

November 13, 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 November 6, 2022

WEEKLY GIVING:
\$ 14,194

WEEKLY NEEDED:
\$ 14,778

GIVEN YTD:
\$ 595,599

NEEDED YTD: \$ 661,535

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

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Escaping Babylon
Revelation 17-18

WELCOME

To E-FREE Bemidji - November 13, 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

Today, 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 today, Nov 13th at 9:45am in the Conference Room.

🕯️ Christmas Tea 🕯️

Mark your calendars for this special evening of fun, music and food, Friday, Dec 2nd at 6pm. Get your ticket before they are sold out!

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.

Fraud Alert

Please be careful not to respond to any requests supposedly from church staff to buy gift certificates or change bank information for them. There are other scams out there as well. When in doubt, please contact the church office directly.

Community Thanksgiving Meal

Call Karen at 218-214-3452 by November 18th if you are homebound and would like to have a meal delivered, or if you would like to volunteer to be a helper in some way: driver, preparation, cleanup, etc.

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

6:00-7:45 Youth Group Small Group

Night Out, No formal Youth Group

Wednesday Night Meal

November 16: Baked Potato Bar
Please text or email any questions to Mandi Buchan, 218-766-9106 or mjwshutterbug@gmail.com

OCC - Your help is needed!

We will be collecting shoeboxes from the community November 14-21. You can help greet, carry in and count shoeboxes, pack shoeboxes in cartons for shipping, help fill out paperwork, etc. Training is available before each shift. Shifts are Monday-Friday, 1:00-3:00 and 3:00-5:00; Saturday, 9:00-noon; and Sunday and Monday afternoons we will stack the cartons on the semi for delivery to the processing center in Chicago. Please sign up in the Connection Café, or call Anna Johnson, 218-444-7256, or 218-760-5264.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Nov 14 – Foster Care Support 7:30pm

Nov 14-21– OCC drop off week

Nov 15 – 6:30pm Trail Life

Nov 16 – YG Small Group Night Out

Nov 19 – 10am Women's Overflow

Nov 23 – Bangladesh team returning

Nov 24 – Thanksgiving
meal deliveries

Nov 24 & 25 – Office Closed

Nov 27 – 1st Sunday of Advent

Dec 2 – 6:00pm Christmas Tea

11/06/2022 Sunday Attendance

327 onsite attendees plus

34 screens in 9 states

11/09/2022 Wednesday Attendance

49 adults, 56 children, 50 youth

SERMON SNEAK PEEK

Nov 20: The End of Evil
Revelation 19-20

Nov 27: A New Heaven and Earth
Revelation 21-22

Escaping Babylon
Revelation 17-18 on November 13, 2022
Pastor Jerry R. A. Johnson

LIFEGROUPS

learning together • loving one another

Sermon-based Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever gone to an Escape Room or wanted to go? Tell us about it. Or, what is one of the greatest escape stories you've ever heard? (Maybe the escape from Alcatraz, or Houdini's famous underwater escape, or a gazelle escaping from a lion?)
2. Why do you think Revelation 17 compares the sinfully corrupt world system of Babylon to a prostitute? What might this teach us about seduction and temptation?
3. Revelation 17:3 says the prostitute was sitting on a scarlet beast. What might this teach us about this world's underlying association with evil? Do you think this means that we should expect to find demons around every corner then? Explain.
4. Revelation 18:4 warns God's people to come out of Babylon so that we won't share in her sins and share in her judgments. Brainstorm some specific examples of what you think it means to be "in the world but not of it"? (Consider Jesus' words in John 15:18-19; 17:14-15)
5. What have you found to be effective in escaping the temptations of this world? How might we be able to help each other escape? (See 1 Corinthians 10:12-13)
6. Imagine if all of your earthly possessions were wiped out in a single hour. How do you think your reaction might be similar to the kings, merchants, and sailors in Revelation 18? How would you like your reaction to be different?



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



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