

# EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

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

**November 5, 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**      “The Glory of Suffering”      Micah Carpenter  
                         1 Peter 4:12-19

**Choir Anthem**      A Mansion, Robe and Crown

## **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** 4:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting – Fireside Room  
6:00 p.m. Vespers – Youth Room
- 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
- Thurs.** 9:00 a.m. White Cross – Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Elder Meeting – Conference Room
- Fri.** 10:30 a.m. Bone Builders – Chapel

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

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

**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 John and Kathie Pederson as they serve with Bethany International.

**FRIDAY:** Pray for the hungry and homeless in our community. Pray that their physical and spiritual 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 Bob and Karen Carlson  
11:00 Aaron and Sharna Johnson and Justine Guderian

## **NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK**

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

## **MINISTRY GIVING**

### **General Ministry Fund**

October 29 giving: **\$5,532**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,496**; 44 weeks: **\$549,824**

Received through October 29: **\$505,951**

### **Global Partners Fund**

October 29 giving: **\$645**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,449**; 44 weeks: **\$63,756**

Received through October 29: **\$56,637**

## **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*
- Card fundraiser ends this Wednesday, November 8.

Get out and sell boxes!

## **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 tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. 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

## **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.

## **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.

## **PRAY FOR FAMILY IN THE ARMED FORCES**

We would like to print a prayer list of friends and family who are serving in the Armed Forces. If you have a loved one currently serving, please get this information to the church office by Thursday, November 9. We need the name, rank, relationship to church family, and where they are stationed. The prayer list will be included in the bulletin Sunday, November 12. Email information to [ajoren@efcbemidji.org](mailto:ajoren@efcbemidji.org), or call (218) 751-8834.



## **SERMON SNEAK PEEK**

November 12, "To the Ends of the Earth"

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

November 26, "Giving to God"

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **LET'S PRAY**



"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need," (Heb. 4:16). As a church we have a lot to be thankful for and a lot to pray about! Join other believers TODAY, November 5, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

### **WHITE CROSS**

Ladies, join us for White Cross Thursday, November 9, 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.





## **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**



LADIES: CHRISTMAS TEA TICKETS go on sale NEXT SUNDAY, 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!

We will have a table Hostess meeting Sunday, November 19 at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Main Office.

## **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) no later than November 12, indicating their desire to participate. Please include which service you attend and your most recent contact information.

## **NOVEMBER 19th THANKSGIVING WORSHIP**

On 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.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES**

There are only a few weeks left to pack your shoeboxes for our 2017 Operation Christmas Child collection. Our preprinted shoeboxes are now here! Stop at the table in the Fellowship Hall and pick up what you need. Labels and envelopes for shipping are on the table along with directions for filling the shoeboxes. Bring your shoeboxes in by November 19.



Please consider signing up to help with our shoebox collection week (November 13-20). If you have questions go to [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org), or call Anna Johnson at (218) 444-7256.

### **GRIEF SHARE AND DIVORCE CARE 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.

**The Glory of Suffering**  
**1 Peter 4:12-19      November 5, 2017**

**What does this passage teach?**

Suffering is a \_\_\_\_\_ part of the Christian life.

We should \_\_\_\_\_ in suffering

God is glorified when his people \_\_\_\_\_ in obedience to Jesus.

**People who help us understand this:**

Martin Luther

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Prosperity Gospel vs The Persecuted Church

**How does this apply to us?**

**What are you willing to suffer in obedience to Christ?**

**Pray: two resources**

Voice of the Martyrs  
Open Doors USA

[www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com)  
[www.opendoorusa.org](http://www.opendoorusa.org)