

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 19:14
Learning from Landmarks**

**Landmarks serve to set a boundary for the protection of property and moving them yields consequences.
Removal or tampering would be—**

I. Disregarding delineation

Fixed law and fixed boundaries should be respected. Removal is a violation.

Deuteronomy 27:17

Proverbs 22:28

Proverbs 23:10

Practically, disregarding previous boundaries of people can be unwise.

More so, we must regard the boundaries set by God in His Word.

II. Defrauding others

Landmarks were memorials and witnesses of the rights of each man. Removal was selfish and unjust invasion of property.

Example of Naboth – 1 Kings 21:3

The command to treat others respectfully.

Leviticus 19:13

“defraud” - oppress, violate, deceive

1 Thessalonians 4:6

We have a responsibility to uphold the testimony of God.

III. Dispatching a curse

Who can bear the curse of God?

Proverbs 23:10-11

This was a reason for God's judgment.

Hosea 5:10

The curse of Revelation 22:18-19

Landmarks: Indication of Divine care

Landmarks: Vindication of the rights of property

Landmarks: Characterization of fixed spiritual truths

“The foundation of God standeth sure.”



SEPTEMBER 17, 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 – (Red) – 498, 509, 513
Scripture Reading: Deut. 19:14-21

After Morning Service –
Quarterly Business Meeting

EVENING SERVICE 6:00PM
Pastor Caleb

PICKLEBALL FELLOWSHIP

THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN

Wed – 7PM – Adult Bible Study & Prayer / Teen Bible Study / Bible Seekers
Sat – 10AM – Visitation Outreach

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The **Barnabas Class** meets in the **Martens Family Center** Classroom (next to the Kitchen) and is available on Zoom. The **Edify Class** meets in Andersen Hall. If you are not already a regular in this Bible teaching ministry, we extend an invitation to you. The **Barnabas Class** is taught by **Marty Colborn**. The Edify Class targets those in the mid-century group and below and is taught by **Pastor Caleb**.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

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) – FBF Regional Fellowship in Salina
Oct 22 (Sun, AM) – Communion
Oct 29 (Sun, PM) – Activity Planning Night

MISSIONARY HEIDI VANDYKE

Heidi gave a presentation of her ministry back in June, but due to having several other missionaries scheduled in the summer, we postponed receiving an offering for her. **Next Sunday** we will receive a Love Offering for her and her current needs as she determines the best course of action in pursuing her doctorate from Kansas University.

REACHING OUT

The folks listed below are people from our church family who reside in area nursing care facilities. 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**. There are others listed on the Prayer Sheet under “Long-term Concerns”.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies of the August report are available on the desk in the Church Office.

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.

MBC WEBSITE

Several things are on the website from the 40th Anniversary celebration. Go to mbcnewton.org/40th and you will find a variety of pictures from the weekend, a link to the video of the morning service, and a link to the slide presentation where you can click on the pictures.

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.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sept 17 - AM – Ramona / Anna
PM – Sarah / Jenny
Sept 24 – AM – Deidra / Karen M
PM – Kathy / Jenny

PICKLEBALL FELLOWSHIP

This evening's Pickleball will feature the following matchup: **Josh vs. Steve**; Open play for the remainder of the evening. Everyone is welcome to watch, fellowship and eat. Bring snacks to share.