

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

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

September 17, 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 “Disciple-Making: Win, Build, Equip, Multiply”
Matthew 28:16-20 Pastor Jerry Johnson

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 Small Group hour at 9:45. 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL & SMALL GROUPS FOR ALL AGES – 9:45 A.M.

Children age 3 through 5th grade: meet in the lower level of the Worship Center.

Adults and youth: meet in the Community Life Center. Small Group and Sunday School options and locations are listed on the bulletin boards in the foyers.

KIDS OPTIONS: BEGINNER'S CHURCH & BAY POINT – 11:30 A.M.

Children age 3-5: Beginner's Church meets in lower level room 6/7.

Children K-5th grade: Bay Point will begin once a leadership team has been established.

Both ministries will dismiss from the second service around 11:30. For all children's ministries, if your child is first grade or younger, we ask that you accompany them to and from their destination.

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)**

Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Trustee Meeting – Conference Room
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
Fri.	10:30 a.m.	Bone Builders – Chapel
	11:30 a.m.	55+ Luncheon – Fellowship Hall

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SUNDAY: Pray for our Global Partners Steve and Terry Fisher as they serve with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

MONDAY: Pray for opportunities to witness to our community.

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

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	Mishel and Nora Carlson and Sharna Johnson

NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK

8:30	Gene and Joni Lund
11:00	Aaron and Sharna Johnson

MINISTRY GIVING

General Ministry Fund

September 10 giving: **\$13,045**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,035**; 37 weeks: **\$445,295**

Received through September 10: **\$439,833**

Global Partners Fund

September 10 giving: **\$805**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,449**; 37 weeks: **\$53,613**

Received through September 10: **\$45,774**

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).

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.



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 request.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

School has just started and we have most of the year in front of us, we want to get off on the right foot. Over the next three weeks we will be going over some simple things to do to get this school year off on the right foot.

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 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 SCHOOL

- Middle School will be meeting in the Youth Room.
- High School will be meeting in the 5:11 Lounge.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our fall launches are underway, but some ministries are in danger of being delayed without your help. Please look below for open opportunities.

KIDS CLUB: Looking for small group co-leaders or floating helpers.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Looking for classroom teachers, as well as a Sunday School Superintendent.

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.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of our family, as well as myself, I would like to thank you for a most amazing opportunity to serve the children and families of our church for the last three years.

When we needed help in ministry areas, you volunteered. When we had shoe cutting to do for young children in Uganda, you came in force. When our family needed prayer and support, you were warriors on our behalf. We love and appreciate our church family so much!

Over the next several months, we will be reestablishing a new normal in our household, but we will not be going away just yet. We look forward to coming back as members and attenders, coming alongside you all as we all serve our church and our community.

Thank you for being amazingly you. Continue to do what you have been doing so well: supporting and encouraging our young people as they grow their young faith.

- Stacy Ferrin & Family

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

DIRECTORY FORMS



We need your help! Included in today's bulletin is a Church Directory Information form. In the past we have asked only those of you wishing to be included in the church directory to fill out the form. This year 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. Please note that the published church directory **will not** include work phone numbers or email addresses – this information will only be passed on to church staff.

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 offering plate or in the basket in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your cooperation!

SERMON SNEAK PEEK

September 24, "Win the Lost: Spiritual CPR," Ephesians 2:1-5

October 1, "Build the Believers," Colossians 1:28-2:7

October 8, "Equip the Workers," Ephesians 4:11-16

UPCOMING EVENTS

55+ CLUB LUNCHEON

The 55+ Club will meet on Friday, September 22, for a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. We will have Kay Sue Eriksson give her presentation on her and her family's Uganda mission trip. So for those who missed the first presentation can join us. Please come and bring a friend.



NEW OAK HILLS PRESIDENT INAUGURATION

The Oak Hills Board of Directors invites the public to the inauguration ceremony of their 10th president, Dr. Martin D. Giese. The ceremony will take place on Friday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Oak Hills Christian College Schreiber Activity Center Gymnasium. A dessert reception will follow the ceremony in Thompson Hall.

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.

NORTHWOODS CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S RETREAT

Ladies, plan now to attend the 8th Annual Northwoods Christian Women’s Non-Denominational Retreat Saturday, October 7, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. here at EFC. *Real Faith for Real Life* will be presented by guest speaker Robyn Dykstra, author and speaker. Her book, “The Widow Wore Pink, A True Story of Life After Loss and the Transforming Power of a Loving God,” is inspired by events from her own life.

Space is limited. Registration forms are available in the church foyer, or go to www.ncwretreat.weebly.com for more information. Cost is \$20.00 if registered by September 25, after that cost is \$30.00. Invite a friend to join you.





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!

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.

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 3)

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 4)

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.*) (East Chapel)

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. (West Chapel)

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)

The following weekday groups are open for anyone to join:

Women's Community Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Monday at Church Youth Room
Gerri Thorsgard (218) 556-9874

Young Adult Small Group

6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Bill and Laurie Oakes' Home

Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study

6:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Church Fireside Room
Bob Munz 766-6615

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

8:00 a.m. Wednesdays at Tea and Gift Shoppe
Holly Howes, 444-9400

Thursday Evening Men's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Thursdays at QFM Radio Prayer Room
John Shindelar, 760-3227



For more information, contact Micah Carpenter, 751-8834,
mcarpenter@efcbemidji.org



SCRAMBLE FOR MISSIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT

*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER
24*

2:00 P.M. SHOTGUN START

GREENWOOD GOLF COURSE

- ✓ Cost – \$40/person includes green fees and a donation to the short-term Global Partner fund
- ✓ 18 hole golf tournament
- ✓ No previous golf experience necessary
- ✓ 3-4 person teams
- ✓ Format is Texas Scramble – everyone on a given team hits their ball from the location of the best previous shot
- ✓ Food – grilled brats and hot dogs provided – please bring a side dish to share – we begin eating when people start arriving back at the clubhouse – bring your own beverage
- ✓ Sign up in the Fellowship Hall Sundays, or weekdays call Terry Hewitt at (218) 444-5691, or text (218) 760-9164, or email terryleehewitt@gmail.com

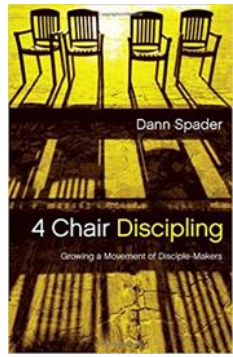
**Deadline to sign up and pay is
September 17**



Disciple-Making: Win/Build/Equip/Multiply¹

Mt. 28:16-20, 9/17/17

Pastor Jerry Johnson



**What were some key _____
of Jesus' ministry?²**

What are the ____ chairs?

- 1) Win the _____.
- 2) Build the _____.
- 3) Equip the _____.
- 4) Multiply _____.

What is _____ calling us to?

1 This Sermon series consults closely with the Sonlife ministry model and Dann Spader's book, *4 Chair Discipling*, Moody Publishers, Chicago, IL, 2014. Visit www.4chairdiscipling.com

2 Based off of the list on pp. 14-15 of *4 Chair Discipling*.