

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

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

October 15, 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 “Multiply Disciple-Makers” Pastor Jerry Johnson
2 Timothy 1:1-14, 2:1-2

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** 6:00 p.m. Vespers – Youth Room
6:00 p.m. Reformation Video Series – Sanctuary
- Mon.** 6:30 p.m. Trustee Meeting – Conference Room
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study – Youth Room
- 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
- Fri.** 10:30 a.m. Bone Builders – Chapel
7:00 p.m. Community Concert – Community Life Center

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SUNDAY: Pray for our Global Partners Steve and Kathy Austvold as they serve with Evangelical Free Church of America.

MONDAY: Pray for opportunities to witness to our community.

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

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

NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK

- 8:30 T.B.D. and T.B.D.
11:00 Corinne Auginash and Sharna Johnson

MINISTRY GIVING

General Ministry Fund

October 8 giving: **\$14, 056**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,496**; 41 weeks: **\$512,336**

Received through October 8: **\$478,758**

Global Partners Fund

October 8 giving: **\$1,530**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,449**; 41 weeks: **\$59,409**

Received through October 8: **\$51,646**

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.



NO YOUTH GROUP THIS WEDNESDAY!!!!

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 TODAY. \$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 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

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.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

We still need more help in our children's ministry. Please look below for open opportunities.

KIDS

floating helpers.

CLUB: Looking for small group co-leaders or

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Looking for classroom teachers.

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 ext. #111

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.





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, TONIGHT 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 Simon and Kristie Kangas on the birth of their son. Colter Roy was born on Saturday, October 7, at 10:33 a.m., weighing 8 pounds and 1 ounce, and measuring 21½ 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

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.

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.

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.

SCRAMBLE FOR MISSIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thank you to all of the people who participated in the "Scramble for Missions Golf Tournament" last Sunday, we were able to raise \$814 for the Global Partners fund!

SERMON SNEAK PEEK

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)

Nov. 5, "Suffering for Christ," 1 Peter 4:12-19

UPCOMING EVENTS



THE LORD'S SUPPER

Next Sunday, October 22, the Lord's Supper will be served in both morning worship services. We will be talking about the importance of being "Perfectly United." The key text is from 1 Corinthians 3:1-23. Please pray for our unity as the body of Christ. All who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to participate.

Please take some time to reflect on your walk with the Lord and your relationships with other Christians. 1 Corinthians 11:28 says, "We ought to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup." Prepare by confessing any sins that are hindering your fellowship with the Lord and by taking the steps necessary to pursue reconciliation with other Christians. Then come and rejoice in the love that God has given through His Son.

Following the service, a special offering will be received for our church's Global Partners' Fund. Our Elders are available for any questions: Ron Bouchie, Mark Carlson, Jerome Decker, Peter Eriksson, Terry Hewitt, Jerry Johnson, Bill Oakes, Karl Salscheider, Terry Smith, and Albin Sterneman.

WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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.

ELDERS' ASSOCIATE PASTOR DISCUSSION SESSION

Please join our Elders in the Sanctuary next Sunday night, October 22, at 4:30 p.m. for an update and discussion regarding our Associate Pastor search.



55+ LUNCHEON

The 55+ Club will meet on Friday, October 27, for a potluck lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lily Hadrava will give a demonstration of stencil painting. A unique way of painting wooden signs. She will bring samples of her craft. Please come and bring a friend.

CHILD DEDICATION ON OCTOBER 29

We are offering a Child Dedication Service on Sunday, October 29. This is an opportunity for parents to publicly dedicate their children to the Lord and to acknowledge their responsibility to raise their children for Him.

Interested parents should place a note in Pastor Jerry's office mailbox or email him at PastorJerry@efcbemidji.org no later than Sunday morning, October 22, indicating their desire to participate. Please include which service you attend and your most recent contact information.

IMPORTANT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The church's autumn business meeting is usually the most significant congregational meeting of the year because so many important decisions are made. On Sunday, October 29, we will have a potluck meal at 12:15 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, with our business meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please bring a main dish and side to share, dessert will be provided.

The congregation will receive reports from various boards and committees including an update on our Associate Pastor search. Votes will include new church members, the 2018 budget, and the new 2018 church officers (bios will be posted soon). The nominees are:

Elders: Randy McKain, Bill Oakes, Karl Salscheider, John R. Williams

Trustees: Richard Anderson, Mike Fritz, Young Son, Todd Guntzel

Church Clerk: Edie Heem

Global Connection Team Chair: Daniel Carpenter

Please put this important business meeting on your calendar. It is open to anyone who, but only church members may vote.

CONQUER SERIES FOR MEN

We are excited to offer a new DVD based Bible Study for men called "Conquer." Come and grow together with other men in the pursuit of godliness and sexual purity. This group is meeting at a private home on Monday nights from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. starting November 6. Anyone interested in more information can email Pastor Jerry at PastorJerry@efcbemidji.org.

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.



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 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.

BEMIDJI COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF HARVEST BALL

The FARM is hosting the Food Shelf Harvest Ball Thursday, October 26, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Bemidji Eagles Club. Tickets for adults are \$15, children 12 and under \$10, with proceeds going to help The FARM grow fresh vegetables for the Bemidji Food Shelf. The evening includes dinner, silent auction and much more. Contact Delphine Jacobson for more information or to purchase tickets at (218) 751-5047 or djake@paulbunyan.net.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

We are now accepting filled OCC shoeboxes. If you have prepared your own shoeboxes, bring them to the table in the Fellowship Hall. Preprinted shoeboxes are also available at the table, but you can use your own shoeboxes. Don't forget to include a note and picture of you/your family, and the \$9.00 shipping fee. Packing brochures are available at the table. Better yet, go to www.samaritanspurse.org to pay online so you can follow your shoebox.

OCC Collection week is coming up fast, and we have a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall for shifts during the week of November 13-20. No experience is necessary and training will be provided. If you are interested in helping, or if you have questions, please contact Anna Johnson, (218) 444-7256.



Multiply Disciple-Makers¹

2 Timothy 1:1-14 & 2:1-2, 10/15/17

Pastor Jerry Johnson

In order to Multiply Disciple-Makers, we need to:

1. Value _____ other people.

2. Reach the _____ of Disciple-Makers.

3. Embrace Jesus' vision for our spiritual _____.

Who are the “_____” and “_____” in your life?

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