

# Welcome

A *meridian* can be defined as "the highest point reached by a heavenly body in its course."<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> Webster's New World Dictionary, ©1971.



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# Sermon notes

## The Ways of God – 2 Thessalonians

**Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth to claim His own. Paul uses this 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Thessalonians and to us to ready us for His coming.**

**I. Encouragement of Hope (1) –  
A Call to Comfort**

**II. Evidences of Hope (2) –  
A Call to Calmness**

**III. Extensions of Hope (3) –  
A Call to Conduct**

**Are you ready? Our certain hope involves a Comfort and Calmness as we continue in our Conduct.**



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## LEARNING GOD'S WAYS

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**JUNE 10, 2018**

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 WORSHIP . . . . .10:40am**

Blue Hymnal – 121, 180, 109

Scripture: Psalm 136:1-9; 23-26

**PICNIC / SERVICE . . . . . 5:00pm**  
**Heritage Park in Hesston**  
**(softball game after service)**

**NO Activities at the church this evening**

**THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN**

**Wed – 7PM – Summer Kids' Bible Club**  
**Wed – 7PM – Bible Study & Prayer –**  
**Adults & Teens**

**LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN**

**June 17 (Sun, PM) - Communion**  
**June 18-22 (Mon-Fri) – Challenge**  
**Christian Camp**  
**July 4 (Wed, 8AM) – MBC Golf Outing**  
**July 4 (Wed, 6PM) – Carry-in Dinner /**  
**Service**  
**July 9-14 (Mon-Sat) – Southland Teen**  
**Camp**  
**July 29 (Sun, PM) – Homemade Ice**  
**Cream Fellowship**  
**Aug 3-6 (Fri-Mon) – Harvey County Fair**  
**Outreach Booth**  
**Aug 6-9 (Mon-Thur, 6:30-8:45PM) –**  
**Vacation Bible School**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC**

Everyone is invited to join us this evening for a picnic and service at **Heritage Park** on Ridge Road (across from the Middle School) in Hesston. We will plan to eat at 5:00pm, so please arrive early enough to get your food in place and gear set up. Assorted meats suitable for a hotdog bun will be provided, as well as drink, and table service. Please bring side dishes and desserts to share. Feel free to arrive early for fellowship and bring lawn chairs and your Bible for an outdoor service. Following the service, those who are interested will congregate on the ball diamond for a softball game. Adults and youth are invited to play, and others are invited to be spectators.

**SUMMER BIBLE CLUB**

All kids age 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to study God's Word, play Bible games, and have fun doing so. **Mike Raab** leads this Bible Club from 7:00-8:15pm Wednesday, concurrently with the midweek service.

**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

**June 10 - AM – (Baby) – Ramona /**  
**Karen M.**  
**(Toddler) – Amy / Emily**  
**June 17 - AM – (Baby) – Deidra / Lauren**  
**(Toddler) – Sarah / Emily**  
**PM – (Baby) – Evangeline /**  
**Sherry**

**SUMMER VBS NEEDS**

We need 56 empty 2-liter CLEAR pop bottles for VBS in August. Begin saving them at home and we will give instructions later as to where they should be deposited.

**READING MATERIAL**

**Frontline** magazine – March/April – 2018 - **“Closing the Generation Gap” is available on the Hospitality Desk.**  
**Challenger** –Published by Sam Slobodian of BIEM is available beneath the Tract/Literature rack - focuses on various ministries of BIEM in Russia and in Peru.

**SUMMER MINISTRIES FUND**

As a means of providing for several youth ministries, we have created the Summer Ministries Fund for activities that take place largely during the late spring and summer. Some of those ministries include a mission trip, college trips to approved schools, Vacation Bible School, scholarships and transportation to Bible Camp, and helping our college students in approved summer ministries. Additional contributions above your regular giving are welcome for this fund as God leads.

**BULLETINS and CALENDARS**

We try to keep the current bulletin available on the website. Go to **www.mbcnewton.org**, click on “Ministry” tab and on the dropdown menu, click “Bulletins/Calendars.” You will also find the current month's calendar, along with the next month and the entire year.

**MLM LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

**Meridian Ladies Ministries Bible Study** will not be meeting this summer, but will reconvene in September.

**LAST WEEK AT MERIDIAN**

- Sunday School – 76
- Morning Worship – 110
- Sunday Evening – 62
- Wednesday Evening – N/A