

# EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

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

**October 8, 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**      “Equip the Workers”      Pastor Jerry Johnson  
Ephesians 4:11-16

## **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 meets in lower level room 3/4.

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** 2:00 p.m. Golf Scramble
- 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. Kids 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

## **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 financial needs of our church and the global partners we support. Pray that all our needs will be met.
- TUESDAY:** Pray for all who participate in our adult and handbells choirs. 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 Scott and Mandi Buchan as they serve at Camp Oak Hills.
- FRIDAY:** Pray for the hungry and homeless in our community. Pray that their physical and spiritual needs will be met.
- SATURDAY:** Pray for opportunities to witness to our community.

## **NURSERY STAFF for TODAY**

- 8:30 CJ and Tammy McCray  
11:00 Jake and Beth Kangas and Alisa McLemore

## **NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK**

- 8:30 Tracy Parthun and Dawn Carpenter  
11:00 Peter and Kay Sue Eriksson and Sharna Johnson

## **MINISTRY GIVING**

### **General Ministry Fund**

September 24 giving: **\$8,564**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,496**; 39 weeks: **\$487,344**

Received through September 24: **\$455,910**

### **Global Partners Fund**

September 24 giving: **\$652**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,449**; 39 weeks: **\$56,511**

Received through September 24: **\$49,051**

## **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:** 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](mailto: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*
- Fall Fling is October 27-29, \$30 non-refundable check due by October 11. \$130 total, scholarships are available.

## **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 start the school year off on the right. 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](mailto:pastoralbin@efcbemidji.org) to get on the parent mailing list.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:45 a.m.**

- Middle School meets in the Youth Room.
- High School meets in the 5:11 Lounge.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

If you would like to give to our scholarship fund please mark so for the offering.

# 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.



**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 some people 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.**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE

We have an open position for our Children's Ministry Director. This position oversees all children's ministry from birth through 5th grade. If you or anyone else you know of are interested in this opening please see Pastor Albin or Pastor Jerry for more information and a Job Description.



# 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 15.

**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



## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

We rejoice with Greg and Miranda Carlson on the birth of their daughter. Eliza Margaret was born on Wednesday, October 4, at 7:54 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, and measuring 22 inches long.

## **YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Our Youth Scholarship Fund is designed to help students attend special youth events that they might not otherwise be able to afford. Any donation you could make above and beyond your regular church giving and Global Partners support would be much appreciated. Please indicate "Youth Scholarship Fund" on your giving envelope.

On Behalf of our Youth, Thank You, Pastor  
Albin

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY PICTURE BOARD**

Do you call Bemidji EFC your church? Members or not, we would like to have your picture on our church photo board. Has your family grown? Have you become empty nesters or just want your picture updated? Becky Kangas will be taking pictures soon! Please sign up in the fellowship hall under one of the dates listed.

## **CHURCH DIRECTORIES**

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



## **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](mailto: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.

## **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.

## **SERMON SNEAK PEEK**

Oct. 15, "Multiply Disciple-Makers," John 13:1-17

Oct. 22, "Perfectly United," 1 Corinthians 3:1-23

Oct. 29, "Giving Thanks to the One Who is Always Faithful," Psalm 100:1-5 Brian Farone preaching (EFCA Superintendent)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **WHITE CROSS**

Ladies, join us for White Cross Thursday, October 12, 9:00-11:00 a.m. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and work on projects for various missions. If you have questions please contact Ellen Ward (970) 373-6548 or Bonnie Munz (218) 333-3749.



### **WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

*The Armor of God*



Ladies, join us for a Priscilla Shirer Bible Study, *The Armor of God*. This study will begin on Monday, October 16. We meet Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. This is a 7-week study. Call (218)

751-8834 to order your study guide (\$15). We would love to have you come.



## **CELEBRATE THE REFORMATION**

On October 31, 1517, a monk named Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to a church door and unwittingly set off a revolution that reformed medieval Christianity and reshaped the world forever. This month marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation—a movement based on convictions (such as the authority of Scripture and salvation by faith alone) which are still essential to our beliefs as a church.

On October 15, 22, and 29, there will be an opportunity to watch a three part documentary about the Reformation called *This Changed Everything*. Bringing together many scholars from a variety of perspectives, this video series tells the story of the Reformation and also raises important questions for us to consider in the present time. We will meet in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. for each one-hour session, with opportunity for discussion following.

## **CHRISTMAS TEA**

Are you interested in setting and hosting a table for this year's Christmas Tea on December 8? If you are, or if you have questions about what it involves, please call Linda at (218) 766-6659 or send her an email at [rolibo@gmail.com](mailto:rolibo@gmail.com).



## **GLOBAL PARTNER HOLIDAY HOUSING**

Michael and Emilie Gibbons (Global Partners in Toulouse, France) are searching for a home to house their family as they reunite right here in Bemidji for the holidays. They are needing a place big enough for 8 adults and 2 children from December 20 – January 5. Please contact Naomi Shindelar at (218) 760-3321 or [naomi.shindelar@gmail.com](mailto:naomi.shindelar@gmail.com) if you can help! Thank you!

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

## **BEMIDJI AREA PRO-LIFE OPPORTUNITIES**

A monthly prayer hour at Planned Parenthood of Bemidji (2504 Hannah Ave NW) will be held on Saturday, October 21, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. The prayer hour will be held in conjunction with the nationwide campaign of 40 DAYS FOR LIFE. 40 DAYS FOR LIFE campaigns will be held at 375 locations within the U.S. and around the world from September 27 - November 5. All ages are welcome. Questions: call (218) 368-9019.



# Operation Christmas Child

There are only a few weeks left to pack your shoeboxes for our 2017 Operation Christmas Child collection.

You can bring the Gospel and the gift of hope to children in areas of the world that are struggling with war, famine and natural disasters. Each child is told the Gospel story and given a shoebox. They are then invited to attend a 12-part Bible study *The Greatest Journey*, which is designed to help them grow and share the Good News with friends and family.



## Every Shoebox . . .

1. Shares the Good News of Jesus Christ
2. Blesses children with joy, hope and love
3. Gives local churches an effective outreach tool
4. Makes disciples through local churches
5. Multiplies as children share their faith with friends, family
6. Is growing congregations and planting new churches worldwide

## How do you pack your shoebox?

1. Get a shoebox (or many) to pack for a girl or boy (pick them up in the Fellowship Hall)
2. Select a quality toy (doll, soccer ball with pump, stuffed animal, etc.)
3. Fill the box with other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies (no liquids, candy, toothpaste or war items)
4. Most important – PRAY for the child who receives your gift and include a personal note and photograph
5. Donate \$9.00 to cover shipping and handling. (This year Samaritan's Purse is suggesting that you pay for this on line and print off the label so you can track your shoebox at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) under "Follow Your Box".)
6. Bring your shoebox to church by November 13

Our church will accept shoeboxes from the community November 13-20. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to help during that week, or call Anna Johnson, (218) 444-7256.

# ***Equip the Workers***<sup>1</sup>

Ephesians 4:11-16, 10/8/17

Pastor Jerry Johnson

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<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.4chairdiscipling.com)