#### August 13, 2023 August Thirteenth Festival

**Watchword for the Week –** Jesus spoke to the disciples and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Matthew 14:27

**Welcome** to our service of worship on this special day of celebration in the Moravian Church. On August 13, 1727, a group of quarreling Christians living on the estate of Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf experienced unity in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. This event marked the beginning of the Renewed Moravian Church. As God gave a fresh outpouring of His Holy Spirit to those gathered at the Berthelsdorf Chapel long ago, we pray He will pour it out freshly upon us as we worship and share in Holy Communion.

If you are visiting with us today we are especially glad you are here. Please take a moment to add your name, address and phone number to the blue Friendship Register as it is passed down the pew. We consider you an honored guest and hope that you will return and worship with us in the weeks to come. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to talk with you about joining the Friedberg church family.

The Moravian Church practices open communion. All who have been baptized and understand the significance of this holy meal are welcome to receive it. The pastors and acolytes will bring the elements from the communion table and serve the congregation in the pews. All who desire to receive Holy Communion are asked to stand, two rows at a time. To receive the bread, extend your right hand, palm up, and you will be served a small wafer. For the cup, the tray will be extended so that you may take one of the cups. Please wait until all have been served each element so that the entire congregation may partake together.

**Attendance at Holy Communion** is a very important aspect of your relationship with God and fellow members of the Church. For this reason, we keep record of those who attend our services of Holy Communion. If you plan to receive communion today, please fill out one of the communion attendance cards, located in the pew rack, and place in the offering plate later in the service.

**Gluten-free communion wafers**. The front row of the section of pews immediately to the right of the pulpit is reserved for those who need to receive gluten-free communion wafers. You may move to that row before worship begins, during the opening hymn or when we exchange the right hand of fellowship at the beginning of the communion liturgy.

Prelude

No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus William Boles, soloist Weigle

**Welcome and Announcements** 

**Hymn** To God Be the Glory

(Blue) # 550

(Afterwards, Children through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may leave for Children's Church)

**Joys and Concerns** 

Prayer

**Giving of Our Tithes and Offering** 

Prayer

Offertory Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing Robinson
Cinda Alexander, Dawn Fordham and Holly Newsome, trio
Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Blue) # 817

**Holy Scripture** 

Matthew 28:16-20 Acts1:1-11

Sermon

"Following Jesus" (Disciples – Part 5)

Holy Communion for August 13th Festival

(Blue) p. 222

Benediction

**Postlude** I Come With Christians

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This week in Friedberg's History: In 1727 in the Moravian settlement of Herrnhut, Germany on what was the estate of Count Zinzendorf, there were disagreements over doctrine and practice that undoubtedly led to false assumptions and bad behavior toward others. In 1727, the community sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit and resolved to live together as true brothers and sisters in Christ. This event is considered the birthday of the Renewed Moravian Church. This same "renewal" was also felt by the children of Herrnhut on August 17, 1727. A new Moravian "tradition" was begun in 2014 at Bethabara by celebrating the children's renewal (Moravian Childrens Festival). Events have been held since at Bethania, Salem, Hope, Friedberg, Friedland, and St. Philips.

Please join us on Wednesday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m. for our last Summer Mid-Week Vesper Service. We will gather outside behind the church to share a time of fellowship and praise. Jennifer Boles will be leading our devotions and the quartet will be leading our music. Please bring your lawn chairs.

The Women's Fellowship Tag Sale is Thursday, August 17 from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Friday, August 18 from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 19 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Come and shop early, shop often and tell your friends and neighbors.

The Senior Choir invites you to a potluck kick-off meal on Wednesday, August 23 at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dish(es) to pass and enjoy some great fellowship along with your meal. At 7;30 we'll head to the choir room for our first rehearsal after our summer break. If you are 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older, you love to sing and you love Jesus and want to praise Him, then you need to be in the Senior Choir! We rehearse weekly, Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30 in the Choir Room (lower level of the educational building, beside the Willing Worker's Classroom). Come join the fun! Join the choir!

The family of Herman E. Foltz has donated copies of his book, Adam & Maria Spach-Their Family to Friedberg. Our board of trustees has approved offering copies of the book to members of our congregation for a minimum donation of \$150.00 each. Proceeds will be used for improvements to our Historical Room. After September 23, any remaining copies will be made available to the public. Please contact the church office if you would like to purchase a copy of this book.

We are seeking willing servers for the dining room on Saturday, November 4. 2023 at our Fall Chicken Pie Supper. This is such an important service opportunity for our church and community. First shift is from 3:30 PM.- 5:30 PM and Second shift is from 5:15 PM to 7:15 PM. Please consider volunteering your time. For any questions or to sign up please contact Angie Fishel at 336-414-4821/angiefishel61@gmail.com or Michelle Tucker at 336-408-0477/tuckedin88@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

All parents who have a child in Children's Church will be <u>required</u> to physically come down to the AV room on the first floor of the Family Life Center and sign their child out before they are released at the end of worship.

#### Sunday, August 13(Holy Communion)

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream

4:30 p.m. C.R.O.S.S. Kids

#### Monday, August 14

7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting

#### Tuesday, August 15

6:00 p.m. Youth Skating at Skateland

7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

#### Wednesday, August 16

7:00 p.m. Summer Mid-Weel Vesper Service

#### Thursday, August 17

9:00 a.m. Tag Sale until 6:00

#### Friday, August 18

9:00 a.m. Tag Sale until 6:00 p.m.

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#### Saturday, August 19

9:00 a.m. Tag Sale Until 1:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. Children's Lovefeast Practice/Cookout/Fun Day

#### Sunday, August 20 (Children's Lovefeast)

9:15 a.m. Band Prelude

9:25 a.m. Prayer Partners-Parlor

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream

2:00 p.m. Youth Crud Day

#### FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

August 13, 2023

#### **MEMBERS**

William Boles	Larry Jarvis	Reba Payne
Phil Carter	Robbie Joyce	Kolton Pennell
Wilma Decker	Vicky S. Kimel	Mary Lou Pitts
Emily Essick	Peggy Lawson	Martha Plyler
LeAnne Essick	Yvonne Lemons	Joy Reich
Jerry Evans	Jennifer MacLeod	Betty Sink
Don Faust	Carolyn Mason	Bob & Judy Smith
Janie Foltz	Rebecca Mickey	Martha Thomas
Laurie Foltz	Stamie Moore	Jerry & Gail Tolley
Mike Foltz	Dan Nelson	Amanda Traigle
J.T. Hopkins		

## Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday: Jean Perrell and Chuck Willard

#### **MEMBERS AND RELATIVES IN MILITARY**

Dylan Bundy	Alex Kennedy	Jon Eric Spaar, Jr.
Dylan Coleman	Patrick Mickey	Ryan Spach
Ben Greeson	Daniel Randleman	Brandon Thompson
Jennifer Greenwood	Colton Scott	Aidan Wheeler
Dakota Holtzclaw		

#### MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM FRIEDBERG

ARMF (Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation)

Safie Braima - Sierra Leone

Charlie & Vicki Brent - CRU (Campus Crusade), Texas A & M University

Michael and Brenda Brent - CRU (Campus Crusade), Croatia

Anna Stewart Faircloth - Young Life

Keith Graham - Cookies for Christ

Dusty and Christin Harrison – Intervarsity, Clemson University

Hoof and Paw Therapeutic Riding and Activity Center

Phil III & Eunice Raiford, Commission to Every Nation (CTEN) - Mexico

Michael and Ceci Tesh, Ray of Hope Orphanage - Kenya

Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry

Joey Yokely - Fellowship of Christian Athletes

#### Six Things I Must Do To Be A Disciple Of Jesus

#### 1. I must be with Jesus constantly.

Anyone who wants to serve me must follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And the Father will honor anyone who serves me. (John 12:26, NLT)

- A. Spiritual growth is a choice.
- B. Spiritual growth is a commitment.
- C. Spiritual growth is a relationship.

#### 2. I must love Jesus supremely.

If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else — your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters — yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:26, NLT)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. (Matthew 6:33, NKJV)

The most important commandment is this: "Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength." (Mark 12:29-30, NLT)

#### 3. I must love my fellow disciples graciously.

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. (John 13:35, NLT)

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up His life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. (1 John 3:16, NLT)

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13, NIV)

#### 4. I must obey Jesus consistently.

<sup>15</sup> If you love me, you will keep my commandments, <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; you know Him, for He dwells with you, and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. 20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. 22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that you will manifest vourself to us, and not to the world?" 23 Jesus answered him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 He who does not love me does not keep my words: and the word which you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. (John 14:15-24, RSV)

### When Jesus was tempted by Satan, He resisted the attacks by using the Word of God.

(See Matthew 4:1-11)

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. (Deut. 8:3)

You shall not tempt the Lord your God. (Deut. 6:16)

You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve. (Deuteronomy 6:13)

#### We can resist by using the Word of God too!

Jesus told the people who had faith in Him, "If you keep on obeying what I have said, you truly are my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

(John 8:31-32, CEV)

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father — Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

(1 John 2:1-2, NIV)

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9, NIV)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails ... <sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

#### 5. I must serve others unselfishly.

[Jesus] sat down, called the twelve disciples over to Him, and said, "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else. (Mark 9:35, NLT)

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many."

(Matthew 20:25-28, NLT)

Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

(Matthew 16:24, ESV)

6.	I must	Jesus	,

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed Him.

(Matthew 4:18-20, NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

(Matthew 28:18-20, NIV)

Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others. ... Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach. And because I preach this Good News, I am suffering and have been chained like a criminal. But the word of God cannot be chained. So I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen. (2 Timothy 2:1-2, 8-10, NLT)



# Following Jesus How to Be A Disciple

As Jesus was walking along, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed Him. (Matthew 9:9, NLT)

What is a disciple? In general, a disciple is a student; a learner; an apprentice.

#### Four ways in which disciple is used in the Bible

- 1. Someone who is being trained by someone else.
  - Joshua was trained for leadership by Moses.
  - Elisha was an apprentice to Elijah.
  - John the Baptist had disciples who followed him.
  - The apostle Paul had a disciple named Timothy.
- 2. Specific reference to the 12 disciples of Jesus.
- 3. Synonym for "Christian."

In the early days of Christianity followers of Jesus were not called Christians. They were called disciples and/or members of the Way. It wasn't until the Church spread to the city of Antioch that they began to be called Christians.

- 4. The way Jesus means it. That is what this sermon series is all about Being disciples of Jesus.
  - The kind of disciples Jesus desires.
  - The kind of disciples Jesus deserves.
  - · The kind of disciples the Church needs.
  - The kind of disciples that will make a positive difference in the world.



#### Do you want to...

- 1] ...better understand God's plan for His children?
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- 3] ...grow in your relationship with God?

If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, then *The Bethel Bible Series* is for you.

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#### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

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  - -Each student makes a 7 week commitment. Each new session will have a new sign up period
- 4. Is there a cost?
  - -The cost for the Workbook is \$60 (\$20 for each trimester)
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- 6. When does it start? September 28, 2023

Sign up   Here	If <b>The Bethel Bible Series</b> sounds like what you have been looking for, sign up below, or contact the office. The classes will be filled on a first come - first served basis with any additional names being put on a waiting list.	
Name	Phone Number	
Email Addres	ss	
Number of No	otebooks (if you are a couple)	
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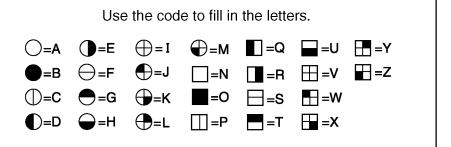
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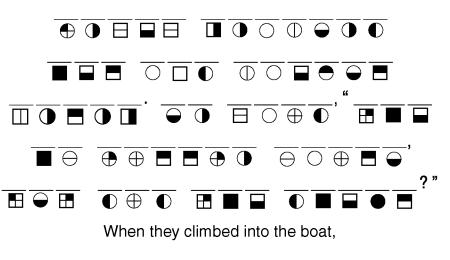
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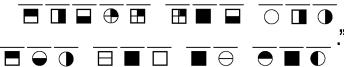


#### What happened next?







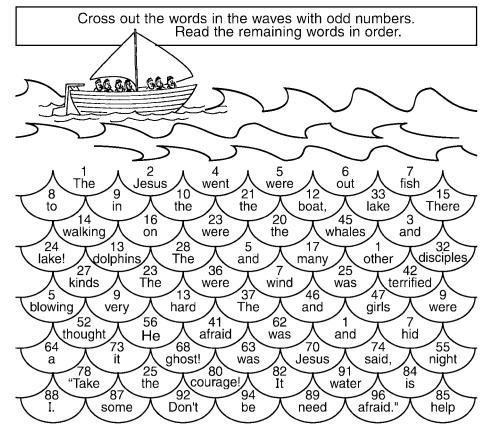


# Ages 7+

August 13, 2023 • Matthew 14:22-33

#### Jesus Walks on the Water

Jesus sent the disciples out in a boat. He went to pray. When evening came, wind and waves pounded the boat.





The Rev. Jim Newsome-Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dan Nelson-Assoc. Pastor
Karen Hill-Director of Youth Ministry
Heidi Everhart-Director of Children's Ministry
Debbie Foltz-Music Director
Jimmie Snyder-Band Director

#### Peter questioned Jesus. What happened next?

