

# 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.

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



40<sup>th</sup> Recap



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# Sermon notes

**Preparation for Possession:**  
**Fixing our Firmness**  
**Deuteronomy 18:1-8**  
**Priority of the Priests**

**God lays out for His people an administration of holiness.**

## **I. The Dignity of the Priest (1-2)**

### **A. It was a divine calling**

They were God's peculiar property.

### **B. It was spiritual in its nature**

They were responsible for the proper worship of God.

### **C. It was perpetual in its duration (5)** "Him and his sons forever"

## **II. The Due of the Priest (3-5)**

### **A. Required Sympathy of the people**

A priest was appointed for the benefit of the people and was dependent upon the people.

### **B. Required Support of the people**

Their labor was to be rewarded.

**1 Corinthians 9:13-14**

Benefit is described in **2 Chronicles 31:4**

## **III. The Desire of the Priest (6-8)**

### **A. Constrained in their Spirit (6)**

"**desire**" – longing; pleasure

**Jeremiah 20:9**

### **B. Consecrated in their Service (7)**

"shall minister in the name of the Lord his God"

We now have a new designation of priests through Jesus Christ.

**Revelation 1:5-6; 1 Peter 2:9**

1. Our calling is to trust Him by faith through the Salvation He has provided.

2. We trust God for our inheritance and for our needs.

3. We should mind the things of God.  
Toward God for men;  
Toward men for God.

**Let's do God's bidding heartily.**



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**Preparation  
For  
Possession:  
Lessons From  
Deuteronomy**

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If you are visiting us today,  
we extend a warm WELCOME!  
Care-Share Cards are available for you  
to register as our special guest.

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL . . . . . 9:30am**

**MORNING SERVICE . . . . . 10:40am**

Hymns – (Red) – 472, 17, 207  
Scripture Reading: Deut. 18:1-8

**EVENING SERVICE . . . . . 6:00PM**  
***Pastor Caleb / Communion***

**AFTER SERVICE - *Pickleball Fellowship***

### THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN

**Wed – 7PM – *Adult Bible Study & Prayer / Tiny Seekers / Teen Bible study***  
**Sat – 9AM – *Meridian Mighty Men with guest speaker Jeff Syrios***

### LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

**Aug 29 (Tue, 11:30AM) – *Lunch Bunch at “The Breadbasket” (219 N. Main). All ladies and girls are invited.***  
**Sep 7 (Thur, 7PM) – *Rescue Mission***  
**Sep 11 (Mon, 9AM – 9PM) – *Kansas State Fair Outreach***  
**Sep 14 (Thur, 7PM) – *Ladies Bible Study***  
**Sep 17 (Sun, AM) – *Quarterly Business Meeting***

## MERIDIAN MIGHTY MEN

We are looking forward to our breakfast meeting with **Jeff Syrios this Saturday at 9AM**. Jeff is a district judge in Wichita and a born-again believer. He will be speaking on the topic of “Living as a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Exile.” Please be inviting other men to join us – it will be worth the time! To learn more about Jeff Syrios, check this website.  
**[www.dc18.org/division-27](http://www.dc18.org/division-27)**

## BULLETIN BOARD

Please check the board between the two offices for recent notes and greetings from Missionaries and others. There is a new note from “BMM Play Ball Ministry”.

## MBC WEBSITE

Several items are on the website from the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Go to **[mbcnewton.org/40<sup>th</sup>](http://mbcnewton.org/40th)** and you will find a variety of pictures from the weekend, a link to the slide presentation where you can click on the pictures to pause and ponder each picture.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**August 20 - AM – *Deidra / Karen M***  
**PM – *Sarah / Elijah***  
**August 27 - AM – *Ramona / Anna***  
**PM – *Kathy / Jenny***

## PICKLEBALL FELLOWSHIP

This evening's Pickleball will feature the following matchups: ***Shane vs. Greg; Josh vs. Steve***; Open play for ladies only. Everyone is welcome to watch, fellowship and eat. Bring snacks to share.

## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Wheatland Baptist Church in McPherson is hosting a Women's Conference Friday evening and Saturday morning, September 1-2. The theme is “Holy Living in an Unholy Culture” and the guest speaker is Susan Heck. There are flyers on the Hospitality Desk with more information. They do ask that you **RSVP by August 25** if you plan to attend.

## CHURCH LIBRARY

Just a reminder that our church library has been upgraded with the inclusion of some new titles for your reading pleasure and learning. A list of the new books is available on the Hospitality Desk. You may check the books out yourself by writing your name on the card inside the book and filing it in the index box.

## READING MATERIAL

**(Hospitality Desk)**  
***-Frontline magazine – “The Gender Controversy” (July / Aug issue)***  
***-Challenger* – Published by *Sam Slobodian of BIEM* - Recent issues: “Thanks a Million!!” – With Your Help We've Reached an Amazing Milestone” – “Earthquake Victims in Turkey.”**

## LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

If you are a Facebook user, and have not already done so, please “Like” ***“Meridian Baptist Church”*** in your account. Doing so will cause our page to show up in your feed and when you respond, it will be seen by your friends. There is also a separate private page for our ladies called, ***“Ladies of Meridian.”*** Inclusion on this page requires approval from the moderator.