December 29, 2019

Evangelical Free Church

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Promoting the supremacy of Christ by becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus together!

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24/7 Emergency Pastoral Care Phone: (218) 760-7424

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

Financial Giving through December 8

General Ministry weekly giving:	$13,800	Needed to date: $627,445 Given to date: $618,485
Global Partners weekly giving:	$721	Needed to date: $73,745 Given to date: $63,748

Lead Pastor - Jerry Johnson
Associate Pastor - Eric Nygren
Youth & Young Adults Pastor - Albin Sterneman
Kids Ministries Director - Gerri Thorsgard
Visitation Caregiver - Kay Sue Eriksson
Facility Supervisor - Ron Bodenheimer
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WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Welcome to Sunday Morning at E-Free Bemidji

Worship Service - December 29

A New Year's Resolution
Luke 9:28-36

Nursery - up to 4th Birthday
Our nursery is located at far end of the Fellowship Hall. We have great people ready to care for your little one.

Beginners Church and Kids Church
There will be no Beginners church or Kids Church during the 10:45 sermon today (Dec 29). Both will resume on Jan 5th.

Kids Quiet Packs
These are available in the back of the Sanctuary, behind Section 2, for any kids staying in the service.

Kid's Club and Youth Group
There will be no Kid's Club and Youth Group on January 1. We will resume on January 8 at 6:15 pm.

Child Dedication
We will be holding a child dedication on Sunday, January 19. If you have a child that you would like dedicated on that day, please contact Pastor Jerry at: pastorjerry@efcbemidji.org by no later than January 12.

Conquer Series for guys
New session beginning January 9, 2020 and running for 12 weeks from 6PM to 8PM Thursday nights. If you, or someone you know struggles with pornography, same sex attraction or other sexual struggles this program of healing and answers is for you! Don't wait any longer! Start your journey to freedom now. Confidential! Email to conquerme11@yahoo.com or (218)-556-8972

Teaching the Gospel in Ethiopia
On Sunday, January 5, 9:45 a.m., in the Youth Room Pastor Emeritus Fred Martin will give a report on his two trips to Ethiopia in 2019. The report will include stories and slides plus a feel for the actual training that he provided in his work with Training Leaders International. Please bring your Bible.

Communion
On Sunday, January 5, the Lord's Supper will be served in both worship services. All who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior are invited to participate. Please take some time to reflect upon your walk with the Lord and your 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 the Christian's union with Jesus and his or her unity with other believers. We will receive a special offering after our services for our Benevolence Fund. The communion bread is gluten free.

Formation Groups Starting Soon!
Mark your calendars! Formation Groups will be starting back up on Sunday, January 12. Join us at 9:45 am and check out one of these formation groups:
- *Getting to Know Our Native American Neighbors* (Bill Haas & Paul Straubel from Center for Indian Ministries)
- *Loving Your LGBTQ Neighbor* (Pastor Eric Nygren)

Opportunities and Info

Adult Volleyball
Calling all adults for a fun evening of competitive volleyball. Thursday nights at 6:30 PM in the Community Life Center Gym. Our first night will be January 9th. For more info, call or text Stephen Helweg at (218) 242-0041.

Women's Bible Study
Join the Community Women's Bible Study for: Daniel - Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy by Beth Moore. This study will be on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm for 12-weeks, starting January 13, 2020 at church in the community life center. This 12-week session deals with Daniel's life as he faced the kind of pressures and temptations Christians encounter today and as he modeled enduring integrity in an enticing world. We will also explore thrilling prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Christ. Cost of book - $20.00. Please email jritchie@paulbunyan.net or call the E Free church office at (218)751-8834 by January 5th to reserve a book.

Operation Christmas Child–Thank you!
Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Operation Christmas Child. Whether you packed shoeboxes or helped with the drop off week, your participation helped bring the Good News to children in these countries: Guatemala, Niger, Namibia, Chile, Ukraine, Rwanda and one hard to reach country. Our church collected 208 shoeboxes. The drop off week garnered 4,014 total shoeboxes!!! What a blessing. It isn't too late to send shoeboxes. Just log on to www.samaritanspurse.org and click on OCC and pack a shoebox. The site will lead you through the process. If you have questions, please call Anna Johnson at (218) 444-7256.

SUNDAY, December 29
10:45 AM Blended Service
6:30 PM Men's Basketball

MONDAY, December 30

TUESDAY, December 31

WEDNESDAY, January 1
Office Closed. Happy New Year!

THURSDAY, January 2
6:30 PM Men's Discipleship Group
7:00 PM Worship Team Practice

FRIDAY, January 3

SATURDAY, January 4

Sermon Sneak Peek
January 5, "Heart Matters," Matthew 13:1-9
January 12, "Pulling Weeds," Matthew 13:24-40

SAVE THESE DATES:
January 12 - Challenge Parent Meeting
January 26 - Church Potluck and Annual Celebration & Vision Meeting
January 31 - Feb. 1 - Ladies Catch-Up Weekend
February 15 - Valentine's Banquet
February 28 - Ladies Night Out

Global Partner Fund Merger and Year End Gifts

Beginning January 1, 2020, the Global Partner Funds will now be contained within the General Fund budget. Our Global Partners will receive the same amount of support from our church in 2020 as they did in 2019. The main change is that, as a donor, you will no longer need to designate your giving to Global Partners. The giving envelopes in the sanctuary chairs and in the office will reflect this simplification.

There are still a few days left to make a tax-deductible donation for your 2019 taxes. Mailed contributions must be postmarked by December 31 to be applicable for this year.

The church's website www.efcbemidji.org/give provides information on the various giving options available including online, mobile app, text to give, and automatic bank withdrawal. You may choose to make a one-time gift or to set up a recurring donation for this coming year.

Thank you for financially supporting God's work in and through the Evangelical Free Church of Bemidji. We are very careful to steward each dollar in a way that honors God. Any questions can be directed to our Trustee Board or by emailing efree@paulbunyan.net. Your giving at EFree is completely confidential.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7