

# EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

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

**November 12, 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** “To the Ends of the Earth” 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 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)**

- 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
- Mon. – Fri.** 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. OCC Collection Week

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**SUNDAY:** Pray for safety for all the hunters this weekend.

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

**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 our Global Partner Sarah Page who served with TEAM: The Evangelical Alliance Mission (retired).

## **NURSERY STAFF for TODAY**

- 8:30 Corinne Auginash and Pam Erickson  
11:00 Mishel and Nora Carlson

## **NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK**

- 8:30 Gene and Joni Lund  
11:00 Sharna Johnson and Justine Guderian

## **MINISTRY GIVING**

### **General Ministry Fund**

November 5 giving: **\$16,566**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,496**; 45 weeks: **\$562,320**

Received through November 5: **\$522,517**

### **Global Partners Fund**

November 5 giving: **\$1,710**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,449**; 45 weeks: **\$65,205**

Received through November 5: **\$58,347**

## **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.



## **Small Group Night Out this Wed. Nov. 15!!!**

- Each small group will be meeting in various locations. If you do not know where your group is meeting, contact Pastor Albin for the details.

## **NO Youth Group November 22!**

## **Game Night November 26 at 6:00 p.m.**

### **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 Youth Fund Scholarship on your offering.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Please prayerfully consider putting your name on one of the lines below.



### **KIDS CLUB Wednesday nights**

1 leader for 2nd/3rd grade: \_\_\_\_\_

1 helper for 2nd/3rd grade: \_\_\_\_\_

### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

1 helper for pre-schoolers: \_\_\_\_\_

### **BEGINNER'S CHURCH Sunday mornings (ages 3-5)**

2 adults: \_\_\_\_\_

2 teens: \_\_\_\_\_

### **BAY POINT Sunday mornings (K-5th grade)**

2 adults: \_\_\_\_\_

### **NURSERY**

8:30 a.m. on Sundays needs 2 adults: \_\_\_\_\_

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11:00 a.m. on Sundays needs 6 adults:

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**\*\* If you'd be willing to help, please contact Pastor Albin at (218) 751-8834 ext. 111 or email [PastorAlbin@efcbemidji.org](mailto:PastorAlbin@efcbemidji.org)**



# 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 Vespers service is **November 19.**

**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 Jeff and Kristen Olson on the birth of their daughter. Whitney Lou was born on Friday, November 3, at 3:30 a.m., weighing 10 pounds, 2 ounces and measuring 21 inches long.



## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

We rejoice with JD and Naomi Shindelar on the birth of their daughter. Coralie Renee was born on Monday, November 6, at 12:33 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 1 ounce and measuring 20 inches long.

## **NEW SERIES FOR MEN**

Our Men's Sunday Morning Small Group, led by Paul Porter and Matt Myrick, is beginning a new video-based series called "33: A Man and His Design". The focus of the series is what Jesus teaches us about God's design for authentic manhood. There will be time for stimulating group discussion on how to grow and glorify God as men. The group meets from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Sunday mornings in Community Life Center Room 3.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL: PRESCHOOL - 5TH GRADE**

Please come and join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning.

9:30 - 9:45: Games and puzzles in the Bay Point room

9:45 - 10:00: Worship with Pat Reigert

10:00 - 10:45: Small Group Lessons with classroom teachers

Teachers include:

Preschool - Becky Eastling

Kindergarten - Jan & Reed Carlson

1st & 2nd Grade - Trish Williams & Jane McCannell

3rd & 4th Grade - Kristie Kangas

5th Grade - Joy Tader

We are still in need of one additional helper to work with Becky Eastling in our popular preschool class. Please contact Mishel Carlson at (218) 209-7390 or Pastor Albin at (218) 751-8834 if you are able to help in this ministry.

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ALERT!**

It's time to be thinking about our annual children's Christmas program which will be held Sunday, December 17, during the Sunday School hour.

This year will feature a mini-drama based on the short story "A Certain Small Shepherd" by Rebecca Caudill.

PARENTS: We will be handing out parts and wrapping up other details the next few weeks; make sure your children are in attendance at Sunday School if they would like to be a part of this. Most practices will be during the Sunday School hour, and updates will be given out there as well.

Questions? Please contact Dawn Carpenter at (218) 444-5266 or Mishel Carlson at (218) 209-7390.

## **STACY FERRIN THANK YOU ON NOVEMBER 19!**

Let's thank Stacy Ferrin for 3 years of faithful service as our church's Children's Ministries Director! Please join us in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, November 19, for cake and a chance to thank Stacy in person for her service to the children and families in our church and community.

## **SERMON SNEAK PEEK**

November 19, "Give Thanks," Psalm 107:1-43

November 26, "Giving to God"

December 3, "Twas the Year Before Christmas," Luke 1:5-25

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

TODAY is the final day of The Northwoods Pregnancy Baby Bottle Campaign. Please drop your bottles off at the table in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you very much for participating.

### **ATTENTION CHRISTMAS TEA HOSTESSES**

There will be a **hostess meeting** next Sunday, November 19, at 9:45 a.m. in the conference room in the Church Office. If you are hosting a table at this year's Christmas Tea please plan to attend this meeting.





## **CHRISTMAS TEA**

LADIES: CHRISTMAS TEA TICKETS go on sale TODAY, NOVEMBER 12. They will be available until Sunday, November 26, unless we sell out prior to that. Tickets are \$15 again this year. We will hear an inspiring testimony from Terri Erickson of Hibbing, and the “Kangas girls” will bless us with their music. Please join us!

## **CHILD DEDICATION ON NOVEMBER 19**

We are offering a Child Dedication Service on Sunday, November 19. This is an opportunity for parents to publicly dedicate their children to the Lord and to seek His blessing as they 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.

## **NOVEMBER 19th THANKSGIVING WORSHIP**

Next Sunday, November 19, you will have the opportunity during the morning worship services to express thanks to God for his goodness. Please come prepared to share briefly with others how God has shown his love to you.

Immediately after the 11:00 worship service, we will gather in the Multipurpose Room for a potluck meal. We will also enjoy a short program with prayer, thanksgiving songs, and sharing from Kevin Lauderbaugh, a regular attender of our church.

## **ADVENT WREATH**

Beginning Sunday, November 26, we will light our Advent Wreath during worship services. If you have not had the opportunity to participate in lighting the wreath and would like to help on a Sunday during Advent, please contact Ashley, (218) 751-8834 ext. 101. Be sure to tell us which service you attend.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## **OCC COLLECTION WEEK IS HERE!**

Beginning tomorrow (November 13) churches, organizations and individuals from our community will be dropping off their packed OCC shoeboxes at our church's relay station. We can use your help with accepting and packing these gifts of love (Gospel Opportunities). The work is not hard, and training is provided. If you have questions, or would like to help on any of these days – November 13-17 from 1:00-5:00 p.m., please contact Anna Johnson, (218) 444-7256 or [doug.anna.johnson@gmail.com](mailto:doug.anna.johnson@gmail.com). We will need helpers here each day.



*Immediately following the 8:30 service next Sunday, November 19, we will need strong helpers to load cartons of shoeboxes on the truck for delivery to Baxter.*

Please continue packing your shoeboxes for our upcoming collection. We need them by November 19. Don't forget the shipping cost of \$9.00/box. If you pay on line, you can print labels for your shoeboxes to help track and inform you where they will go. Pick up shoeboxes and packing information at the table in the Fellowship Hall. *Please pray for the children who will receive these Gospel Opportunities.*

## **GRIEFSHARE AND DIVORCECARE SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS SESSIONS**

A Community Holiday Remembrance service will be held on Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 at the United Methodist Church.

A two hour DivorceCare support group will be held on Thursday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church and then repeated on Thursday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m.

A two hour GriefShare support group will be held on Sunday, November 19 at 3:00 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church and then repeated on Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 p.m.

## **PRAY FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES**

**Major John G. Kennedy**, son-in-law of Gardell and Judy Emery (daughter Sally's husband), serves with the Marine Corps. Their family is based in Galveston, Texas.

**SMSgt Blake Henry**, brother-in-law of Craig and Jessica Westlund, is stationed in Asheville, NC Air Force.

**Lance Corporal Joshua Hofmeister**, grandson of Terry and Liz Smith, serves in the Marines.

**SGT Daniel Norvold**, is with the Army Reserves in Arden Hills MN. Serving as Signal Support System Specialist with a Psychological Operations unit.

**Seaman Christopher Smith**, grandson to Terry and Liz Smith, Nuclear Electrician in the Navy.





## ***To the Ends of the Earth***

Acts 1-29 & Romans 10:9-15, 11/12/17

Pastor Jerry Johnson

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and **to the ends of the earth.**” (Acts 1:8)

1. Disciple-making includes both a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ mission.

2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ have local and global impact.

3. How can we \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to the ends of the earth?