

November 6, 2022 at E-FREE CHURCH OF BEMIDJI

*Becoming deeply devoted followers
of Jesus together*

E-Free Church Online

www.efcbemidji.org | Instagram & Facebook: @efcbemidji

Other Info

Looking to connect at E-Free Bemidji?
Scan the QR code below or fill out the
Welcome Connection Card located in the
sanctuary seats, or complete our online
Connection Card by following this link:
<https://efcbemidji.org/connectioncard>



Livestream link:
www.efcbemidji.org/live

Email efree@paulbunyan.net to share a
prayer request or to join our church
email prayer chain.

Text: efreeprayer to 94000

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
or stop by the foyer bulletin board.

115 Carr Lake Rd. SW, Bemidji, MN 56601 - www.efcbemidji.org

GIVING

For October 30, 2022

WEEKLY GIVING:
\$ 8,167

WEEKLY NEEDED:
\$ 14,778

GIVEN YTD:
\$ 581,405

NEEDED YTD: \$ 646,757

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



Church Office

(218) 751-8834
efree@paulbunyan.net
Text EFree to 94000

Hours:

Tuesday-Friday: 8am-12pm;
1pm-5pm
Sunday: 7:30am-8:30AM;
9:30am-12:30PM

WELCOME

WORSHIP SERVICE

Why is God so Angry?
Revelation 15:1-8

WELCOME

To E-FREE Bemidji - November 6, 2022

NEW HERE?

New here? Regular attender? Stay connected via text message by texting the word **EFREE** to **94000**. Or, check out our website at 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

Lord's Supper Celebration

Sunday, November 13th, the Lord's Supper will be served during our worship services. We will be using our non-alcoholic communion juice and gluten free bread. All who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to celebrate with us. Please take time to reflect upon your walk with the Lord and relationships with other Christians. 1 Corinthians 11:28 urges, "We ought to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup." The Lord's Supper represents Christians' union with Jesus and unity with other believers.

🌲 Christmas Tea Hostess Meeting

Reminder to all hostesses there is a meeting on November 13th at 9:45am in the Conference Room.

Bangladesh information?

Our team is 78% funded with about \$2,300 still to be raised. If you would like to support the team, please indicate Bangladesh Trip on your check memo or online gift.

Benevolence Fund

One of the ways that we demonstrate our love for one another as the body of Christ is by giving a special gift to our church's Benevolence Fund. On a Communion Sunday, this expresses our unity in Christ and our spirit of caring for one another. The Elders distribute these funds to anyone in our church family who needs help with a utility bill, rent, car repair, medical bill, or whatever might be creating a financial hardship right now.

Hallelujah by Handel 🌲

Calling all singers! Our choir is looking for help with singing Hallelujah on Sunday, November 20 at the end of both services. 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.

🌲 Christmas Tea 🌲

Mark your calendars for this special evening of fun, music and food, Friday, Dec 2nd at 6pm. Tickets go on sale November 6th in the Connection Café.

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.

CONNECTION CAFÉ

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.

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

Wednesday Night Ministries

For Updates on Kids Ministries or Youth Ministries:

Text: efreekids to 94000

Text: EFCBSM to 94000

5:15pm Meal

6:00-7:45pm Kids Min & Youth Group

Wednesday Night Meal

November 9: Sloppy Joe's

Please text or email any questions to Mandi Buchan, 218-766-9106 or mjwshutterbug@gmail.com

Operation Christmas Child

Collection week is coming up November 14-21 when we will receive shoeboxes from the community and pack them for shipment to a processing center. Please consider helping during that time. We need help to greet, unload, count and pack cartons as they are dropped off by groups and individuals. Training will be provided. Sign up sheets for collection week are in the Connection Café. Questions? Contact Anna Johnson at 218-444-7256 or doug.anna.johnson@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 6 – Commissioning Bangladesh Team at both services

Nov 6 – Christmas Tea Ticket Sales

Nov 12 – Bangladesh team leaving

Nov 13 – Christmas Tea Hostess Mtg
6pm 2SP service

Nov 14 – OCC drop off week

Nov 15 – 6:30pm Trail Life

Nov 19 – 10AM Women's Overflow

Nov 23 – Bangladesh team returning

Nov 24 – Thanksgiving
Meal deliveries-see insert

Nov 24 & 25 – Office Closed

10/30/2022 Sunday Attendance

292 onsite attendees plus

34 screens in 5 states

11/02/2022 Wednesday Attendance

59 adults, 58 children, 54 youth

SERMON SNEAK PEEK

Nov 13: Escaping Babylon
Revelation 17-18

Nov 20: The End of Evil
Revelation 19-20

Why Is God So Angry?
Revelation 15-16 on November 6, 2022
Rick Weinert

LIFEGROUPS

learning together • loving one another

Sermon-based Discussion Questions

1. When you hear the phrase, “The wrath of God,” what comes to mind? How would you describe God and how does the description “A God of wrath,” fit with your description?
2. Revelation 15:7 says, “Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!” How would you explain this phrase to an unbeliever? Which word seems most significant to you, and why?
3. Describe a time in your life when you were unwilling to listen or submit when you should have? Why do you think it is so hard for us to admit when we are wrong? A recent survey found that Gen Z are less tolerant of people they disagree with than any other generation. What implications do you think that has for evangelism?
4. When people hear “demonic” the first response tends to be fear. How does the idea of the world being under demonic influence affect how you view unbelievers, and how you approach evangelism?
5. The sermon Sunday ended with three applications: **Trust Christ, Pray for the lost, Don't lose hope.** Which of those three do you find the most challenging? Why do you think that is?



2nd Sunday Prayer (2SP) October 9th, 2022 Assessment Highlights

Attendance: (82) including 2 adults & 5 nursery children
& 2 adults and 4 elementary school children

1. Oral Interview data immediately after 2SP:

- a. 13 people stopped by to provide input to Karl S.
- b. In general, quite positive, including, “no change, awesome,” “loved the hymns” & “great, keep it up.”
- c. 4 people indicated longer prayer time.

2. 2-question SurveyMonkey electronic survey:

- a. Of the 69 praying in the sanctuary, Karl obtained 32 email addresses of those in attendance & sent out invitations to complete the 2-question survey. 17 responded.

b. Question #1: “Overall, your 2SP experience was?”

-5	Intolerable	0
-4	Strongly Dissatisfying	0
-3	Moderately Dissatisfying	1
-2	Somewhat Dissatisfying	0
-1	Slightly Dissatisfying	0
0	Neither Sat/Dissatisfying	0
+1	Slightly Satisfying	0
+2	Somewhat Satisfying	1
+3	Moderately Satisfying	3
+4	Strongly Satisfying	11
+5	Ultimately Satisfying	1
		17

c. Question #2: “How can we make 2SP better?” Some representative responses include:

- i. “less programming, more prayer,” “more of the same,” “I will for sure return each month,” “a collective slide for small group prayers,” “more prayer time,” “keep 2SP on the calendar,” “more contemporary music style with guitar,” & “I liked it the way it was (previously).”
- ii. To view a copy of the survey data, see Karl S. or one of the pastors or elders.

d. Next 2SP November 13th (6:00 pm-7:00 pm), nursery provided.



GIVE THANKS & SHARE

In the 42ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL

This year, dinners will be delivered to those whom are home- bound.

If you would like to...

- ◆ Have a meal delivered or
- ◆ Volunteer to be a driver for meal deliveries

Call Karen at 218-214-3452 by noon on Friday, Nov 18th.

If you can volunteer for the following...

Wednesday, Nov 23 (prep pies, rolls, etc)
5PM to 7PM at the Eagle’s Club

Thursday, Nov 24 (Kitchen, Preparing delivery containers for drivers and cleanup)

- ◆ Various shifts from 8AM to 1PM at the Eagle’s Club

Call Karen at 218-214-3452 to volunteer



Monetary donations are welcome.

Checks may be made to Bemidji Community Meals

Mail to: Kathy Luepke

24050 County Rd 9

Bemidji, MN 56601



Leah Helweg

I'm a junior in high school and am 16 years old. I've attended E-Free all my life, so I've known about the Bengali people as our "Unreached people group." Last year, our Global Partners came and spoke to the youth group about an upcoming trip to Bangladesh, and what that would entail.

I talked to them more about it afterwards, and remember thinking how exciting it sounded. When I heard about the trip this November, I prayed about it and God has made a way for me to go! I'm so excited to see what He has in store, and can't wait to see the amazing things He's going to do through us. Thank you!! :)

Jordan Schlador

I live in Duluth, though my family is very involved in ministry in Bemidji. I am very excited to go on this trip with E-Free. The reason I am going is so I can be a part of caring for the SIM conference families, something I am very passionate about. I am also going to learn more about the work being done in Bangladesh and to experience a new country, culture, and way of life.



Justin Burpo

I graduated from Oak Hills with a degree in Intercultural Studies in 2015 and since then I've been a student at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Illinois studying Biblical Archaeology. I've been a member of our church for about a decade now, and for a number of those years I've been involved with the Global Connections Team.

I'm very familiar with our church's connection to the Bengali people and I've wanted to visit in person for a long time. I hope that through going I can help strengthen our congregation's connection to our ministries there.

Our team is **70%** funded with about **\$3,000** yet to be raised. If you would like to support the team, please indicate **Bangladesh Trip** on your check memo or with your online gift. Thank you!

Meet the Bangladesh Team



This November, our team is going to Bangladesh to provide a VBS for kids as their parents attend their SIM conference. We want the parents to be fully engaged while they are in their conference and training and provide an opportunity for discipleship for their children. We will also be learning more about the work in Bangladesh and the spiritual needs of the Bengali people.

Pastor Douglas Daube

Pastor Douglas is the Youth and Young Adults Pastor at E-Free. He is married to Emily and they have two daughters, Alice and Liliana. He is going on the trip to learn more about our Global Partners, their ministry, and our adopted people group.



Evy Buchan

I am a junior in high school. I have been homeschooled for a large part of my life. Just a couple things I enjoy are music, long walks in foggy weather, diving into the word, dogs and good food. March 2020 was a turning point for me when I decided to take my relationship with Christ more seriously.

Ever since then, I thought it would be an amazing opportunity to go and serve those further outside my church and community. I never really inquired about it until I found out about the upcoming trip in November. Not ever thinking my mom would let me go, I just mentioned it to her and afterwards I did almost nothing but prayed that the Lord would make a way for me to be on the trip if I was meant to go. Other than that, I really don't have a specific reason for going other than to stretch my comfort zone and to bless those we will be serving. I am very excited to see how the Lord has been working and how he will continue to do so.



Overflow Kick-Off
Saturday, Nov 19th 10:00-11:30am

Join us in the Connection Cafe for:

Brunch and a devotional celebrating the beauty of God's redemptive work in our lives and a craft that reflects our thankfulness for that redemption.

There is no cost, but please sign up at the Women's Ministry table so supplies can be purchased and childcare arranged.

Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

1 Thessalonians 2:8

2SP SECOND SUNDAY
PRAYER

prayer + praise for all ages
nursery provided

Join us every second Sunday of the month as we gather together to pray. Whether you are comfortable praying out loud in a group, or if you would prefer to pray silently in agreement, join us in prayer!

OCT 9, 6-7PM

NOV 13, 6-7PM

DEC 11, 6-7PM

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**PRAYER
CHANGES
LIVES**

LADIES AGE 14 AND OLDER ARE
INVITED TO OUR

Christmas Tea

DECEMBER 2ND
6:00 PM
\$20

TICKETS GO
ON SALE
NOVEMBER 6TH

