

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 – 2 Corinthians

What we see from and in the life of Paul is a record of actual life experiences and a reflection of God's ways of faithfulness.

Obedient Ministry for God is a life of endurance enabled by God.

I. True Obedience Receives God's Comfort for Consolation (1)

II. True Obedience Reveals God's Power for Persistence

III. True Obedience Relies on God's Grace

A. Grace for Holiness (6:1-7:11)

B. Grace for Giving (8, 9)

C. Grace for Growing

"Difficulties are not all pure liability. They are often necessary and beneficial." (Roy Laurin)



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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 – 582, 592, 593
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-17

DEACONS' MEETING 4:00pm

CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:15pm

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm

**BUSINESS MEETING AFTER THE
EVENING SERVICE**

THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN

Wed - 6:45PM – Truth Trackers / Tiny Trackers / Teen Bible Study
Wed - 7:00PM – Prayer time for Adults – Bible Study begins at 7:20
Thurs - 7PM – Meridian Ladies Ministries Bible Study (chapter 12)
Sat – 5:00AM -Teens depart on College Trip

NURSERY SCHEDULE

March 11 – AM – (Baby) – Heidi / Peggy (Toddler) – Tonya / Emma
PM – (Baby) – Jenny / Daina (Toddler) – Sarah / Emily

March 18 – AM – (Baby) – Sarah / Emily (Toddler) – Deidra / Abigail
PM – (Baby) – Rachel Ashley (Toddler) – Daina / Heidi

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Mar 17-24 (Sat-Sat) – Southern College Trip for 9th-12th Teens
Apr 1 (Sun, 9:00AM) – Easter Breakfast (NO Sunday School)
Apr 5 (Thur, 7:00PM) – Rescue Mission
Apr 6-7 – Ladies Conference at Village Bible Church in Salina
Apr 22-25 (Sun-Wed) – Special Services with Ben Farrell
Apr 29 (Sun, PM) – Youth Honor Night
May 12 (Sat, 5:30PM) – Ladies Banquet

COLLEGE TOUR

Please be praying for our trip, March 17-24. We endeavor to expose our Senior High youth to various Christian Colleges, believing that every Senior should prayerfully consider attending one of these schools for at least one year in order to cement some good, foundational Christian philosophy. The following will be traveling: **Pastor Kliewer (sponsor); Mary Beck (sponsor); Jesse Beck; Steve Raab; Foster Fredrickson; Joy Beck; Emily Schmidt. The schools we plan to visit are: Crown College (TN); Bob Jones University (SC); Ambassador Baptist College (NC); Pensacola Christian College (FL).**

SUMMER MINISTRIES FUND

This fund is for activities that take place 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.

SPECIAL MEETINGS FOR RENEWAL

Please be praying for our emphasis of personal renewal and prayer for relatives and friends to be drawn to Christ.

Evangelist Ben Farrell will be with us April 22-25 (Sunday-Wednesday) to minister God's Word and be used of the Lord to convict our heart regarding sin and our need for holiness.

- Do your best to clear the calendar for you and your family so that you can attend every service.
- Ask God to give you an opportunity to invite friends, both saved and unsaved to the services.

COME & GO RECEPTION

Everyone is invited to a 70th birthday reception for **Peggy George** this Saturday, March 17 from 3:00-6:00pm in the Martens Family Center. You may bring a card, but no gifts, please. An invitation is on the bulletin board.

LADIES CONFERENCE

Village Bible Church in Salina, KS is hosting a Ladies Conference Friday evening and through the day, Saturday, April 6-7. The speaker is **Susan Heck** from Tulsa, OK. For more information, please find a flyer on the Hospitality Desk and a poster is on the bulletin board. They are asking you to R.S.V.P. by Thursday, March 29 if you plan to attend (if you plan to attend only Friday, they would like to know that, as well).

LAST WEEK AT MERIDIAN

- Sunday School – 89
- Morning Worship – 117
- Sunday Evening – 73
- Wednesday Evening – 82