

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

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

January 28, 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 “I Know Whom I Have Believed” Leo Bird
2 Timothy 1:3-12

8:30 Choir Anthem “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

NURSERY CARE

Offered at both services and during the Sunday School hour. Nursery is open for children 3 and under. The Nursery is located at the far end of the Fellowship Hall.



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Preschool – 5th grade in Lower Level

BEGINNER'S CHURCH (DURING 11:00 SERMON)

An option for parents during the sermon **Children ages 3-5 years**, meets in Lower Level - Rooms 8 & 9

BAYPOINT (DURING 11:00 SERMON)

Children K-5, meets Lower Level - Bay Point Room

WEDNESDAY EVENING MINISTRIES

KIDS CLUB 6:20 – 7:30 p.m.

Preschool – 5th Grade

Youth Group 6:20 – 8:00 p.m.

Youth – Grades 6-12

OUR CHURCH'S WEEK

**Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(closed Mondays)**

- TODAY** 12:15 p.m. Potluck – Multipurpose Room
1:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary
- Mon.** 6:30 p.m. Adult Volleyball – Multipurpose Room
- Tues.** 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting – Conference Room
10:30 a.m. Bones 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
8:30 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
- Thurs.** 6:30 p.m. Men's Basketball – Multipurpose Room
- Fri.** 10:30 a.m. Bone Builders – Chapel

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SUNDAY: Pray for the hungry and homeless in our community.

MONDAY: Pray for the financial needs of our church and the Global Partners we support.

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 David and Cindy Nelson as they serve with Frontiers.

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 Pam Erickson and Dawn Carpenter
11:00 Sharna Johnson and Justine Guderian

NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK

- 8:30 Tracy Parthun and Caroline Story
11:00 Jake and Beth Kangas as Sharna Johnson

MINISTRY GIVING

General Ministry Fund

January 21 giving: **\$12,508**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,805**; 3 weeks: **\$38,415**

Received through January 21: **\$37,652**

Global Partners Fund

January 21 giving: **\$1,450**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,542**; 3 weeks: **\$4,626**

Received through January 21: **\$4,585**

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.

HOW CAN I GIVE TO THE CHURCH?

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).

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.





**Students come join us this
Wednesday, January 31 at 6:20 p.m.
for Youth Group!!**

PARENTS

If you would like to keep up to date on things going on in Youth Ministries, please send me an email at efcbasm@efcbemidji.org to get on the parent mailing list.

WINTER WIPE OUT!!

Middle Schoolers will be returning from Camp Shamineau's Winter Wipe Out retreat TODAY!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Today in SUNDAY SCHOOL kids are learning that the **Bible is True and it is God's Message to the People.**

Our Bible lesson is on Jonah and our verse is Proverbs 30:5 – *Every word of God proves true.*



KIDS CLUB this Wednesday, January 24 at 6:20 p.m. Kids will learn and interact with the Bible and Jesus during this time. This Wednesday we will be studying Acts 6 & 7 and learning about the power of the Holy Spirit and the story of Stephen.

Please **pray** for the many kids that come to Kids Club that don't come on Sundays with their families. **Pray** that the Children's Ministry Team will minister to each child and that the word of God will come alive in the hearts of the kids.

If you are interested in being a part of Kids Ministry we could use your help!

Please connect with Gerri Thorsgard, Kids Ministry Director at (218) 751-8834 ext. 104 or email gthorsgard@efcbemidji.org or stop into her office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



EFCB Young Adults



“Our Mission is to engage Young Adults where they are, with Christ centered, biblically driven, meaningful conversations and encouragement.”

Join us Sunday, February 4 for our Soup and Bowl Party in the Youth Room at 5:00 p.m.

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

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

ADOPTED PEOPLE GROUP

We've adopted the Bengali Muslims, but who are they? Take a look at the brochure at the table in the Fellowship Hall to learn more.

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," (Hebrews 4:16). As a church we have a lot to be thankful for and a lot to pray about! Join other believers next Sunday, February 4, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room.



SERMON SNEAK PEEK

February 4, "Hamartiology and Cookie Jars," 1 John 1:8-2:2
February 11, "Hamartiology – Part Two"

UPCOMING EVENTS



POTLUCK & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY, January 28 we will have a potluck meal at 12:15 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Our congregational business meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Printed copies of the church's annual report are available in the Fellowship Hall.

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!

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Join us this Monday, January 29, 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 this Thursday, February 1, 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.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Join us Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. starting, February 5 in the Youth Room for a six week study. We will go through the book "Faithful, Abundant, True" by Beth Moore, Priscilla Shirer, and Kay Arthur. Call (218) 751-8834 to reserve your book, cost is \$15.



VALENTINE'S BANQUET!!

 Please join us on Sunday, February 11 at 5:30 p.m. for a relaxing evening and a delicious meal catered by Tim Trosen. We will have music from Pat Riegert and Russell and Deb Gysberg will be our speakers. Tickets are on sale TODAY, January 28 and February 4 and cost \$15 per person.

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 are available in the Fellowship Hall TODAY.

ALL CHURCH REC CENTER NIGHT

Mark your calendars, on Sunday, March 11 we are renting the BSU Rec Center. We will start with a baptism service at 5:00 p.m. at the pool. Then we will enjoy all of the recreational facilities (swimming, racquet ball, basketball, volleyball, walking track, exercise equipment, etc.) until 8:00 p.m. Stay tuned for more information and dates for Baptism classes.

I Know Whom I Have Believed

2 Timothy 1:3-12

1/28/18, Global Partner Leo Bird¹

¹ Leo is a Resident Director, Recruiter, and Minister at Mokahum Ministry Center. He is one of our church's global partners through Oak Hills Center for Indian Ministries.