray that their physical and spiritual needs will be met.
- FRIDAY:** Pray as we prepare and recruit for our fall ministries.
- SATURDAY:** Pray for the financial needs of our church and the global partners we support. Pray that all our needs will be met.

NURSERY STAFF for TODAY

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

NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK

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

MINISTRY GIVING

General Ministry Fund

July 23 giving: **\$10,913**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,035**; 30 weeks: **\$361,050**

Received through July 23: **\$349,496**

Global Partners Fund

July 23 giving: **\$655**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,449**; 30 weeks: **\$43,470**

Received through July 23: **\$38,616**

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 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:

August 10 at the County Fair

- We will be meeting at the church and driving together at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to meet us at the fair at 6:30 p.m. you can do so. Please bring money for entry as well as food or games! (\$5+)

August 23 at the Eastling's House



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

IMPORTANT VBS LEADERSHIP MEETING

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 another important leadership meeting on the calendar. Please come! We will be meeting next Sunday, August 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. We will see you there!

VBS SMALL GROUP LEADERS

We are in need of just a few more folks 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 Stact Ferrin at (218) 751-8834 or 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

HELP US WELCOME OUR NEW FACILITY SUPERVISOR!

Ron Bodenheimer has accepted the Trustee Board's invitation to be our new Facility Supervisor. Ron starts Monday, July 31.

NEW PUBLIC WI-FI IN OUR CHURCH BUILDING

Username: EFCB-Public

Password: efreebemidji



THE LORD'S SUPPER

Next Sunday, August 6, the Lord's Supper will be served in both morning worship services. All who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to participate. Please take some time to reflect upon your walk with the Lord and your relationships with other Christians. 1 Corinthians 11:28 says, "We ought to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup." The Lord's Supper represents the Christian's union with Jesus and his or her unity with other believers.

Therefore, prepare by confessing any sins that are hindering your fellowship with the Lord and by taking the steps necessary to pursue reconciliation with other Christians. Then come and rejoice in the love that God has given through His Son. The Bible gives no age limits for the Lord's Supper, but children should be trusting in Christ for salvation and have some understanding of what the Lord's Supper signifies.

Following the service a special offering for our church's **Benevolence Fund** will be received. This fund is primarily for helping individuals and families who regularly attend our church. But, we can't help if we don't know the needs. Please contact one of our Elders today if you know of a benevolence need in our church family. Our current Elders are: Ron Bouchie, Mark Carlson, Jerome Decker, Peter Eriksson, Terry Hewitt, Jerry Johnson, Bill Oakes, Karl Salscheider, and Terry Smith. The Elder Board carefully and confidentially reviews each request for help.

SERMON SNEAK PEEK

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

August 13, "Jealously & Betrayal", Genesis 37

August 20, "Choosing Sexual Purity", Genesis 39:6b-20a

UPCOMING EVENTS

COME FOR DESSERT

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

SUMMER RECITAL SERIES

The Bemidji Area Church Musicians welcome everyone to a recital featuring Eve Sumsky on french horn, Wednesday, August 2, at 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church. A freewill offering will be received to support BACM music scholarships. Lunch is served following the concert. Costs will vary.

CAMPFIRE CHATS

Ladies, you are invited to come and sit by the camp fire at the church fire pit 7:00 p.m. on 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!

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?!

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 and typing "Subscribe" in the subject line.

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

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.

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.

August 20 – J.S. Bach: the Glory of God and Human Vocation (Tentative) - A short documentary about the life and music of composer J.S. Bach, who enscribed “Glory to God Alone” on all of his music. Micah Carpenter will lead in a short time of reflection on how Bach offers us a powerful example of Christian vocation—viewing all our work and other activities as a means of glorifying God.

August 27 – Summer Ministry Reports - Hear stories of those who have taken part in summer ministries, including Stacy Ferrin and others regarding Vacation Bible School. We will also hear reports from local camp ministries.

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.

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, TODAY, 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 and 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 are: 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 or call Anna Johnson, (218) 444-7256. Also, don't forget that a donation of \$9.00 for each shoebox helps defray shipping costs.

