

Welcome

A *meridian* can be defined as "the highest point reached by a heavenly body in its course."¹ Although we are not literally in heaven, we have been placed, as believers in "heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:6). As we set our aim of *Lifting Christ Higher*, focusing on Heaven, and seeking to continually draw nearer to Jesus, then we will begin to comprehend those "heavenly places" as more of a reality than just some words on a page.

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for choosing Meridian as the place for you to give honor and praise to our wonderful Savior on this Lord's Day. We trust that you will come to know and understand more fully the relationship you can have in Jesus Christ.

The Ushers will make "Care Share Cards" available. Please take one and fill it out so we can become better acquainted with you.

¹ Webster's New World Dictionary, ©1971.



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Sermon notes

The Ways of God in Acts – Pt. 2

The book of Acts is a revelation of God's Ways as going through transition, transformation, and fulfillment. Spreading the message of Salvation was at the forefront.

**I. The Authentication of the Message -
What God uses to validate this new message**

**II. The Assimilation of the Gentiles –
Whom God targets with this message**

**III. The Accumulation of the Church –
Why God proclaims this message**

The work of the church in promoting the message of Salvation is still the primary focus today.



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LEARNING GOD'S WAYS

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If you are visiting us today, WELCOME!
Please take a Care Share Card from one of our Ushers, fill it out, and place it in an offering plate or give it to an usher.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am

MORNING WORSHIP10:40am

Blue Hymnal – 530, 15, 538

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-14

DEACONS MEETING4:30pm

TRUSTEES MEETINGS 4:45pm

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm
Joel Beck preaching

BUSINESS MEETING . .after PM Service

THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN

**Tues – 7:00pm – Meridian Ladies
Ministries Bible Study (chapter 10 –
“Lord Teach Us To Pray”) –
rescheduled from last Thursday**
**Wed - 6:45pm – Truth Trackers / Tiny
Trackers / Teen Bible study**
**Wed - 7:00pm – Prayer time for adults –
Bible study begins at 7:20**

LAST WEEK AT MERIDIAN

- Sunday School – 79
- Morning Worship – 120
- Sunday Evening –57
- Wednesday Evening – 77

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Jan 25 (Thurs, 7pm) – Rescue Mission
**Jan 28 (Sun, pm) – Volleyball
Fellowship**
Jan 30 (Tues, 11:30am) – Lunch Bunch
**Feb 11 (Sun, 6pm) – Valentine
Fellowship**
**Mar 4 (Sun, pm) – Missionary
Atan Taclob & family (Philippines)**

DEACON DEDICATION

The office of Deacon is one that demands godliness. We are very thankful for these godly men who are willing to assume leadership in our church family.

Terry Bussard (Tracy)
Tom Hummingbird (Kathy)
Dave Schmidt (Sarah)
Sherwood Wheeler (Leslie)

OFFERING ENVELOPES

To provide an efficient way to keep track of systematic giving, Offering Envelopes are available under the bulletin board next to the Church Office. If you are not currently using this system and would like to, please find an unmarked box and begin using the envelopes. The Financial Secretary will note your envelope number and offering accordingly. Otherwise, please find the box with your name on it.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULES

Schedules for 2018 are available on the Hospitality Desk. Everyone is encouraged to systematically read through at least a portion of the Bible in the coming year. These schedules will greatly aid that effort, providing a reminder for regular reading.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If the need for the cancellation of a service should arise, you may check the following:

- TV - KSN channel 3, www.ksn.com
KAKE channel 10, www.kake.com
 - It will appear on the TV, as well as on their website and we will list it as "**Newton - Meridian Baptist Church**"
 - MBC Home Page-www.mbcnewton.org
 - MBC Facebook page
 - MBC Information Link - Texting or Email
- We will endeavor to make any decision regarding cancellation approximately 1.5 HOURS prior to the starting time of that service. Sometimes the weather changes rapidly, so please be patient with us. With so many of our folks traveling a distance and many of them holding leadership positions, our desire is to use discernment for everyone's safety and to maintain sufficient ministry. If there has been a "**Winter Weather Warning**" issued for Newton and the surrounding area, be sure to double check one of the above sources before you leave home.

BULLETIN BOARD

Please be sure to check the Bulletin Board for Christmas greetings from some of our Missionaries and also Thank You notes from several in our church family.

NURSERY MINISTRY

**Jan 14 – AM – (Baby) – Deidra / Daina
(Toddler) – Tonya / Emma
PM – Sherry / Evangeline**
**Jan 21 – AM – (Baby) – Peggy / Laura
(Toddler) – Sarah / Emily
PM – Mary / Joy**