October 13, 2019

Evangelical Free Church

115 Carr Lake Road SW
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To promote the Supremacy of Christ by:

"Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus together."
(Colossians 1:28)

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Email pray@efcbemidji.org to share a prayer request or to join us in prayer.

Financial Giving through October 6

General Ministry weekly giving:	$17,817	Needed to date: $512,200 Given to date: $492,772
Global Partners weekly giving:	$1,690	Needed to date: $60,200 Given to date: $52,817

Lead Pastor - Jerry Johnson
Associate Pastor - Eric Nygren
Youth & Young Adults Pastor - Albin Sterneman
Kids Ministries Director - Gerri Thorsgard
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WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Welcome to Sunday Morning at E-Free Bemidji

Worship Service - October 13

The Finish Line
2 Timothy 4:1-8

Nursery - up to age 3
Our nursery is located at far end of the Fellowship Hall. We have great people ready to care for your little one.

Kid's Club and Youth Group
There is no Kid's Club and Youth Group for Wednesday, October 16 due to MEA break.

Second Sunday Prayer Night
TONIGHT, Sunday, October 13th, 6:30-7:30 pm. You're invited to Second Sunday Prayer, an evening of focused prayer mixed with fun and fellowship. Join us as we seek to become fully devoted followers of Jesus together through prayer.

Mokahum Ministry Center - Annual Fundraising Banquet:
"Moving from a Mission FIELD to a Mission FORCE". Keynote Speaker: Dr. Martin Giese - President of Oak Hills Fellowship. Come Tuesday October 22, 2019 at the Evangelical Free Church - Bemidji. Doors open at 5:30pm **RSVP by October 16 at:** mokahumbanquet@gmail.com. There will be a free will offering at the end of the event.

Shine Carnival
Donations of CANDY needed for the Annual SHINE Carnival.
SHINE is a safe, family-friendly Halloween Alternative for the Bemidji Community. Our church is partnering with the Covenant Church for this event on Thursday, October 31.

Christmas Tea
The Christmas Tea is on Friday, December 6, 2019. We are looking for ladies who are interested in setting and hosting a table for this year's Tea. If this is something you would enjoy doing, or if you have questions, please call or text Linda at (218) 766-6659 asap.

Senior Connection (55+)
Senior Connection will meet on Fri., Oct. 25th for a Harvest potluck at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The meat will be provided. A Short program will be on thoughts of harvest by Scott Engelstad and we will sing harvest songs lead by Laura Engelstad. Please come and bring someone new! Invite a friend or someone from church to join. They do not need to bring anything. They can just come and enjoy the fellowship and good food!

Fall Fling
Please pray for our youth group as we take a group of 53 students and leaders to camp Shamineau! We leave at 4:30 pm on Friday and will return at 2:00 pm on Sunday.

Sermon Sneak Peek
October 20, "Reconciled,"
Ephesians 2:11-18
Bill Haas is speaking
(Communion Sunday)
October 27, "Compelled by Compassion,"
Matthew 9:35-10:15

Opportunities and Info

Congregational Meeting - October 27
Our next quarterly Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 27, at 1:00 p.m. following an all-church potluck at 12:15 p.m. Business items include approving the 2020 budget, voting on new church officers and new church members, and approving updates to the church constitution and by-laws. These updates include a few new things and some clarifications on employee practices and adjustments to board quorums. Copies of these changes are available in the Fellowship Hall with the changes in red ink. Although only members may vote, all are welcome to attend.

Adult Sunday School & Formation Groups (9:45-10:35 am)
Our current round of Formation Groups will finish up on Oct. 20th. The next 6-week round of Formation Groups will begin on Nov. 3rd. During the 9:45 am Sunday School time on Oct. 27th there will be a Welcoming Church Workshop open to all, and a Life Group Leaders Lab for our current group leaders. The Growing in Grace group and the Listening to Jesus: The Book of Luke study will continue to meet weekly.

SAVE THESE DATES:
November 1-2–Women's Catch up Weekend
November 24 - Thanksgiving Potluck
November 28 - Community Thanksgiving Meal hosted @ Efree Bemidji
December 6 - Christmas Tea

SUNDAY, October 13
8:30 AM Traditional Service
9:45 AM Formation Groups and Sunday School
10:45 AM Contemporary Service
6:00 PM Financial Peace University
6:30 PM Second Sunday Prayer Night

MONDAY, October 14
6:00 PM Trauma Healing Group
7:00 PM GCT Meeting

TUESDAY, October 15
9:00 AM Staff Prayer Meeting
5:45 PM Handbell Practice
6:00 PM Men's Purity Group
6:00 PM College Age Young Adult Life Group
7:15 PM Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, October 16
6:30 AM Men's Bible Study
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study at Birch Haven
NO Kid's Club or Youth Group(MEA)

THURSDAY, October 17
4:30 PM GriefShare
6:30 PM Elder Meeting
6:30 PM Men's Discipleship Group
7:00 PM Worship Team Practice

FRIDAY, October 18
4:30 PM Youth Group Leaves for Fall Fling

SATURDAY, October 19

THE AMAZING JOURNEY OF A SIMPLE SHOEBOX GIFT BEGINS WITH YOU

PACKING, COLLECTING & SHIPPING

People pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Churches and groups collect these boxes the third week of November. Then, thousands of volunteers inspect and prepare the shoeboxes for international shipping.

WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION

Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the Gospel and bless children.

OUTREACH EVENTS

Churches around the world hand out shoebox gifts at festive outreach events where the Good News is clearly presented. Along with the gifts, we offer Gospel booklets called The Greatest Gift to help shoebox recipients learn about God's Greatest Gift, His Son, Jesus Christ.

DISCIPLESHIP & MULTIPLICATION

After receiving a shoebox gift, children have the opportunity to enroll in our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. As a result of what they learn, boys and girls grow in Christ and share Him with others. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.

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Dear friend,

Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has collected more than 168 million shoeboxes packed with toys and other fun items by people like you, and delivered them to boys and girls in need around the world in partnership with local churches.

Sampil who has cerebral palsy received one of those shoebox gifts. Volunteers in his hometown of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, hosted an Operation Christmas Child outreach event for disabled children like him, but he was sick that day. Not wanting him to miss out, a volunteer visited Sampil's house to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with him and give him a gift-filled shoebox. Sampil was delighted to find, among other fun items, a towel, toothbrush, and various school supplies inside.

"After I got a shoebox, I became a Christian and my relationships with others changed," Sampil said. He hadn't been to school in years, but the notebooks in his gift inspired him to enroll in a school for the disabled where he made many friends. Aware of Christ's forgiveness of his sins, Sampil also forgave his father who left his family more than 10 years ago. Today, Sampil has since graduated and serves as an assistant teacher at a camp.

Many boys and girls who receive shoebox gifts also enroll in The Greatest Journey, our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, where they learn to follow Christ and share Him with others. Millions of boys and girls have participated in this dynamic course so far.

Would you consider joining us in spreading Good News and great joy this year by packing a shoebox?

Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan's Purse

Sampil

To learn how to pack a shoebox, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ

View solicitation disclosure information for Samaritan's Purse online at samaritanspurse.org/disclosure

Instructions for Parents

You shall teach [God's words] diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. (Deuteronomy 6:7, ESV)

Let's face it, it's hard for kids to sit still during Sunday worship. Even if you can get them to sit quietly, how much of the service are they really understanding? But with a little help from mom and dad, grandparents, or other key adults Sunday morning can have a significant spiritual impact on a child's heart.

In his book *Intentional Parenting* author Tad Thompson says,

> "I believe it is vital for the purpose of family discipleship for your children to worship with you in the corporate gathering."

We are providing this worksheet, not as an activity page to keep kids busy and quiet during the service, but as a vehicle for family discipleship. We want to equip parents to help their kids process the Sunday morning worship experience for the purpose of pointing them to the gospel and their need for a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We also hope that you will find this to be a useful tool during the week to spiritually engage your children as you seek to lead them in family discipleship. Set aside just 15 minutes to discuss this sheet together and what your children experienced on Sunday morning.

Discussion Examples:

- after Sunday lunch
- before bedtime
- as a part of your family devotions
- as a mid-week reminder
- or whenever you find 15 minutes!

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My Sunday Notes

Today is...

My favorite song was...

Today's Scripture

What did I hear the pastor say?

I can pray for...

This week I need to...

- ☐ remember _____
- ☐ believe _____
- ☐ obey _____
- ☐ forgive _____
- ☐ change _____

The Finish Line

2 Timothy 4:1-8

October 13, 2019 - Pastor Jerry Johnson

LIFEGROUPS

learning together • loving one another

Sermon-based Discussion Questions[1]

"The Finish Line" from 10/13/19

2 Timothy 4:1-8

SPOILER ALERT: *You may not want to read these until AFTER you have heard the sermon.*

1. When you envision the Finish Line of your Christian faith, what do you most look forward to? Is there anything that you are not looking forward to?

2. Why does getting to the Finish Line require unwavering commitment to the authority of God's Word? 2 Timothy 4:2 mentions that God's Word can "correct, rebuke and encourage." Share an example when it has done one of these in your life?

3. Can you think of anything that might cause someone to stop short of the Finish Line? What tends to tempt you to stop short? Is there an area in your life where you need a loving "kick in the pants?"

4. Read 2 Timothy 4:7. What do you think Paul meant by each of these 3 statements? Which of these connects with you the most? Why?

5. What motivates you to run the Christian race diligently? How might visualizing the Finish Line motivate you?

6. What ministry do you feel that God has called you to? How can our Life Group encourage you and cheer you on in that ministry?

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[1] Sermon archive available at https://efcbemidji.org/watch-read/sermons/sermon-list/
Life Group Questions available at https://efcbemidji.org/watch-read/resources/category/life-group-questions/