

# October 16, 2022 at E-FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI

*Becoming deeply devoted followers  
of Jesus together*

## E-Free Church Online

[www.efcbemidji.org](http://www.efcbemidji.org) | Instagram & Facebook: @efcbemidji

## Other Info

Looking to connect at E-Free Bemidji? Scan the QR code below or tear off and fill out the included Connection Card in the bulletin or complete our online Connection Card by following the link at the bottom of the card!



CONNECTION CARD

## Livestream link:

[www.efcbemidji.org/live](http://www.efcbemidji.org/live)

Email [efree@paulbunyan.net](mailto:efree@paulbunyan.net) to share a prayer request or to join our church email prayer chain.

Wi-Fi password: efreebemidji

## Leadership

To see a full list of our ministry staff and leaders, visit our website at [www.efcbemidji.org/about-us/our-leadership](http://www.efcbemidji.org/about-us/our-leadership) or stop by the foyer bulletin board.

## GIVING

**For October 9, 2022**

WEEKLY GIVING:

\$ 26,064

WEEKLY NEEDED:

\$ 14,778

GIVEN YTD:

\$ 550,483

NEEDED YTD: \$ 602,423

Scan the QR code above or go to our website to find out more ways to give at: [www.efcbemidji.org/give](http://www.efcbemidji.org/give)



ONLINE GIVING

## Church Office

(218) 751-8834

[efree@paulbunyan.net](mailto:efree@paulbunyan.net)

## Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 8am-12pm;  
1pm-5pm

Sunday: 7:30am-8:30AM;  
9:30am-12:30PM

115 Carr Lake Rd. SW, Bemidji, MN 56601 - [www.efcbemidji.org](http://www.efcbemidji.org)

# WELCOME

## WORSHIP SERVICE

God's Justice & Patience  
Revelation 8-9

# WELCOME

To E-FREE Bemidji - October 16, 2022

### NEW HERE?

New here? Regular attendee? Stay connected via text message by texting the word **EFREE** to **94000**. Or, check out our website at [www.efcbemidji.org](http://www.efcbemidji.org)

### LIVESTREAM

Both of our regular Sunday services are livestreamed at our normal times. Join us online at 8:30 am for a more traditional service or at 10:45 am for a more contemporary service.

## For Your Information

### Today's Child Dedication

Congratulations to Daniel and Hannah Carpenter as they dedicate their son, Caleb, in the 10:45 service today.

### Baptism

Last Sunday we were pleased to celebrate the baptism of our Young Adult, Cassidy Parks, during the 10:45 service. Make sure to congratulate her if you see her around church!

### Senior Connection Potluck

This month's potluck for senior adults is on Oct. 28 at 11:30. Karl and Dorothy Salscheider will share their story with us. Come for food, faith, fellowship and fun. For more info contact Laura at 218-209-8190.

### Hallelujah by Handel

Calling all singers! Our choir is looking for help with singing Hallelujah on Sunday, November 20. Contact Mr. Wold for more info at 218-751-2554. Or just show up at church for practice on Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.

### Save the date!

Ladies Christmas Tea on Friday, December 2nd, Mark your calendars for this special evening! **Ladies**, would you like to **set and host a table** for the **Christmas Tea** on Friday, December 2nd? Call Linda Bouchie (218-766-6659) if you are interested or have any questions. We would love to have you be a part of this special evening!

### 2023 Church Officer Nominees

Please stop by the main foyer to see the nominees for the 2023 Church Officers

### Looking to join a Life Group?

There are still spots available in our two Thursday Life Groups. Join us during the day at 12:00PM or sign up for the evening group at 7:00 PM. Both are currently meeting at church Fireside Room. Sign up in the Connection Café or online at [efcbemidji.org/lifegroups](http://efcbemidji.org/lifegroups).

## SUNDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES

We're glad to have you in person or online!

### GIVING

Try out our secure giving kiosk here at the church or visit our website for a list of your giving options including: giving over the phone with Vanco, mobile-app, text-to-give, mailing in checks, giving online, and setting up automatic giving withdrawals at [www.efcbemidji.org/give](http://www.efcbemidji.org/give).

### CONNECTION CAFE

Take some time to connect with others at our connection time between Sunday services, and consider reaching out to our church family who are watching online.

### SERMON

You can request to have sermon transcripts mailed or emailed to you weekly by contacting the office. Our sermons are also available to read or watch online at: [www.efcbemidji.org/sermons](http://www.efcbemidji.org/sermons).

Tune in on Sunday mornings during our regular service times to watch our livestream services! Find out more at [www.efcbemidji.org/live](http://www.efcbemidji.org/live).

### Wednesday Night Meal/Ministries

October 19: Due to MEA  
NO KIDS/YOUTH MINISTRY

### Prayer

Join us Sunday mornings in the Fireside room at 8:00am for Sunday morning prayer.

### Operation Christmas Child

Preprinted Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are available in the Connection Café. Take as many as you want, bring them back filled in November. If you are unable to fill a box but would like to help with shipping costs you can pick up an envelope at the table and put a check payable to Samaritan's Purse and put it in any of the offering boxes. If you have questions, please go to [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org), or call Anna Johnson at 218-444-7256.

### Bulletin

Please remember to submit any information for the bulletin by Thursdays at noon.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 14-16 – Shamineau Fall Fling

Oct 14 – Mokahum Banquet

Oct 16 – Child Dedication

Oct 28 – Senior Connection Potluck

Oct 28-29 – High School Men's Retreat

Oct 30 – Potluck 12pm  
Congregational Meeting 1pm

### 10/9/2022 Sunday Attendance

272 onsite attendees plus  
44 screens in 7 states

### 10/12/2022 Wednesday Attendance

43 adults, 65 children, 52 youth

### SERMON SNEAK PEEK

Oct 23: Prophetic Witness  
Revelation 10-11

Oct 30: Dragon War  
Revelation 12-14



**God's Justice and Patience**  
Revelation 8-9 on October 16, 2022  
Pastor Jerry R. A. Johnson

# LIFEGROUPS

learning together • loving one another

## Sermon-based Discussion Questions

1. Revelation 8:1 mentions 30 minutes of silence. Share about a time in your life when you experienced total silence. How might silence help us grow spiritually?
2. Revelation 8:3-5 mentions incense, together with prayers, going up before God. How do you think this might help us better understand prayer? *(When your Life Groups prays together this week, consider burning some incense or lighting a fragrant candle. As you're praying and smelling the aroma, visualize the reality of your prayers rising up to God as a pleasing aroma to Him.)*
3. In Revelation 8:6-13, the first four trumpets limit their impact to one third of nature. What might this teach us about God's judgment?
4. Revelation 9:1-19 describes the demonic hordes who are being released on planet earth. What might this teach us about their true nature and intent for mankind? What might the limits of verses 4, 5, and 15 teach us about God?
5. Read Psalm 103:8, Ezekiel 33:11, and 2 Peter 3:9. Does the fact that God is patient and "slow to anger" mean that God never gets angry? Explain.
6. Read Revelation 9:20-21. In light of all that has just happened in Revelation 8-9, what might this persistent sinfulness teach us about humanity? How would you explain God's final plan for unrepentant sinners?

**OCTOBER 26TH -  
FAMILY WORSHIP NIGHT!**

**\*\*ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND  
WORSHIP\*\***

Pizza will be served in the gym at  
5:15pm, then we will have worship in  
the sanctuary at 6:00pm, followed by:  
Games, activities, snacks, cookie  
decorating, and lots of fun!!!

NOVEMBER 9TH  
KIDS CLUB - PACKING PARTY  
for  
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD  
DONATE \$10 TO SEND BOXES  
or  
DONATE GIFTS FOR BOXES

**ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH 12:00 PM**



Please bring a  
**MAIN  
DISH  
&  
SIDE DISH  
- OR -  
SALAD**  
to share.



Beverages and tableware provided.

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☐ YES! I can help with setup/cleanup for the potluck.

NAME:

PHONE:

E-MAIL: