

September 3, 2023
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Watchword for the Week – Jesus said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Matthew 16:24

Welcome to our service of worship for this fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - the season of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit was sent by the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, to supply the church with everything needed to serve Him faithfully until the day of His return. As we worship today, let us pray for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit upon ourselves, our church, our community, nation and world. May more and more people everywhere hear and respond to the Good News - that Jesus is the Way; the Truth; the Life; the only source of salvation.

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.

Prelude *It Is Well with My Soul* Bliss

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* (Blue) # 538
(Afterwards, children 4-2nd grade may leave for Children's Church)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Prayer
Anthem *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* Arr. Wise
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Blue) # 817

Holy Scripture

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15
Colossians 3:22-4:1
Exodus 35:30-36:7

Hymn *Be Present with Your Servants, Lord* (Blue) # 734

Sermon “The Value of Work”

Hymn *Chosen and Sent by the Father* (Blue) # 639
(Verses 1,3 and 5)

Benediction

Postlude *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Showalter

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given in celebration of the 40th wedding anniversary of John and Robin Lindley. They were married on August 28, 1983. *But Ruth said: “Entreat me not to leave you or turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people and your God, my God.” Ruth 1:16.* (This scripture was part of their wedding vows).

This week in Friedberg's History: Friedberg Moravian Preschool opened on the September 5, 2006, as an outreach ministry of the church and it continues to lovingly welcome children and families from our congregation and the surrounding community regardless of race, religion or ethnic group. The mission of the preschool is to provide a Christ-centered educational program that nurtures the mind, body and spirit of young children, enabling them to feel secure in their world, loved and accepted for their individual personalities and gifts. Another very important date for Friedberg was our first livestream on YouTube was on September 9, 2018.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday October 1st 4pm-6pm. The Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus (KSOC) will be in concert at Friedberg. You will be touched by the high-caliber music and truly amazed by their Christian faith testimony. KSOC music is both a profession and a calling for these touring 30 world-class musicians. Music makes a difference in our church and around the world. Come enjoy and share in this ministry that transforms lives. There is no cost to concert admission, but the opportunity will be given for a love offering. Contact Pat Atkins (patkins1@bellsouth.net) should you have questions. Check out musicmissionkiev.org for more information and understanding of the mission.

All parents who have a child in Children's Church will be required 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, September 3

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream

Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

6:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 6

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 7

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study-Discovery Classroom
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Sunday, September 10

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
4:30 p.m. C.R.O.S.S. Kids-Family Life Center
4:30 p.m. Youth/Parent Covered Dish-Fellowship Hall

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

September 3, 2023

MEMBERS

Robert Beck	J.T. Hopkins	Mary Lou Pitts
Phil Carter	Lula Jackson	Martha Plyler
Wilma Decker	Larry Jarvis	Joy Reich
Brenda Dennis	Robbie Joyce	Jann Shermer
Jane Dennis	Peggy Lawson	Betty Sink
Emily Essick	Yvonne Lemons	Bob & Judy Smith
LeAnne Essick	Jennifer MacLeod	Larry Snyder
Jerry Evans	Carolyn Mason	Mona Templin
Don Faust	Rebecca Mickey	Martha Thomas
Janie Foltz	Stamie Moore	Jerry & Gail Tolley
Laurie Foltz	Reba Payne	Amanda Traigle
Mike Foltz	Kolton Pennell	

Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:
Don & Christine Jones

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

A. We are to _____ in our work.
(Colossians 3:23-24, NIV)

... let your light shine before others, that they may see
your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
(Matthew 5:16, NIV)

B. Work gives us the means to _____.

*He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he
must labor, performing with his own hands what is
good, so that he will have something to share with one
who has need.*
(Ephesians 4:28, NASB)

**A Case In Point:
Building the Tabernacle**
(Exodus Chapters 35 and 36)

*And Moses told them, "...The Lord has filled Bezalel with the
Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in
all kinds of crafts... He is a master at every craft ...And the Lord
has given both him and Oholiab ... the ability to teach their skills
to others... They excel as craftsmen and as designers. The Lord
has gifted Bezalel, Oholiab, and the other skilled craftsmen with
wisdom and ability to perform any task involved in building the
sanctuary. Let them construct and furnish the Tabernacle, just as
the Lord has commanded.*
(Exodus 35:30—36:1, NLT)

*So Moses summoned Bezalel and Oholiab and all the others who
were specially gifted by the Lord and were eager to get to work.
Moses gave them the materials donated by the people of Israel as
sacred offerings for the completion of the sanctuary. But the
people continued to bring additional gifts each morning. Finally
the craftsmen who were working on the sanctuary left their work.
They went to Moses and reported, "The people have given more
than enough materials to complete the job the Lord has
commanded us to do!" So Moses gave the command, and this
message was sent throughout the camp: "Men and women, don't
prepare any more gifts for the sanctuary. We have enough!" So
the people stopped bringing their sacred offerings. Their
contributions were more than enough to complete the whole
project.*
(Exodus 36:2-7, NLT)



The Value of Work

*Whatever you do, work at it with all
your heart, as working for the Lord,
not for men, since you know that you
will receive an inheritance from the
Lord as a reward. It is the Lord
Christ you are serving.*
(Colossians 3:23-24, NIV)

1. Work is _____.

*And now dear brothers and sisters, we give you this
command with the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ:
Stay away from any Christian who lives in idleness and
doesn't follow the tradition of hard work we gave you.*
(2 Thessalonians 3:6, NLT)

A. God wants His people _____.

*We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus
to do good works...*
(Ephesians 2:10, NIV)

*... when we were with you, we gave you this rule:
"The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."*
(2 Thessalonians 3:10, NIV)

B. Work helps prevent _____.

*For we hear that some among you are leading an
undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting
like busybodies. Now such persons we command
and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet
fashion and eat their own bread.*
(2 Thessalonians 3:11, NASB)

2. Work must be _____.

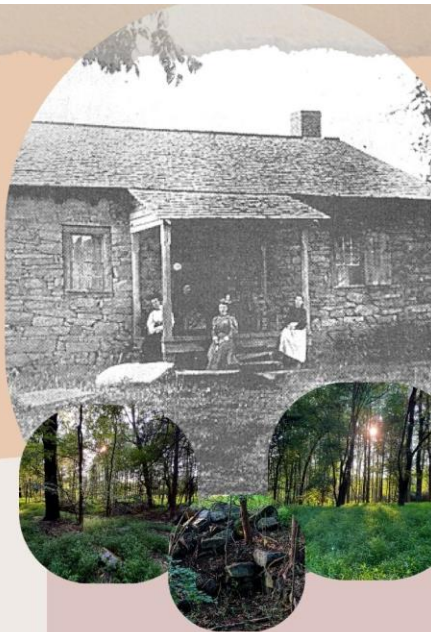
*And I say to the rest of you, dear brothers and sisters,
never get tired of doing good.*
(2 Thessalonians 3:13, NLT)



A 250th Anniversary Event

Walk to the Rock House

Saturday, September 23
1pm - 5pm



EVENT SCHEDULE

CHURCH HISTORY 1PM - 3PM

- Visit the church historical room
- Tour of God's Acre
- Attend a presentation on the mural
- Explore a collection of church artwork
- Watch slideshows of church photos

WALK TO THE ROCK HOUSE VESPER & COMMUNION SERVICE 3PM - 5PM

- Walk to the Rock House will be from the church beginning at 3pm - walk will take approximately 25 mins
- Shuttle buses will be available; however, there will still be a short walk through the woods from the drop-off location
- Band prelude starts at 3:45pm
- Outdoor vespers & communion service begins at 4pm
- Bring a yard chair, if desired

INDOOR SERVICE FOR THOSE NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE WALK 3PM - 4PM

- A similar indoor vespers & communion service will take place in the Fellowship Hall (begins at 3pm)

Spend the entire afternoon learning about the history of Friedberg! It will begin at the church where volunteers will share historical relics, photos, & stories.

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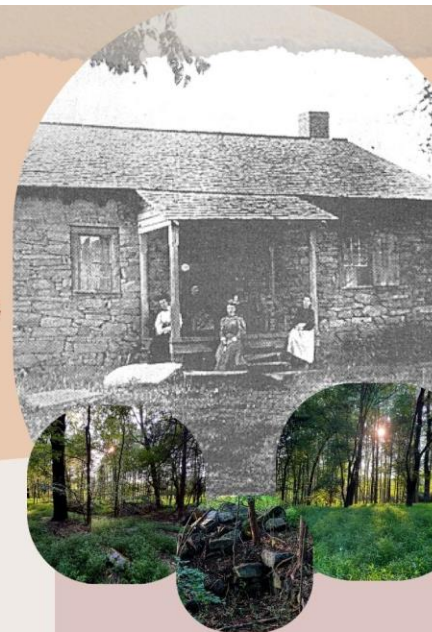
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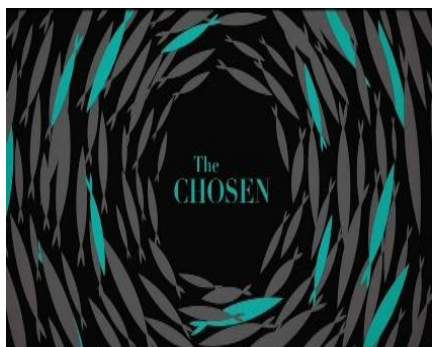
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What Is The Bethel Bible Series?

The *Bethel Bible Series* is a program that equips students to apply the Scriptures to their lives. In fact, our textbook is the Bible. The *Bethel Bible Series* presents a biblical overview in a language that is easy to understand. We will begin an Old Testament Class beginning September 28, 2023.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **How long are the classes?** - 75 minutes in length
2. **How many classes are there?** – Three seven week sessions
3. **How much of a commitment do I sign up for?**
-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)
5. **What day will it meet?** - Thursday evenings 7:00pm to 8:15pm
6. **When does it start?** – September 28, 2023

sign up
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If *The Bethel Bible Series* 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.

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Email Address _____

Number of Notebooks (if you are a couple) _____

_____ Congregational Class _____ Intensive Class

Deadline to sign up for the September Class is September 3



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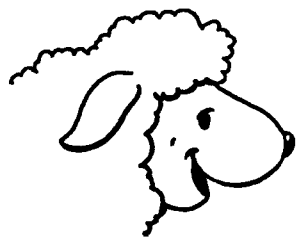
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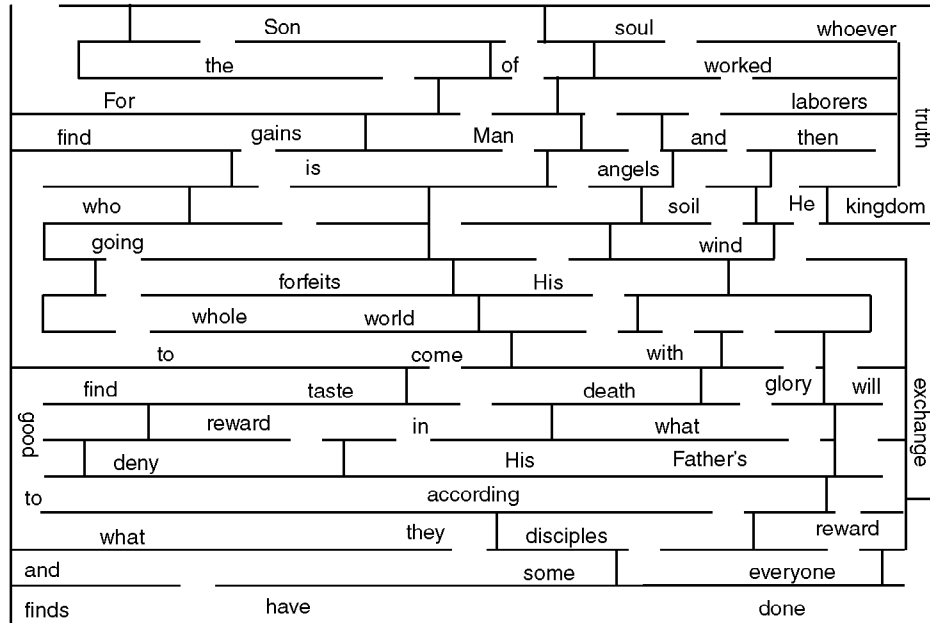
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What does Jesus
tell us about the future?

Find your way through the maze and transfer the words
from the correct path to the blanks below.

BEGIN



END

“ _____

_____, _____

_____”

Ages 7+

September 3, 2023 • Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus Tells What Will Happen

Jesus told His disciples
what would happen to Him in Jerusalem.
He would suffer, be killed and then be raised to life.

Find the hidden letters in the picture. J e r u s a l e m



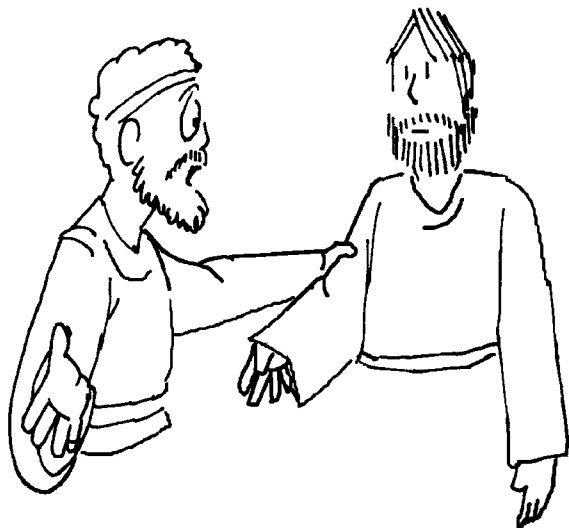
The Rev. Jim Newsome-Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dan Nelson-Assoc. Pastor
Karen Hill-Director of Youth Ministry
Heidi Everhart-Director of Children's Ministry
Debbie Foltz-Music Director
Jimmie Snyder-Band Director

What did Peter say to Jesus?

Cross out these letters from the text.
Then write the remaining letters in order on the lines below.

c f j q w x z

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r f z L x q o z x w r c f d h q w c
e f j q s a i w x z c f d T z
x c f j q h f j i s w x s z z j h q w
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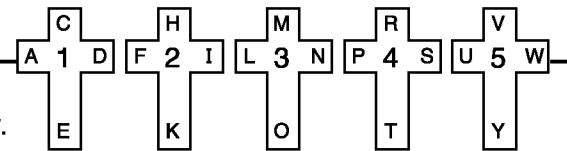
“ _____, _____!” _____.

“ _____
_____!”



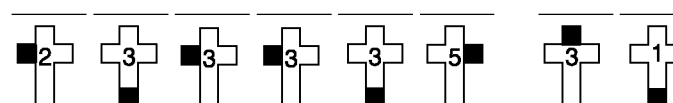
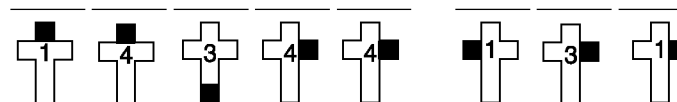
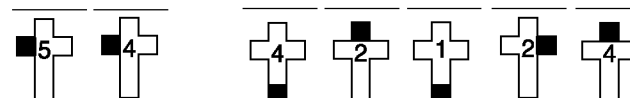
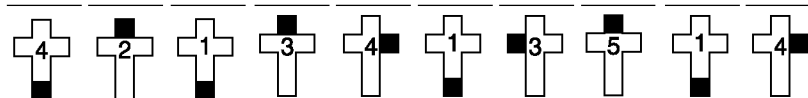
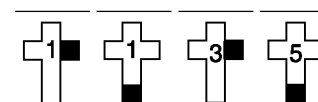
Jesus also told them,
“If anyone would come after Me, ...”

Use the code to
fill in the blanks below.



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