

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.

¹ Webster's New World Dictionary, ©1971.



40th Recap



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Sermon notes

Preparation for Possession:
Fixing our Firmness
Deuteronomy 19:1-13
The Justice of Refuge

God loves righteousness and desires the proper dispensing of justice.

I. Protection of the Innocent (1-3)

A. Places Prepared for easy access

B. People Protected from Vengeance

Vengeance and violence easily follows when justice is motivated by revenge.

C. Protection based on God's fundamental laws regarding the sanctity of life

Protection is for the lawful rather than the lawless.

II. Provision of the Innocent (4-10)

A. Innocence is defined (4-6)

(4) - "killeth ignorantly"

(6) - "hated him not" - Not out of hatred

B. Innocence is defended (6, 10)

Neither revenge nor judgment are the theme.

Numbers 35:33-34

Righteousness is the goal.

III. Prosecution of the Guilty (11-13)

These cities were not designed to be an asylum for those who were guilty of premeditated murder.

A. Action linked to an attitude.

1. hates his neighbor
2. lies in wait
3. rises up against him
4. strikes him so that he dies

B. Avenger executes the murderer "put away" – purge; burn; removal

- **God is serious about murder**
- **Those who kill by accident should not bear guilt**
- **Refuge is available for deliverance**

Jesus Christ is our refuge!



SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



**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 – (Blue) – 411, 439, 430

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 19:1-6

BARB CHARD VISITATION 1-5pm
Broadway Colonial

DEACONS MEETING 4:30PM

EVENING SERVICE 6:00PM
Pastor Caleb

PICKLEBALL FELLOWSHIP

THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN

**Mon – 9AM – 9PM - Kansas State Fair
Outreach**

**Mon – 10AM – Barb Chard
Funeral/Graveside/Luncheon**

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

Thur - 7PM – Ladies Bible Study

**Sat - Noon – Barnabas Class Fellowship
Luncheon**

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

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

Sep 23 (Sat, 10AM) – Visitation

Sep 26 (11:30AM) – Lunch Bunch

**Sep 30 (Sat, 9AM) – Meridian Mighty
Men**

**Oct 1 (Sun, PM) – Nominating
Committee meeting**

Oct 5 (Thur, 7PM) – Rescue Mission

Oct 15 (Sun, AM) – Mike Herbster

**Oct 16-17 (Mon PM – Tue All Day) –
FBFI Regional Fellowship in Salina**

Oct 22 (Sun, AM) - Communion

**Oct 29 (Sun, PM) – Activity Planning
Night**

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study will resume this
Thurs. Sept. 14th at 7PM. You may read
pp. 33-39 (new edition pp. 56-63) in the
study booklet about “Anxiety” to prepare.
All ladies are welcome and can benefit
even if you didn’t participate last Spring.
We ordered 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.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

**September 17 - AM – Ramona / Anna
PM – Sarah / Jenny**

PICKLEBALL FELLOWSHIP

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

ENCOURAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY

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,
Karen Wonders** – 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.

HEARTLAND PCC EVENT

Heartland Pregnancy Crisis Center is
hosting a Celebration Dinner **Thursday,
October 19** at Sand Creek Event Center.
There is a reception at 5:45pm and the
dinner is at 6:30pm. Seating is limited so
RSVP is required by October 1. You may
RSVP by visiting heartlandpcc.com or by
scanning the QR code on their flyer
located on the bulletin board in the foyer.

SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS

Our sympathies and prayers are extended
to the family of **Barb Chard**. She passed
away this past week. Visitation is this
afternoon from 1-5pm at Broadway
Colonial Funeral Home. The memorial
service will be held here at the church
tomorrow morning at 10am and will be
followed by a graveside service and lunch
for family and friends.