

# EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

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

**September 10, 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** “Trusting Our Sovereign God” Pastor Jerry Johnson  
Genesis 40:1-23

## **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 begin again soon during the 11:00 service.

## **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** 2:00 p.m. Darlene Anderson Seminar – Fellowship Hall
- Tues.** 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room  
10:30 a.m. Bone Builders – Chapel  
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Wed.** 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study – Fireside Room  
8:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study – Tea & Gift Shoppe  
6:20 p.m. Kid Club – Lower Level  
6:20 p.m. Youth Group – Community Life Center
- Thurs.** 9:00 a.m. White Cross – Fellowship Hall
- Fri.** 10:30 a.m. Bone Builders – Chapel
- Sat.** 1:30 p.m. Katelyn Miller's Baby Shower – Fellowship H.

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**SUNDAY:** Pray for opportunities to witness to our community.

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

**TUESDAY:** Pray for all who participate in our adult choir. Pray for their ministry at our services and that many will be blessed.

**WEDNESDAY:** Pray for our Wednesday evening ministries and all who attend.

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

**SATURDAY:** Pray for our Global Partners Dale and Bobbie Fredrikson as they serve with Outpost Ministries.

## **NURSERY STAFF for TODAY**

- 8:30 J.D and Naomi Shindelar  
11:00 Kandi Paddock and Sharna Johnson

## **NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK**

- 8:30 t.b.d. and t.b.d.  
11:00 t.b.d. and t.b.d.

## **MINISTRY GIVING**

### **General Ministry Fund**

September 3 giving: **\$13,161**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,035**; 36 weeks: **\$433,260**

Received through September 3: **\$426,787**

### **Global Partners Fund**

September 3 giving: **\$1,115**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,449**; 36 weeks: **\$52,164**

Received through September 3: **\$44,969**

## **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).

## **KEEP IN TOUCH**

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

**Wi-Fi Information:** Username: EFCB-Public

Password: efreebemidji

**[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.

# **EFCB STUDENT MINISTRIES**

## **KICKOFF WEDNESDAY!!!**

Our kickoff Wednesday is this Wednesday,  
September 13 at 6:20 p.m.!!

We will be getting together, having fun  
spending some time in worship and meeting our  
small groups!! Can't wait to see you there!

**KICK  
OFF**

## **STUDENT MINISTRY HAS A LOT GOING ON THIS YEAR!!!**



Find us on Facebook at *EFCB Student Ministry!*

Like our page and watch for updates, events, times and  
prayer requests. This will be a primary way of communication.

## **PARENTS**

If you would like to keep up to date on things going on in Youth  
Ministries, please send me an email at

[pastoralbin@efcbemidji.org](mailto:pastoralbin@efcbemidji.org) to get on the parent mailing list.

Otherwise I will be asking for students to give me their parent's  
emails so I can get info out to you!

## **SUNDAY MORNING SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We are in need of High school and Middle  
school Sunday School Teachers! Please let  
Pastor Albin know if you are interested at  
(218) 751-8834!



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## SUNDAY SEMINAR WITH DARLENE ANDERSON

How do we reach children for Jesus? What years are the most instrumental years in a child's life? How do we make the Bible real and relatable for kids? Come spend an afternoon with Darlene Anderson, who has worked tirelessly for decades in the children's ministry arena. We will be meeting this afternoon in the Youth Room from 2:00-4:00 p.m. No childcare is being provided for this event.



## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our fall children's ministries are all launching soon! We are in need of individuals to work on the following leadership teams. Wondering where you might best fit in? Find us at the Ministry Fair TODAY for more information!

**KIDS CLUB:** Looking for two preschool leaders, grade level small group leaders and a large group lesson leader. We are scheduled to launch this Wednesday, September 13.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Looking for classroom teachers, as well as a Sunday School Superintendent. We are scheduled to launch next Sunday, September 17.

**BAY POINT:** Looking for someone to lead this ministry by teaching and scheduling other individuals to teach lessons from curriculum materials. This ministry operates for kids in grades K-5 during the last half of the second service.

**BEGINNER'S CHURCH:** Need adult and teen help for this ministry that is held during the last half of the second service for kids ages 3-5.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY AGE UPDATE

Wednesday Night Kids Club and Children's Sunday School will now offer activities for children from preschool through fifth grade. On Sunday mornings, two year-olds are welcome to join us in the nursery!



# EFCB YOUNG ADULTS

*“Our Mission is to engage Young Adults where they are, with Christ centered, biblically driven, meaningful conversations and encouragement.”*

Young adults, you are invited to a special evening worship service just for you starting September 17.

The 17th will be our Kick Off Sunday. We will go through a series called “Good Questions”. This will be focusing on what the Bible has to say about the questions that we are asking as Young Adults.

These services will be held on the first and third Sundays of each month starting at 6:00 p.m. here at the church.

This is not taking the place of Sunday morning church, but will give us a time that we can grow together.



**Join us for sobering music, challenging lessons and peer-fellowship. Hope to see you there!**

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Included one last time in today's bulletin is a "Service Opportunities" insert. Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to serve in our church. Check the ministry areas in which you have an interest.

Checking next to a ministry area does not obligate you to help but indicates that you are willing to be contacted with more information as needs arise. Only help as you are able.

Put your completed form in the basket in the Fellowship Hall.

## DIRECTORY FORMS

We need your help! Included in today's bulletin is a Church Directory Information form. We would like a form from **everyone** who considers this to be his or her church home. Sometimes our church staff needs to contact people who prefer not to have their information in the church directory.

For those of you who have been listed in the directory in the past, please fill out the form so we can confirm the information. The completed forms may be placed in the basket in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your cooperation!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TRANSITION PLANS

Our Children's Ministry Director, Stacy Ferrin, needs to step down from her staff role as her family adjusts to Ryan's new job in Braham, MN. We praise God for His provision of work for Ryan and for Stacy's faithful, hard work these past 3 years – she will be missed!

Our Christian Education Committee will be launching a CE Task Force soon to begin plans for this transition. The plan is 2-fold. First of all, we will make sure that each ministry is temporarily covered as we move into the fall: Wednesday night Kid's Club, Children's Sunday School, Beginner's Church, Bay Point, Nursery, and so on. Secondly, we will update the Children's Ministry Director job description and begin plans for finding our next staff person.

***Please pray for our Children's Ministry during this transition time.***

## **ASSOCIATE PASTOR VOTE UPDATE**

Last Sunday the vote to call Jim Hodgson as our Associate Pastor did not pass. Therefore, our elders are meeting soon to discuss the best way forward for our church. Please pray with us for God's direction for our church.

## **SERMON SNEAK PEEK**

September 17, "Win, Build, Equip, Multiply; The Salt of the Earth," Matthew 28:16-20

September 24, "Spiritual CPR (Cultivate, Plant, Reap)"

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **ABUNDANCE CONFERENCE**

Ladies, the **FINAL deadline to register is TODAY** for the Abundance Conference on September 29-30. Please contact Robin Hewitt at (218) 556-4847 to do so. We have very limited seating left on the bus, but would love to see you come! Stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall TODAY!

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you Greg Mayer for 16 years of faithful service as our church's custodian! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall TODAY, September 10 for refreshments and a chance to thank Greg for a job well done and to wish him well in retirement.



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## **BAPTISM – YOU'RE INVITED!**

TODAY, September 10, at 4:15 p.m., Dan Norvold and Stephanie Lauderbaugh are getting baptized at Oak Hills. Please join us for this wonderful celebration of new life in Christ!

## **ASSOCIATE PASTOR VOTE: PRAYER AND LISTENING**

On August 27, a congregational meeting was held for a vote on our associate pastor candidate, and this vote did not pass. Our elders are now working to discuss the best way forward for our church.

Join us TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary there will be another opportunity to meet together to share, listen, and pray about this. Hearing assist devices will be available.



## **WHITE CROSS**

Ladies, join us for White Cross Thursday, September 14, 9:00-11:00 a.m. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and work on projects for various missions. This month we will be making blankets and totes to give to various missions in the Bemidji area.

If you have questions please contact Ellen Ward, (970) 373-6548 or Bonnie Munz, (218) 333-3749.

## **BABY SHOWER**

Baby Shower for Katelyn Miller. Join us for a time to celebrate the upcoming birth of Katelyn and Steven Miller's baby boy. Saturday, September 16, here at the church in the Fellowship Hall from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Katelyn is registered at Target. Please RSVP to Belle Goscha at [belle.goscha@gmail.com](mailto:belle.goscha@gmail.com) or to Jenny Hodgson at (218) 556-4250.





## **BECOME A CHURCH MEMBER**

Our church is organized in such a way that membership is necessary for us to function. While our ultimate authority as a church is Jesus Christ, it is the congregation—believers in Jesus who have become members of this church body—who make the important decisions about our church's ministry. Members vote on the budget, elect elders and trustees, and vote to call pastors.

If you consider this your church family, we would encourage you to consider making the commitment to also be an official member. There will be a **membership class Sunday, September 24 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room**. Each person will receive a membership notebook that explains the purpose of the church, the essential requirements for membership and the key beliefs and practices of the church. Any and all questions about the church will be welcomed!

If you are interested in church membership or have other questions, please contact the church office or Micah Carpenter, (218) 751-8834.

## **SAVE THE DATE: GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR GLOBAL PARTNERS**

Partnerships are often made on the Golf course.....and YOU can support our Global Partners (church supported missionaries) by coming out to golf with us in this year's Global Partner Golf Tournament. It will be held at Greenwood Golf Course on Sunday, September 24 with a Shotgun Start at 2:00 p.m.



We will have a Golf Scramble (some clubs available if you don't have a set) and then share a meal at the clubhouse. Please bring a dish to pass. Drinks, hot dogs and brats provided. Sign up TODAY September 10 or on September 17 at the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Call Terry Hewitt (218) 760-9164 with questions! All proceeds go to the Global Partner's Fund.

# Sunday Morning Small Groups



As a church, we are intentionally developing a community of discipleship and fellowship. Please consider joining one of the groups listed below which will meet from 9:45-10:45 a.m. throughout the school year, starting September 17. All small groups meet in the Community Life Center.

## ***Digging Deeper Group: Romans***

This group is for all who enjoys digging into some of the weighty and challenging aspects of Christian belief. Micah Carpenter will be leading a class on the book of Romans. Come to learn more about and discussion this book of the Bible, which Christians have always found to be a challenging, yet rewarding and inspiring message about the gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. *(Can be taken as a Free Church Bible Connection credit.)* (Room 3)

## ***Growing in Grace Group***

This small group is for people of all ages who want to meet together for mutual encouragement and growth in their walk with the Lord. Various topics will be covered including Bible study, book reviews, and DVD based teaching. Mike Fritz and Sheryl Porter will lead. (Room 2)

## ***Men's Group***

Men of all ages are welcome to join Matt Myrick and Paul Porter for learning, edification, and encouragement toward God-honoring manhood. (Room 4)

## ***Women's Group***

Meet together with other women for fellowship, encouragement, and personal growth in the areas of discipleship and relationships. Kandi Paddock and Robin Helgager will lead in this opportunity for married or single women of all ages. (Room 5)

### ***Growing Together Marriage Group***

Daniel and Hannah Carpenter will lead this group for married, engaged, and dating couples of all ages. They will use the *Love and Respect* series which explores how men and women develop a greater appreciation for their spouse's relational needs. (Room 6)

### **Prime Time Bible Study Group**

Meet together for prayer, encouragement, and to study God's word with friends. Scott Engelstad will continue to lead in his teaching on the book of Luke. (Primetime Room)

# ***Trusting Our Sovereign God***

Genesis 40-50, 9/10/17

Pastor Jerry Johnson

The Sovereignty of God is a \_\_\_\_\_ thing.

The Sovereignty of God calls us to ...

1. ...trust His \_\_\_\_\_.

2. ...trust His \_\_\_\_\_.