

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH of BEMIDJI

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

February 11, 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 “Hamartiology – Part Two” Pastor Jerry Johnson
1 John 1:8-2:2

8:30 Choir Anthem “Holy Lord of Hosts”

SUNDAY MORNING KID'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)

An option for parents during the sermon **Children K-5**, meets Lower Level - Bay Point Room

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

Middle School – Youth Room

High School – 5:11 Lounge

ADULT SMALL GROUPS 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

All Groups meet in the Community Life Center

OUR CHURCH'S WEEK

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

TODAY	5:30 p.m.	Valentine's Day Dinner – Multipurpose Room
Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Adult Volleyball – Multipurpose Room
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study – Youth 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
Wed.	7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice – Sanctuary
	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
Thurs.	6:20 p.m.	Youth Group – Community Life Center
	6:30 p.m.	Elder Board Meeting – Conference Room
	6:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball – Multipurpose Room
Fri.	10:30 a.m.	Bone Builders – Chapel

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

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 the hungry and homeless in our community.

FRIDAY: Pray for our Global Partners Jason and Spring Kane as they serve with Forest Springs Camp and Conference Center.

SATURDAY: Pray for the church staff and their families.

NURSERY STAFF for TODAY

8:30 Alisa McLemore and Bill Hubbell
11:00 Kandi Paddock and Hannah Carpenter

NURSERY STAFF for NEXT WEEK

8:30 Reed and Jan Carlson
11:00 Mark and Mishel Carlson and family

MINISTRY GIVING

General Ministry Fund

February 4 giving: **\$12,991**

Budgeted/week: **\$12,805**; 5 weeks: **\$64,025**

Received through February 4: **\$43,344**

Global Partners Fund

February 4 giving: **\$2,065**

Budgeted/week: **\$1,542**; 5 weeks: **\$7,710**

Received through February 4: **\$7,045**

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.

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.



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).



**Students come join us
this Wednesday 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 efcbsm@efcbemidji.org to get on the parent mailing list.

Challenge 2018!!

We will be going to Kansas City, MO July 1 – July 7. If you are interested in going please see Pastor Albin.

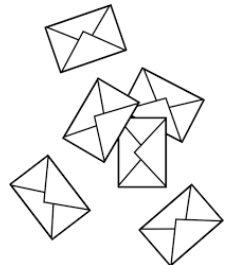


SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Envelope Fundraiser

With Challenge around the corner we need help! Find an Envelope in the Fellowship Hall and fill it with the number on it!





EFREEKIDS

E Free Kids Update!

Today in SUNDAY SCHOOL kids are learning that **People are important to Jesus and He cares about them.** Matthew 8:1-13 is our Bible Lesson.

Wear Red or Pink to E Free Kids Club Wednesday!

KIDS CLUB this Wednesday, February 14 at 6:20 p.m. Kids will learn and interact with the Bible and Jesus during this time. This Wednesday we will be celebrating that **God is Love & He Loves Us!** We're going to have some fun and play "minute to win it" games, learn more scripture and make valentines for our parents.

You will notice we are bringing some color and updates to the lower level. Check out our new LOGO for Kids Ministry on the announcement loop today!

If you enjoy painting and would like to be a part of the painting crew please contact Ron Bodenheimer through the church office at (218) 751-8834.

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

Please connect with Gerri Thorsgard, KidsMin 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.”*

Vespers Worship Service is February 18 at 6:00 p.m.

We will be serving our SOS guest
on February 18 at 5:00 p.m. if you
would like to join us.

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

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

CHURCH SECRETARY NEWS

We found out this week that Ashley Joren has accepted a new job at Oak Hills Christian College. She will wrap up her role here as our Church Secretary on February 23. Ashley has been a significant part of our church's ministry. We will miss her and her hard work. Let's all wish her the best in her new job and join her in celebrating the opportunity this gives her to complete her college degree. There will be a thank you cake in Ashley's honor next Sunday, February 18, between the worship services.

SAME-SEX ATTRACTION

On Sunday, February 18, we have invited our Global Partner, Dale Fredrikson, to preach in both services. Pastor Dale will be addressing the relevant question of how we can love and serve those around us who experience same-sex attraction.

Please be in prayer that this will be a helpful and encouraging ministry to each person in our church and in our community. In addition to preaching, Pastor Dale will also be available to visit with people during the Sunday School hour and after the 11:00 worship service.

100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY - VISION 2024

The year 2024 will be our church's 100-year anniversary! You are invited to join our Church Family in prayer and fasting on the 24th of each month. Fast all day, or from one meal, or from something besides food. Set aside a specific time to pray for our church's future.

We are seeking God together, asking Him to lead us in our specific ministry focus as a church. You are invited to email PastorJerry@efcbemidji.org if you'd like to support this prayer initiative and to receive monthly updates and reminders.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT: ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING 1-28-18

Karl Salscheider reported on the progress and timeline on our search for our associate pastor position. Two documents were included. The first was an announcement piece going out to all EF churches in a 7-state area and to ~15 seminaries (Bethel for example). The second was an expanded job description to be used as an evaluation document.

Copies of Karl's report and documents are available next to the sermon copies along the southeast wall of the lobby or you can ask Ashley. For an electronic copy ask Karl at ksalscheider@bemidjistate.edu.

SERMON SNEAK PEEK

February 18, "A Loving and Proper Response to Same-Sex Attraction," Ephesians 4:1-3 – Pastor Dale Fredrikson
February 25, "Living Like Jesus," 1 John 2:3-11

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Servants of Shelter ministry for the homeless will be held at our church starting next Sunday, 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.

55+ CLUB LUNCHEON

55+ Club will meet on Friday, February 23 at 11:30 a.m. for a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. The program is not planned at this time, more information will be available next week.

CHILD DEDICATION ON FEBRUARY 25

Our church is rejoicing in a Child Dedication Service on Sunday, February 25. This is an opportunity for parents to publicly dedicate their children to the Lord and to prayerfully acknowledge their responsibility to raise their children for Him. Interested parents should place a note in Pastor Jerry's office mailbox or email him at PastorJerry@efcbemidji.org no later than Sunday morning, February 18, indicating their desire to participate. Please include which service you attend and your most recent contact information.

LADIES CRAFT WEEKEND

Ladies, please join us for a craft weekend, March 2 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and March 3 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? Call Becky Keohnen at (218) 444-4210, Ellen Ward at (970) 373-6548 or Becky Kangas at (218) 766-3073 or stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, February 18.

Hamartiology Part 2 – Daily Victory

1 John 2:1

2/11/18, Pastor Jerry Johnson

1. Jesus is our daily _____.
2. Reducing our _____ to sin, helps us find daily victory.
3. _____ & _____ help us find daily victory.



Sunday Morning Small Groups



As a church, we are intentionally developing a community of discipleship and fellowship. Please consider joining one of the groups listed below which will meet from 9:45-10:45 a.m. throughout the school year. All small groups meet in the Community Life Center.

Growing in Grace Group

This small group is for people of all ages who want to meet together for mutual encouragement and growth in their walk with the Lord. Various topics will be covered including Bible study, book reviews, and DVD based teaching. Mike Fritz and Sheryl Porter are currently leading in the Study of Tim Keller's *The Reason for God*. (Room 2)

Men's Group

Men of all ages are welcome to join Matt Myrick and Paul Porter for learning, edification, and encouragement toward God-honoring manhood. They are currently using the 33 series by Men's Fraternity. (Room 3)

Growing Together Marriage Group

Daniel and Hannah Carpenter will lead this group for married, engaged, and dating couples of all ages. They will use the *Love and Respect* series which explores how men and women develop a greater appreciation for their spouse's relational needs. (Room 4)

Prime Time Bible Study Group

Meet together for prayer, encouragement, and to study God's word with friends. Scott Engelstad will continue to lead in his teaching on the book of Luke. (Primetime Room)

Digging Deeper Group: Romans

This group is for all who enjoys digging into some of the weighty and challenging aspects of Christian belief. Pastor Fred Martin is currently leading a class on the book of Romans. Come to learn more about this book of the Bible, in which Christians have always found a challenging, yet rewarding and inspiring message about the gospel of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. (*Can be taken as a Free Church Bible Connection credit.*) (Room 5)

Women's Group

Meet together with other women for fellowship, encouragement, and personal growth in the areas of discipleship and relationships. Kandi Paddock and Robin Helgager will lead in this opportunity for married or single women of all ages. (Room 6)

The following weekday groups are open for anyone to join:

Women's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Monday Evenings
Church Youth Room
Gerri Thorsgard, (218) 556-9874



Young Adult Small Group

6:30 p.m. Tuesday Evenings
Bill and Laurie Oakes' Home

Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study

6:30 a.m. Wednesday Mornings
Church Fireside Room
Bob Munz, (218) 766-6615

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

8:30 a.m. Wednesday Mornings
Birch Haven Apartments
Holly Howes, (218) 444-4408

Thursday Evening Men's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Thursday Evenings
QFM Radio Prayer Room
John Shindelar, (218) 760-3227

For more information, contact Micah Carpenter, (218) 751-8834,
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