

# EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

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

**January 14, 2018**

**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** "A Journey through 1 John" Pastor Jerry Johnson  
1 John 1:1-4

**8:30 Choir Anthem** "I Know the Lord's Laid His Hand on Me"

## **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)**

- Tues.** 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room  
10:30 a.m. Bones Builders – Chapel  
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- Wed.** 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study – Fireside Room  
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study – Birch Haven  
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

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

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

**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 Dale and Bobbie  
Fredrikson as they serve with Outpost Ministries.

**FRIDAY:** Pray for the church staff and their families.

**SATURDAY:** Pray for opportunities to reach out to family,  
neighbors and friends who don't know our Lord.

## **NURSERY STAFF for TODAY**

- 8:30 Alisa McLemore and Andrea Beckstrand  
11:00 Hannah Carpenter, Justine Guderian and Joni Guntzel

## **NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK**

- 8:30 Corinne Auginash and Jan Conway  
11:00 Sharna Johnson and Kandi Paddock

## **MINISTRY GIVING**

### **General Ministry Fund**

January 7 giving: **\$16,514**

Budgeted/week: **\$13,036**; 1 week: **\$13,036**

Received through January 7: **\$16,514**

### **Global Partners Fund**

January 7 giving: **\$2,310**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,542**; 1 week: **\$1,542**

Received through January 7: **\$2,310**

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



**Camp Shamineau will be coming to share with us this Wednesday, January 17 at 6:20 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 [efcbesm@efcbemidji.org](mailto:efcbesm@efcbemidji.org) to get on the parent mailing list.

### **CHALLENGE 2018!!**

Student ministries will be taking High Schoolers to our national youth conference called Challenge this summer! A parent meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21 at 12:15 p.m.



### **WINTER WIPE OUT!!**

Middle Schoolers are invited to come to Camp Shamineau's Winter Wipe Out retreat: January 26 – 28. Cost \$130; sign up with Pastor Albin **THIS WEEK!!!**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

- High Schoolers in the 5:11
  - Topic: **Essential Theology**
- Middle Schoolers in the Youth Room
  - Topic: **Christian Living**



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



**Kids Club is back!!  
Come this Wednesday,  
January 17 at 6:20!  
See you there!!!**

## We have a new Children's Ministry Director!

We are excited that Gerri Thorsgard has joined our staff after receiving a unanimous vote from both the Children's ministry Task Force and the entire Elder Board. Please join us in welcoming her and her family to our church!

**\*\* Any comments or questions, 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 service is, January 21 at 6:00 p.m.

**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!**

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Pastor Albin at (218)751-8834.

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

## CLOTH DIAPERS AND BABY CLOTHES

Some time ago there were some cloth diapers and baby clothes left at the church. If you know who these belong to or if they are yours, please contact Joni Guntzel at (218) 556-5853.

## SERMON SNEAK PEEK

January 21, "Walking in the Light," 1 John 1:5-7

January 28, "I Know Whom I Have Believed," 2 Timothy 1:3-12

Leo Bird from Mokahum preaching

February 4, "Hamartiology and Cookie Jars," 1 John 1:8-2:2

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Join us this Monday, January 15, 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room for adult volleyball. All adults are welcome to come any Monday evening. If you have questions, please contact Wade VanKempen, (218) 368-6969 or Stephen Helweg, (218) 242-0041.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL - THURSDAYS

Hey men, plan to join us for basketball Thursday, January 25, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday evenings through April. This is for adults and older high school guys. Questions? Call Andrew Kangas, (218) 766-4686.



### MEN'S WILD GAME FEED

Men, join us Monday, January 22, 6:00 p.m. for the annual Men's Wild Game Feed. Our speaker this year will be Bob Strand, who will share about his experience working with the DNR fisheries. Please plan to bringing a dish to share (wild game is good, but side dishes are needed too), and also please think about inviting a friend.

### 55+ CLUB LUNCHEON

The 55+ Club will meet on Friday, January 26 at 11:30 a.m. for a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. We will have the privilege to greet and meet our new Children's Ministries Director, Gerri Thorsgard. Dave Vogel will give our devotional. Please come and bring a friend!

## **LADIES CRAFT WEEKEND**

Ladies, please join us for a craft weekend, January 26 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and January 27 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Any ladies 12 and older are welcome to join us here in the Fellowship Hall, bring your unfinished projects or start something new! Don't forget to bring a friend! Questions? Stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, January 14 and January 21.



## **POTLUCK & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Sunday, January 28 we will have a potluck meal at 12:15 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Please bring a hotdish and vegetable or dessert to share, **beverages will be provided.**

Our congregational business meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The congregation will receive reports from the elders, trustees, treasurer, Free Church Women's Ministries, the Global Connections Committee, and Children's Ministries. Printed copies of the church's annual report will be available for distribution that morning.

Please put this business meeting on your calendar. It is open to anyone who would like to attend, but only church members may vote. Please come to the potluck even if you cannot stay for the meeting!

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Our church will host a *Valentines Banquet* on Sunday, February 11 at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend and tickets will be available for sale beginning next Sunday, January 21. Watch for details!!



## **SOS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

The Servants of Shelter ministry for the homeless will be held at our church the week of February 18 – February 25. Volunteers will be needed for shifts, serving meals, and other tasks. If you would like to help with this ministry, please mark it down on your calendar now. More information and opportunities to sign up will be available starting in late January.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## MOKAHUM FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m., join us for a Mokahum fundraiser here in our Multipurpose Room. They will be serving soup and fry bread, with entertainment by the Fraser family. Two of our Global Partners work with Mokahum: Paul and Michele Straubel and Leo Bird.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Samaritan's Purse, an organization founded by Franklin Graham, sponsors a program called Operation Christmas Child. OCC distributes shoeboxes filled with gifts to the neediest of children around the world. Children in war-torn countries, areas hit by natural disasters and children in closed countries are reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through this ministry. Before receiving the shoeboxes, the children are told the salvation message. They are then invited to attend a 12-week Bible study called the *Greatest Journey*. Upon completion of this course, a graduation service/party is held.

Many times when family and friends see the generosity of people they have never met, they want to know this Jesus whose love is poured out in the gifts. Often adult classes are held along with the children's classes. It is estimated that each shoebox has an impact on ten people! This is a powerful evangelistic ministry.

Now is a good time to start collecting items for the November 2018 collection. Watch for clearance items after Easter, winter clearance, etc. Some things we can use include hygiene items (NO liquids), non-violent toys (small stuffed animals are perfect), clothing, sports equipment, musical instruments, games, sewing kits, tool kits, fishing kits, and school supplies; no food items or seeds. Items should be new. Remember, they need to fit in a regular-sized shoe box.

If you have questions please contact Anna Johnson, (218) 444-7256, or go to [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org).

# PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES IN 2018

Prayer is an important priority in the life of the church,  
as well as the individual Christian.

Here are five ways to pray with us as a church throughout the  
year:

1. Follow the **daily prayer schedule** published in each bulletin.
2. Join the **Prayer Chain** by emailing [prayerchain@efcbemidji.org](mailto:prayerchain@efcbemidji.org) and type “subscribe” in the subject line.
3. **Pray with the pastors and staff for our worship services** every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in Pastor Jerry’s office. All are welcome!
4. Participate in the **church prayer meeting** normally held on the first Sunday of each month in the fireside room, 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the winter, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the summer (watch bulletin for details.)
5. Join the **Prayer Corner** team to minister to those who are in need of prayer on Sunday mornings. (Contact Micah Carpenter if you are interested in this ministry: [mcarpenter@efcbemidji.org](mailto:mcarpenter@efcbemidji.org) or (218) 751-8834).



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# ***A Journey through 1 John***

1 John 1:1–5:21

1/14/18, Pastor Jerry Johnson

Why \_\_\_\_\_ into 1 John?

Who \_\_\_\_\_ 1 John?

Who \_\_\_\_\_ 1 John?

