

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

**Man's Perspective:
Life Without God is Vanity
Ecclesiastes 1:1-3**

The reality of life being frustrating and empty is a reality that must be faced honestly.

**I. Where does this vanity begin?
Origin**

**II. What does this vanity do?
Operation**

A. Futile

B. Fleeting

C. Frustration

**III. Where does this vanity lead?
Outlook**

This is not the end of Solomon's message, nor should it be the end of our thinking.



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If you are visiting with us today, we extend a warm welcome to you!

Children's Church - Young people age 4 - 4th grade are dismissed before the sermon for age related teaching

SUNDAY SCHOOL9:30am

MORNING WORSHIP10:40am

Hymns – (Blue) - 38, 116, 60

Scripture Reading: **Psalm 145**

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm

THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN

Wed – 7PM – Kids Music Time

Wed – 7PM – Bible Study & Prayer – Adults & Teens

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

June 13 (Sun, 5PM) – Sunday School

Picnic at Heritage Park – Hesston

June 19 (Sat, 7PM) – Georgia Beck /

Luke Stewart Wedding (Ottawa, KS)

June 20 (Sun, PM) – Maranatha Baptist University Men's group "Praisemen"

June 21-25 (Mon-Fri) – Challenge Christian Camp

July 11 (Sun, AM) – Missionary Craig Hartman (Shalom Ministries)

July 12-17 – Teen Camp at Southland

"God knows us better than we know ourselves, and He knows exactly what we need, and when we need it."

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

- **Amy Branson – Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education/Elementary Education from Wichita State**

- **Haly Hendricks - Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and Health from Maranatha Baptist University**

- **Joy Beck - graduating Senior (homeschooled)**

- **Steve Raab - graduating Senior from Sunrise Christian Academy**

- **Emily Schmidt - graduating Senior from Hesston High School**

- **Elijah Schmidt - graduating 8th grader**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS

Anna Busenitz and **Deidra Hendricks** will be taking the kids, 6th grade and below, on Wednesday nights for a time of singing some of the old favorite children's songs and Bible memory. They will meet during the Adult Bible Study in the Sanctuary. **If you would like to provide treats for the group on a given night, a sign-up sheet is available on the Hospitality Desk.**

CHALLENGE CHRISTIAN CAMP June 21-25

Sign up for this camp continues. Brochures and information are on the Hospitality Desk. Young people entering grade 4 through graduating Seniors are eligible to attend. Please return completed information and registration fee to **Pastor Kliewer by May 30.**

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Awhile back, we asked for volunteers to sign up to be placed on a list to provide a meal for those who have had surgery and are in the hospital for at least one night. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please sign up on a Care-Share Card. If you signed up previously, you need not do so again. Thank you!

HEARING IMPAIRED

Do you have difficulty hearing everything in the service? If so, please stop by the Sound Room where we might be able to help you with our hearing assist system.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

**May 16 - AM – Deidra / Karen M
PM – Sarah / Emily**

**May 23 - AM – Anna / Ramona
PM – Evangeline / Sherry**

READING MATERIAL

-Frontline magazine – "The Authority and Sufficiency of the Bible" is the theme for the March/April issue.

-Challenger – Published by **Sam Slobodian of BIEM** and is available beneath the Tract/Literature rack and on the Hospitality Desk - Each issue focuses on various ministries of BIEM in Russia.

SEATING CHANGES

Additional seating has been opened now that restrictions are being lifted in our county. We do believe it is important to accommodate for those who have a need or desire to social distance, which is why there continue to be areas roped off.