

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

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

September 24, 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 “Win the Lost: Spiritual CPR” Pastor Jerry Johnson
Ephesians 2:1-5

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)**

- TODAY** 12:15 p.m. Membership Class – Fireside Room
6:00 p.m. Youth Group Game Night – CLC
- Tues.** 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room
10:30 a.m. Bone Builders – Chapel
5:45 p.m. Handbell Practice – Fellowship Hall
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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

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 our Global Partners Brian and Becky Eastling as they serve with Camp Oak Hills.

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

SATURDAY: Pray for opportunities to witness to our community.

NURSERY STAFF for TODAY

- 8:30 Gene and Joni Lund
11:00 Alisa McLemore and Sharna Johnson

NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK

- 8:30 Caroline Story and Pam Erickson
11:00 Justine Guderian and Sharna Johnson

MINISTRY GIVING

General Ministry Fund

September 17 giving: **\$7,513**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,035**; 38 weeks: **\$457,330**

Received through September 17: **\$447,346**

Global Partners Fund

September 17 giving: **\$2,625**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,449**; 38 weeks: **\$55,062**

Received through September 17: **\$48,399**

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 two weeks we will continue going over some simple things to do to get this school year off on the right foot. Join us at 6:20!

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 at 9:45 a.m.

- 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 still in danger of being delayed without your help. Please look below for open opportunities.

WEDNESDAY 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 help on Sunday mornings. 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.

If interested please contact Pastor Albin at (218)751-8834.

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





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 Vespers evening worship service just for you. Our next service is October 1.

Vespers is a traditional term for an evening Prayer and Worship Service.

Vespers will be held on the first and third Sundays of each month 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



ANNOUNCEMENTS NEEDED EARLY THIS WEEK

The bulletin will be prepared earlier than usual this week. If you have an announcement for next Sunday's bulletin, please submit it to the church office by Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Thank you!

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

The new Church Directories are available, feel free to pick one up on the table in the Fellowship Hall.



Thank You

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for the congratulations and well wishes during my retirement reception from EFree. A special thank you to those who worked on the planning and setup of the reception. I really enjoyed my time working here and am happy to still be worshipping with everyone as we still attend church. – Greg Mayer

NOW HIRING – CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

Our Christian Education Task Force is now officially accepting applications for our 30 hour/week Children's Ministries Director position. Anyone interested in learning more should email Pastor Albin at pastoralbin@efcbemidji.org or talk with him in person. Please pray as we pursue God's person for this vital ministry position. We will accept applications through October 22.

2018 CHURCH OFFICERS

Our Nominating Committee currently is seeking those who will be serving our church as officers in 2018. If you know of someone in the church that you believe could serve well as an elder or trustee, **please check with that person and then submit his or her name to the Nominating Committee.** Members of the committee are Peter Eriksson, Holly Howes and Josie Fultz.

SERMON SNEAK PEEK

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

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

October 15, "Multiply the Disciple-Makers," John 13:1-17

DIAPERS NEEDED

Do you have extra diapers around that your child has outgrown? The Nursery is in need of diapers to have on hand for children attending at various services. Please drop off any donations in the church office or Nursery.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 TODAY, 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.



Win the Lost: Spiritual CPR¹

Ephesians 2:1-5, 9/24/17

Pastor Jerry Johnson

Can you remember what it was like to be spiritually _____?

_____ - _____ begins with winning the lost.

We win the lost...

1) ...by **C** _____ close friendships with them.

2) ...by **P** _____ genuine seeds of God's truth in their lives.

3) ...by **R** _____ a new spiritual life.

Who is in your _____?



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