

September 17, 2023
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Back to Church Sunday-Homecoming

Watchword for the Week – Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits. Psalm 103:2

Welcome to our service of worship for this sixteenth 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 *Here I Am, Lord* Schutte

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You* (Blue) # 544

Children's Sermon

(Afterwards, children 4-2nd grade may leave for Children's Church)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Friedberg's 250th Anniversary Verse (read in unison)

*For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.
(Psalm 100:5, NIV)*

Hymn *Hymn to Friedberg* Insert

Giving of Our Tithes and Offering

Prayer
Anthem *A Place to Belong* Buda
Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Blue) # 817

Holy Scripture Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon "It's Time to Clean House"

Hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* (Blue) # 494

Benediction

Postlude *The Family of God* Gaither

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in gratitude to our Friedberg Moravian Church Family. Your faithfulness in sharing God's love during our sicknesses and accident were greatly appreciated. We have been blessed by each of you. In Christian love, Michael and Janie Foltz.

This week in Friedberg's History: On September 19, 1754, Adam Spach first visited the Moravians in Bethabara. He cut a road from his land to Bethabara, a distance of approximately 14 miles. Also on September 21, 1776 Br. Bachhof, Friedberg's first minister, passed away and was buried in Friedberg's God's Acre. Br. Bachhof was succeeded by Br. Valentine Beck.

Everyone is invited to join us for our Homecoming Lunch immediately following our worship service today in the Family Life Center.

The Friedberg Veterans Memorial Flagpole Terrace is a beautiful addition to our church campus standing proudly honoring all men and women that serve our country. We currently have over 190 past and present Friedberg men and women that have or are serving in the US Military represented by engraved bricks in the Terrace patio. We know there are more. We plan to place our annual order for engraved bricks on October 3. There is no charge for the engraved 'Honor' bricks in the Terrace patio, but we need your help in making sure we capture as many former and present Friedberg men and women that have or are serving in the US Military. Deadline is October 2. Please prayerfully consider recognizing our Friedberg brothers and sisters that have proudly served our country. Database forms are available in the office or online at www.friedberg.church.

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 17

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary/Livestream
 12:15 p.m. Homecoming Lunch in Family Life Center
 4:30 p.m. Youth
 4:30 p.m. *The Chosen* Bible Study at home of Debbie James

Monday, September 18

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, September 20

9:00 a.m. *The Chosen* Bible Study at home of Lisa Jackson
 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 21

8:00 a.m. Children's Fall Consignment Sale until Noon
 9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study-Discovery Classroom
 5:00 p.m. Children's Fall Consignment Sale until 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 22

8:00 a.m. Children's Fall Consignment Sale until Noon
 5:00 p.m. Children's Fall Consignment Sale until 7:00 p.m.
 News for October *Folio* Due

Saturday, September 23

9:00 a.m. Children's Fall Consignment Sale until Noon
 1:00 p.m. 250th Church History
 3:00 p.m. Walk to The Rock House/Vespers & Communion
 Indoor Service for those not participating in walk.

Sunday, September 24

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
 4:30 p.m. Youth
 4:30 p.m. *The Chosen* Bible Study at home of Debbie James

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH PRAYER CONCERNS

September 17, 2023

MEMBERS

Benjamin Boles	Mike Foltz	Reba Payne
Phil Carter	J.T. Hopkins	Kolton Pennell
Sandra Chambers	Lula Jackson	Mary Lou Pitts
Wilma Decker	Larry Jarvis	Martha Plyler
John DeLapp	Robbie Joyce	Joy Reich
Brenda Dennis	Irv Keck	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	Jerry & Gail Tolley
Don Faust	Rebecca Mickey	Amanda Traigle
Frances Faust	Stamie Moore	Philip Whitney
Janie Foltz		

Family and Friends Prayer Concerns Submitted Since Last Sunday:
 Pam Atkins, Family of Tabitha Pyrtle and Family of Auston Reudelhuber,

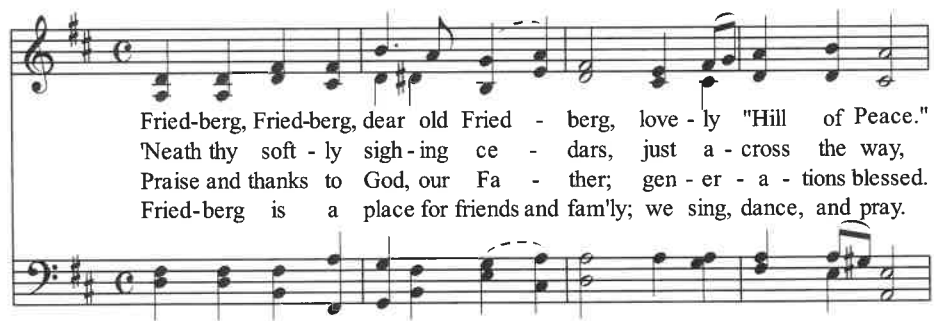
MEMBERS AND RELATIVES IN MILITARY

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		

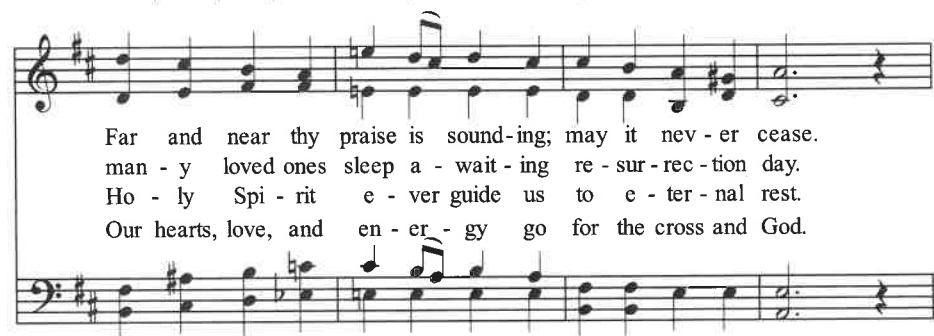
MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM FRIEDBERG

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

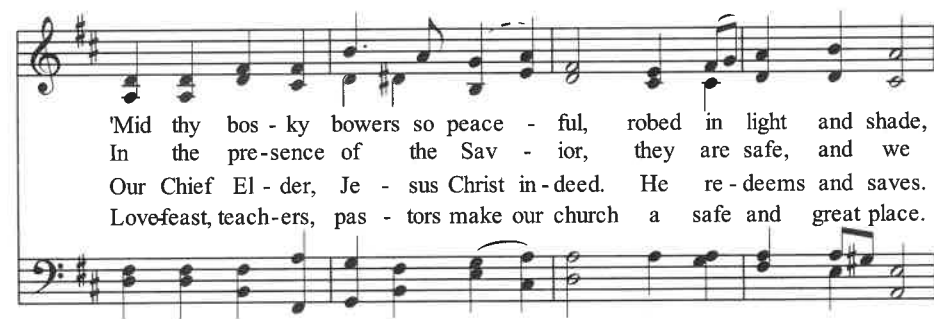
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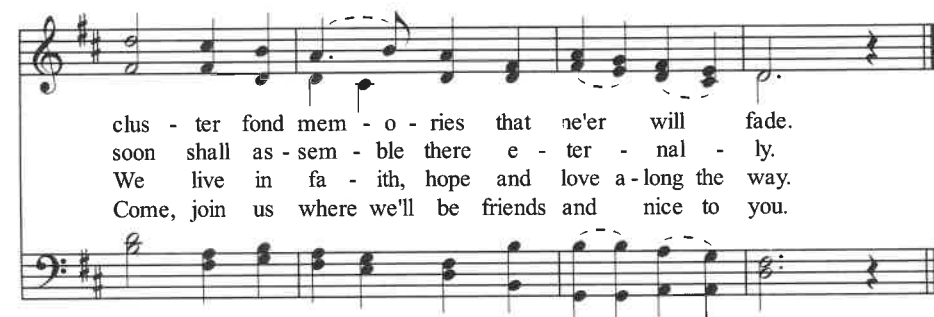
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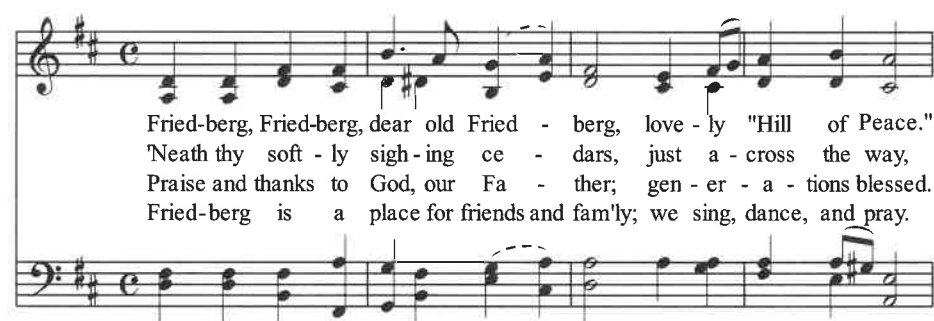
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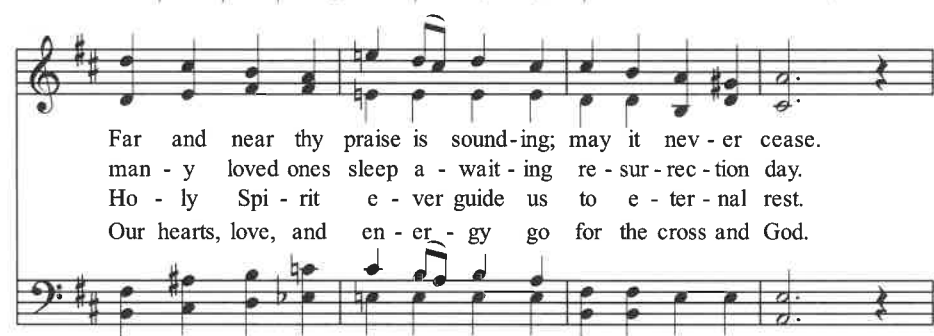
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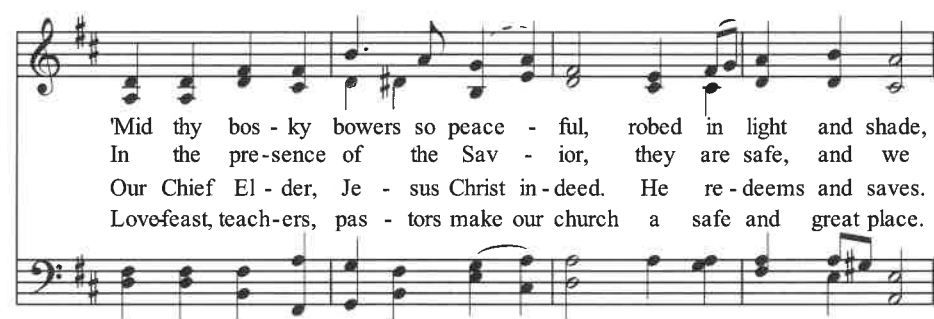
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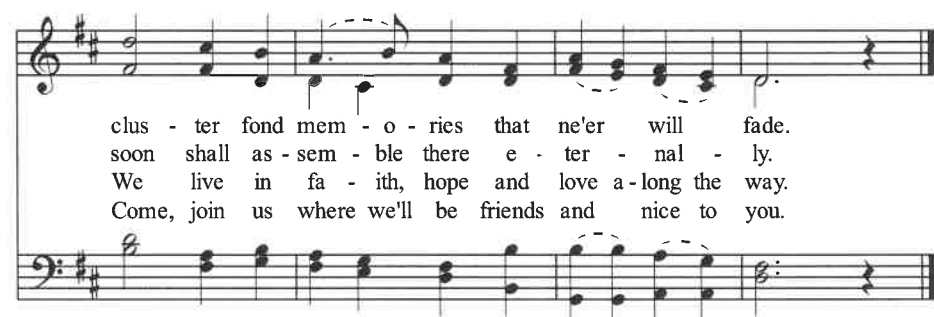
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Service Opportunities

Friedberg Moravian Church

Disciples Sunday School Class

- Open Hands Ministry in Lexington – 2nd Monday Meal
- Help with Hoof & Paw Therapeutic Riding Center
- Help during Thanksgiving with “Blessings/Building Bridges Ministry”
- Donations to Sunnyside Ministry
- Help congregational members
- Help with Back Pack Program

Fellowship Sunday School Class

- Back Pack Program – helping up to 50 students at Griffith Elementary School
- Help with food for the Youth Bazaar
- Help with Touching Davidson County With Love
- Various ramp building projects
- Workday for the Preschool/Afterschool Playground
- Collect Bibles for “Love Packages” for “Sewing Seeds Ministries”
- Help congregational members

Willing Workers Sunday School Class

- Donations to:
 - Sunnyside Ministry
 - Meals On Wheels
- Help with the Ukrainian family
- Help with Cuba Ministry/Armando Rusindo Foundation
- Collected “Onesies” for Honduran infant ministry
- Help congregational members
- Help with Eagle Scout projects
- Collect class supplies for Elementary School children
- Help with Prayers & Squares ministry
- Collected sewing machines for ministry in Cuba



Discovery Sunday School Class

- Donations to:
 - Sunnyside Ministry
 - Pastor’s Pantry
- Help with Meals On Wheels – Davidson County
- Help with the “Empty Stocking Fund” through the Lexington Dispatch Children Toy Drive
- Help with the Prison Ministry
- Help congregational members
- Wycliffe Bible Translators support
- Help the Brent’s – missionaries with CRU
- Help with the Ukrainian Family
- Serve Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday



Covenant Sunday School Class

- Love Knots – monetary support towards the purchase of materials to make the blankets.
- Sunnyside Ministry – Monetary support and volunteering
- Pastor’s Pantry – Monetary support.
- The Dispatch/Empty Stocking Fund - Monetary support.
- Davidson County Social Services Meals on Wheels - Monetary support.
- Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry – Monetary support.
- Board of World Missions/UKRAINE – Monetary support
- The Community Ramp Project –Support for “ramp projects” constructed by the Men’s Fellowship.
- Treat Bags for children –Provides treat bags for the Friedberg children at Christmas.

Senior Choir

- Ongoing Prison Ministry support
- Opportunity for outreach with upcoming sale of artwork commissioned for 250th Anniversary

Band

- Provincial Funeral Band

Children's Ministry

- Providing meals at C.R.O.S.S. Kids meetings
- Laurel Ridge Camp & Conference Center work days
- Donations to Ebenezer Children's Home
- Help with the Children's Church program
- Volunteer during camps at Laurel Ridge Camp & Conference Center

Youth Ministry

- Help City Lights Ministry
- Fall Bazaar
- Davidson Social Services donations
- Adopt A Highway (Ebert Street)
- Attend Mission Camp at Laurel Ridge Camp & Conference Center
- Mission Trips
- Help at Sunny Side Ministry
- Support ministries of the Board of World Mission

Congregational Service Opportunities

- Cookies For Christ Ministry
- CROP Walk
- Vacation Bible School
- Hoof & Paw Therapeutic Riding Center
- Touching Davidson County With Love
- Blessing Box
- Mission Committee – supports 13 missionary families
- Sound Ministry
- Video Ministry
- Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- Women's Fellowship support of various ministries
- Prayers & Squares Ministry



What Is "The Moravian Day Of Service?"

The 2023 Moravian Day of Service is set for September 17. This celebratory day raises awareness of the importance of mission work in our Moravian faith, encourages congregations to think of new ways to make a difference in their communities, and demonstrates our desire to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. This can be a day to celebrate the service that you do all year long and highlight ways more of your members can get involved.

The description above of *The Moravian Day Of Service* comes from the Board of World Mission. Contained in this insert are the various ways our congregation and the groups in our congregation have "served" those within and outside our congregation. We hope you will be astounded by the amount of "service" Friedberg Moravian" carries on in the span of a year, and we hope you will be moved to participate.

If you already are involved, we want to thank you and encourage you to increase that involvement. If you haven't had the opportunity to be involved, we encourage you to do so.

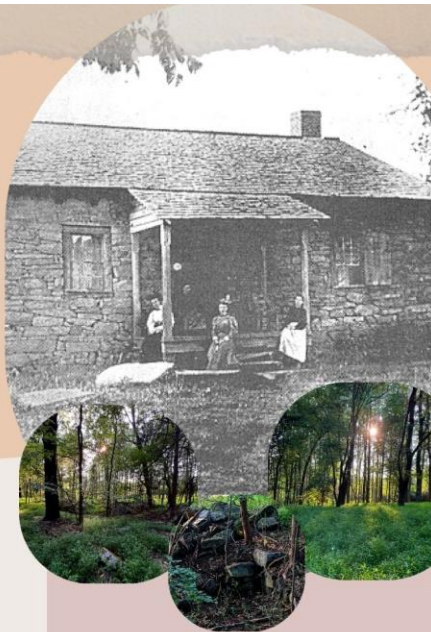




A 250th Anniversary Event

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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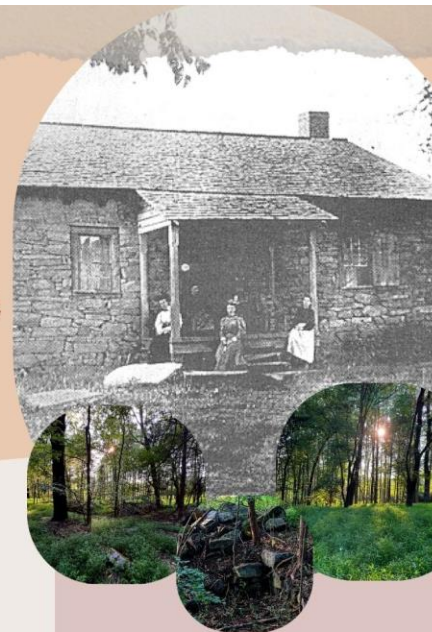
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When the master heard what the servant had done to the other man, he was angry! The servant had been shown mercy, but didn't show mercy to another.

Finish each word with the syllables from the list below.

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mas_____ _____ve un_____

__ll pa_____ __im

The _____ter ga_____ h_____

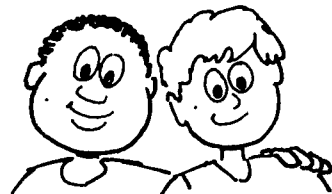


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_____id _____ck a_____

he _____ed!

Jesus said we should
forgive others
from our heart.



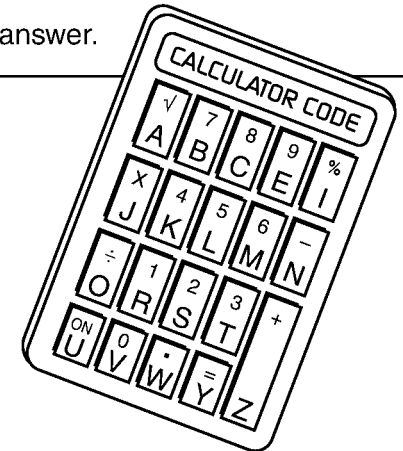
Ages 7+

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The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

Peter asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive someone who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

Use this calculator code to find the answer.



Jesus answered,

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The Rev. Jim Newsome-Senior Pastor

The Rev. Dan Nelson-Assoc. Pastor

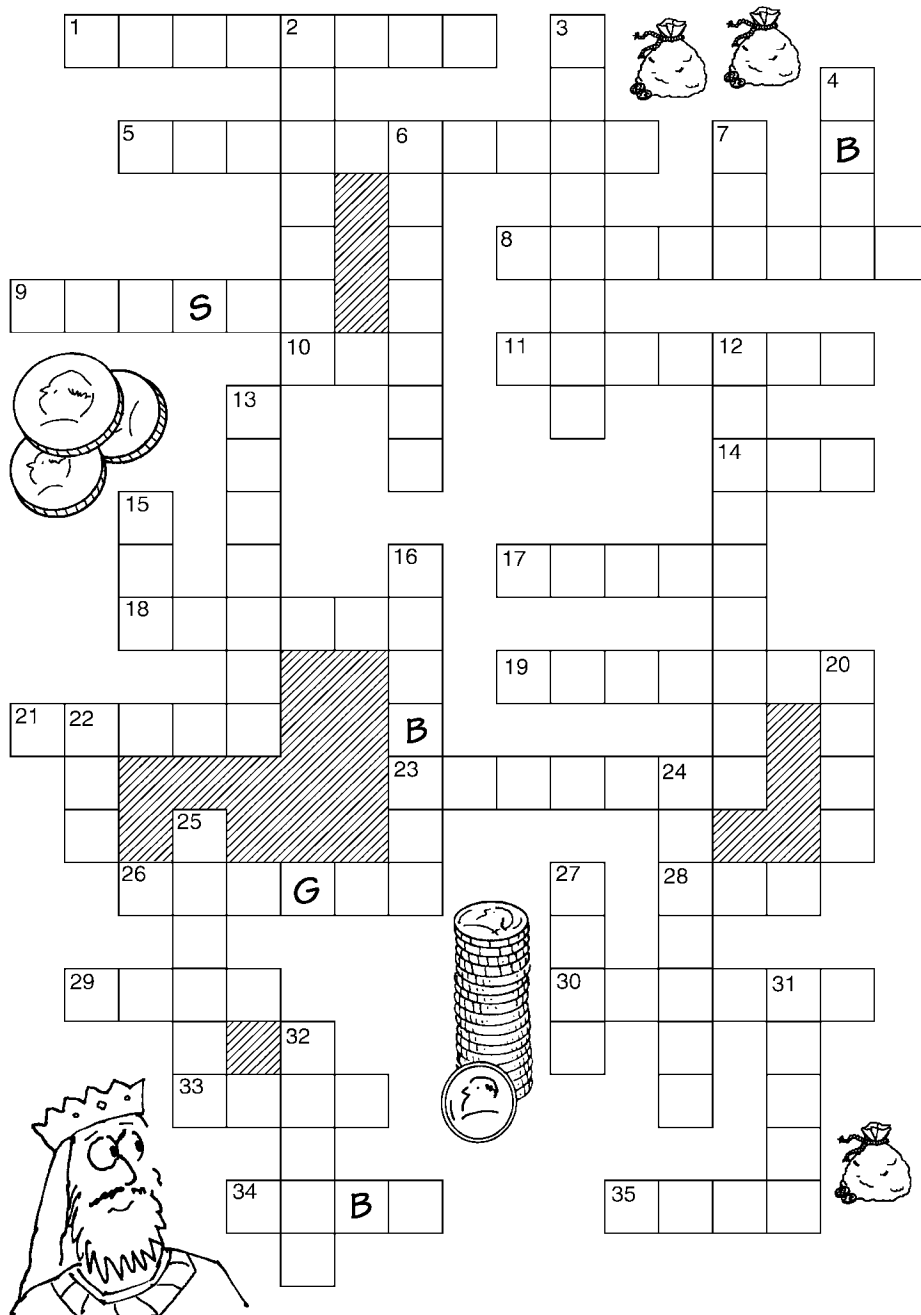
Karen Hill-Director of Youth Ministry

Heidi Everhart-Director of Children's Ministry

Debbie Foltz-Music Director

Jimmie Snyder-Band Director

The kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.



Fit the words into the crossword puzzle. (Hint: start with the longest word.) Then transfer the words to the lines. Read the parable.

man	owed	went	master	servant	thousand
him	able	knees	fellow	patient	canceled
ten	fell	would	thrown	hundred	demand
not	took	repay	prison	denarii	repayment
pay	pity	found	talents	grabbed	everything
out	debt	begged	brought	refused	

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 merciful and had _____ 15 _____ 30 _____ in _____.
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What do you think happened next?