

# 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 18:15-19  
Proclamation of the Prophet**

**Jesus IS the Prophet, and we need to pay attention to Him and His ministry.**

- I. Early life and preparation for calling**
  - 1. The qualification "of thy brethren"**
  - 2. Lives were in danger as babies**
  - 3. Spent time in Egypt as children**
  - 4. Gave up riches for a humble life of service**
  - 5. Criticized by their own families**
  - 6. Received God's public stamp of approval**
  - 7. Called by God to lead and save**
- II. Ministry**
  - 1. Fasted for 40 days and nights**
  - 2. Performed miracles to testify to their God-given authority**
  - 3. Provided the people with bread**
  - 4. Initially rejected by the Jews**
  - 5. Accepted by Gentiles**
  - 6. Faces shone with heaven's glory**
- III. Deliverance**
  - 1. Willing to sacrifice their lives for those they were leading**
  - 2. Instituted a covenant of blood that brought salvation**
  - 3. Those who believed their words came into a faith community**
  - 4. Instructions were given 50 days after the event of deliverance**
  - 5. Led people out from slavery into wilderness with God's help and presence with a promise of future inheritance and joy.**

**Salvation through Jesus Christ is available to those who trust Him for who He is and what He came to accomplish. Hear His words!**



SEPTEMBER 3, 2023



**Preparation  
For  
Possession:  
Lessons From  
Deuteronomy**

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## SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

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 – (Blue) – 464, 165, 451

Scripture Reading: Deut. 18:15-19

**EVENING SERVICE . . . . . 6:00PM**

*Sandwich & Homemade Ice Cream  
Fellowship & Movie*

### THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN

**Wed – 7PM – Adult Bible Study &  
Prayer / Teen Bible study / Tiny  
Seekers**

**Thur - 7PM – Rescue Mission**

**Sat - 10AM – Visitation Outreach**

### LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

**Sep 10 (Sun, 4:30pm) – Deacons mtg.**

**Sep 11 (Mon, 9AM – 9PM) – Kansas  
State Fair Outreach**

**Sep 13 (Wed, 7PM) – Bible Seekers  
begins**

**Sep 14 (Thur, 7PM) – Ladies Bible Study**

**Sep 17 (Sun, AM) – Quarterly Business  
mtg.**

**Sep 23 (Sat, 10AM) – Visitation  
Outreach**

**Sep 26 (11:30AM) – Lunch Bunch**

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

- **ENCOURAGEMENT** - The folks listed below are people from our church family who reside in area nursing care facilities and have very limited opportunity, if any, to come to church. We encourage you to let them know that we care for them as a church family. A card with a short greeting goes a long way in demonstrating our love. **Marian Bryan, Raenette Bryan, Boyd Crocker** – Schowalter Villa / **Shirlene Fulton** – Kansas Christian Home / **Leland Stucky** – Paramount. Also, **Dale Clark** would be another one to include while he is in Phoenix – c/o Editha House – 336 E. Willetta St. – Phoenix, AZ 85004. There are others listed on the Prayer Sheet under “Long-term Concerns” who would also appreciate encouragement.
- **WITNESSING - Kansas State Fair Bible Project - Sep 8-17** – This opportunity involves handing out copies of John/Romans or other Gospel literature. We plan to help with the booth on **Monday, Sep 11**. The following time slots are suggested (9:00am-1:00pm / 1:00-5:00pm / 5:00-9:00pm). If you cannot stay the entire time period, that is just fine. **Please sign up SOON at the Hospitality Desk** in a time slot if you are interested and available. This is necessary to be sure they have adequate staffing. If Monday does not work for you, you may sign up for another day.

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**September 3 - AM – Daina / Peggy  
PM – Sarah / Elijah**

**September 10 - AM – Ashley / Crystal  
PM – Kathy / Jenny**

## FELLOWSHIP AND A MOVIE

This evening we plan to meet in the Martens Family Center for a time of fellowship followed by a movie. Please **bring 6-8 sandwiches** to share. Also, if you have a freezer that can **make homemade ice cream**, we encourage you to prepare a batch of your favorite recipe. We have 2 shorter movies to show: “As in the Days of Noah” (25 min.); “The Noah Interview” (21 min.). Both are produced by Answers in Genesis.

## CHURCH LIBRARY

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.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study will resume on **Thurs. Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM**. You may read pp. 33-39 in the study booklet about “Anxiety” to make preparation. All ladies are welcome and can benefit even if you didn’t participate last Spring. We ordered some more books if interested; you can see Chris Van Sickle or Melodi Wood. Cost is \$5. A sign-up sheet for hostesses is on the hospitality desk.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Barnabas Class is meeting in the Martens Family Center Classroom (next to the Kitchen) and is available on Zoom. The Edify class is meeting in Andersen Hall. We encourage you to give one of these classes a try.