

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

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

August 13, 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 “Jealousy and Betrayal” Pastor Jerry Johnson
Genesis 37:1-11

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 12:15 p.m. Vacation Bible School Mtg. – Conference Rm.

Mon. – Thurs.

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School – Community Life Cntr.

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

Fri. 10:30 a.m. Bone Builders – Chapel

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SUNDAY: Pray as we prepare and recruit for our fall ministries.

MONDAY: Pray for the hungry and homeless in our community.

Pray that their physical and spiritual needs will be met.

TUESDAY: Continue to pray for the Associate Pastor

Candidating weekend August 26 – 27 with Jim Hodgson.

WEDNESDAY: Pray for those in our church who are looking for

work or better jobs. Pray that God will provide for all their needs.

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

FRIDAY: Pray for our Global Partners Steve and Bonnie Hanson as they serve with Timber Bay and Youth Investment.

SATURDAY: Pray for opportunities to witness to our community.

NURSERY STAFF for TODAY

8:30 CJ and Tammy McCray

11:00 Kandi Paddock and Katie Guntzel

NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK

8:30 Pam Erickson and Justine Guderian

11:00 Peter and Kay Sue Eriksson

MINISTRY GIVING

General Ministry Fund

August 6 giving: **\$11,820**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,035**; 32 weeks: **\$385,120**

Received through August 6: **\$371,501**

Global Partners Fund

August 6 giving: **\$1,173**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,449**; 32 weeks: **\$46,368**

Received through August 6: **\$40,214**

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

THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN US THIS SUMMER!!!

- We have a few more times we are meeting this summer!
Please join us as we finish our series on 5 Faith Skills we should all know. Our last summer meeting is August 23!

SUMMER DATES:

August 10 **at the County Fair** (as long as it doesn't rain)

If it Rains we will just be hanging out at the church!!!!

- Many students are entering the 4H judging at the fair this year, we are going to show them some support Thursday night! 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

FINAL VBS LEADERSHIP MEETING



ALL VBS LEADERS, please plan to attend our final leadership meeting at 12:15 p.m. in the Conference Room.

We will be going over final reminders and updates before our official launch on Monday.

T-shirts and other materials will be available to those who have not picked them up already. See you then!

FINAL VBS PRE-REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITY

Vacation Bible School pre-registration is open through TODAY for kids Pre-K through Grade 5 attending VBS this coming week!

Registration is available in-person at the table in the Fellowship Hall or online, at:

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



FINAL VBS FOOD ITEMS STILL NEEDED

If you are interested in donating needed snack items, you will find some remaining snack cards on the VBS table in the Fellowship Hall. Non-refrigerated food may be dropped in the blue tote in Stacy Ferrin's office. Refrigerated items may be left in the fridge in the kitchen off the Fellowship Hall. Please clearly mark all items for VBS. Thank you!



VBS PRAYER REQUESTS



Here is how you can pray specifically for our needs this coming week:

LEADERS- Please pray for health and energy. Please pray for the challenges that arise during the week and afford them the opportunity to dig-in each night, energized to pour into the relationships they will be making with children attending.

CHILDREN- Please pray for the children who come, that they will come to know God in a very real and personal way. Pray that what they learn about this week will carry over into their everyday life. Please pray for the families that these children go home to. The impact of the week can be far-reaching.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

ASSOCIATE PASTOR CANDIDATING WEEKEND

We are pleased to announce Jim Hodgson as our candidate for Associate Pastor! Please join us for his candidating weekend August 26-27.

On Saturday, August 26, join us for donuts and coffee and Q/A time with Jim in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Then, on Sunday, August 27, Jim will preach in both services. Between services there will be a Q/A time in the Youth Room at 9:45 a.m.

There will be a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, August 27, at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary to vote on Jim as our Associate Pastor.

CONGRATULATIONS SOFTBALL TEAM

Congratulations to the men's softball team! They finished the regular season with a 14 – 4 record. In the playoffs July 30 – August 8 they have been undefeated. Tuesday night, August 8, they finished the season placing first in the Championship game. Way to go guys!



**Thank
YOU!**

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for all the prayers, cards and thoughts during this time. We appreciate all the support and everyone who came to Chuck's funeral.

-Chuck

Brown's family

SERMON SNEAK PEEK

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

August 27, Candidating Weekend

September 3, Pastor Albin Sterneman preaching

UPCOMING EVENTS

55+ CLUB LUNCHEON

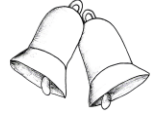
The 55+ Club will not meet in August. We will meet on September 22. Have a good rest of the summer!

SUMMER RECITAL SERIES

The Bemidji Area Church Musicians welcome everyone to a recital featuring Jennifer (Paquette) Ellis on piano and fold harp, Wednesday, August 16, at 12:00 noon at Calvary Lutheran Church. A freewill offering will be received to support BACM music scholarships. Lunch is served following the concert. Costs will vary.

WEDDING RECEPTION INVITATION

Becca Shindelar and Kyle Herbstritt were married in Myrtle Beach, SC on August 4. They would love to invite the church to celebrate with them when they return.



They will hold a reception at Eckles Town Hall on August 20 from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. Eckles Town Hall is located at: 51977 Wildflower Drive.

Kyle and Becca are registered at Target, Ikea, and Zola.com.

CAMPFIRE CHATS

Ladies, you are invited to come and sit by the camp fire at the church fire pit at 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!

MEN'S SHOOTING DAY

Attention men: come join us at Gordy Buchanan Memorial Range near Cass Lake for a fun filled day of shooting on August 26 from noon – 3:00 p.m.

Bring your rifle, pistol, or shotgun, plus your own ammo. (This is a great opportunity to sight in your rifle for hunting season.) There will be a grill so bring your own meat and something to share.

If you would prefer not to shoot, feel free to come anyway for the food and conversation. There will be a \$5 charge to cover the cost of the range. The range is located at 6683 140 Street NW, Cass Lake. For more information please contact George Neill at george.timber.bay5@gmail.com.

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.

TODAY, 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 – Paul and Karin Thomas - Come and learn more about Paul and Karin Thomas' work overseas and about what life is like in that country.

August 27 – Q/A with Jim Hodgson - Come with questions for our Associate Pastor Candidate Jim Hodgson.

September 3 – Fellowship Hour and Summer Ministry Reports - Come and connect with one another over a cup of coffee and a breakfast treat. Please bring coffeecake/muffins/ donuts to share. 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.

September 10 – Ministry Fair - This a time to celebrate ministries in our church. Visit tables to learn more about our different ministries and how you can be involved, while enjoying snacks, coffee, and fellowship. (Fellowship Hall)

KEEP IN TOUCH

Pastoral Emergency Care Phone: (218) 760-7424

Wi-Fi Information: Username: EFCB-Public Password: efreebemidji

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

HELP NEEDED – FOOD SHELF

The Bemidji Area Food Shelf is in need of people to do food rescue from area stores on Mondays from 8:00-11:30 a.m. You can do this alone or with a friend/spouse. Choose a schedule that works for you – do all Mondays or two a month using your own vehicle or the Food Shelf van. You must be able to lift 35 pounds. Some training will be provided. Call Mary Mitchell at (218) 444-6580 or (218) 556-3249.

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, erasers, 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, musical instrument. If you want to find out more, go to www.samaritanspurse.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.

Wanted: Choir Members



POSITIONS OPEN: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass. No others need apply.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS: Must be able to carry light musical notes part way across the sanctuary. Must have sufficient vision to see director fifteen feet away.

EXPERIENCE: No application accepted from a person who has not sung, hummed, or whistled in the shower or with the radio.

WAGES: Satisfaction and joy in God's service.

FRINGE BENEFITS: Social Security – we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir.

HOURS: 8:00 Sunday morning, twice a month with occasional overtime (at above stated wages).

VACATION: Missed rehearsals and worship services are primarily a matter of conscience and ability to return the glares and pointed remarks of the director.

RETIREMENT: No particular age, but it is generally determined by prayer, printed notes getting too small, notes too high, sanctuary too hot (or cold), or the pianist unable to play the notes you sing.

REHEARSAL: Every Tuesday evening at 7:15.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING: A start-up rehearsal to be held Friday evening, September 8.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Call Kenneth Wold, 751-2554

APPLY: Fill out the form below; drop it in the church office.

Name _____

Voice part (circle one): Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

Address _____

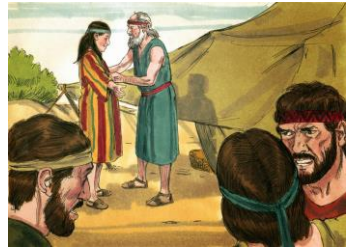
Phone _____

email _____

Jealousy & Betrayal

Genesis 29-30, 35, 37, & 39:1-6a, 8/13/17

Pastor Jerry Johnson



1. Joseph's family had all kinds of problems with _____.
(Gen. 37:1-11)

2. Jealousy led Joseph's family to a _____.
(Gen. 37:12-36)

3. Where was _____ _____ in all this?
(Gen. 39:1-6a)