

# EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

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

**October 22, 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**

"Perfectly United"

Pastor Jerry Johnson

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

## **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 lever 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** 4:30 p.m. Elder Discussion Meeting – Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Reformation Video Series – Sanctuary
- Mon.** 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  
6:20 p.m. Kids 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+ Club Potluck Luncheon – Fellowship Hall  
3:45 p.m. Youth Leave for Camp Shamineau

## **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 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 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 Roger and Muriel Anderson as they serve with GOALS Mentoring Ministries.

## **NURSERY STAFF for TODAY**

- 8:30 Bill Hubbell and Dawn Carpenter  
11:00 Justine Guderian, Sharna Johnson, Amira & Esme Raukar

## **NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK**

- 8:30 Jan and Reed Carlson  
11:00 T.B.D. and T.B.D.

## **MINISTRY GIVING**

### **General Ministry Fund**

October 15 giving: **\$9,774**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,496**; 42 weeks: **\$524,832**

Received through October 15: **\$488,532**

### **Global Partners Fund**

October 15 giving: **\$2,139**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,449**; 42 weeks: **\$60,858**

Received through October 15: **\$53,785**

## **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, if you have not paid your full amount yet please do so as soon as possible.
- Join us this Wednesday at 6:20 p.m. as we “Get Back to the Basics” in our faith.

## **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**

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

# 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. We are receiving applications through TODAY.



## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

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

### **KIDS**

**CLUB:** Looking for 2 more small group co-leaders for 2nd and 3rd grade helpers.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Looking for classroom teachers and helpers for Pre-School and elementary age kids.

**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:** We need 2-4 more adults to help 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. Our next service is November 5. Special guest Jarrod Norvold will be leading worship.**

**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

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## 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 TODAY, 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.

## SERMON SNEAK PEEK

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

Nov. 12, "To the Ends of the Earth"

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

TODAY, 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.

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.

## **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 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 6:00 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 TODAY, 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 Pastor Jerry at [PastorJerry@efcbemidji.org](mailto:PastorJerry@efcbemidji.org) TODAY, 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 are in the foyer). 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, 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](mailto:PastorJerry@efcbemidji.org).

## **BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

The Northwoods Pregnancy Baby Campaign runs through November 12. Please bring your bottles back to the church office by then. If you have filled your bottle, feel free to grab a new one from the Church office. Thank you very much for participating.

## **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 contact Linda at (218) 766-6659 or email her at [rolibo@gmail.com](mailto:rolibo@gmail.com). **SAVE THE DATE: Christmas Tea, Friday, December 8!**

## **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 need 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 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](mailto: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](http://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.

## ***Perfectly United***

1 Corinthians 1:10-17, 10/22/17

Pastor Jerry Johnson

**“I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but **that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.**”** *1 Corinthians 1:10*