

# 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 19:15-21 The Worth of a Witness

**God gives safeguards to ensure Integrity in the execution of the law.**

### I. The best-case scenario for law-giving (15)

**It took more than one witness to establish the matter.**

This was a safeguard against a false witness who might bring an untruthful charge against a fellow Israelite.

**"at the mouth of," (15) – a spoken testimony added credibility**

The prevention of the innocent party from being falsely accused and judged is the intent.

### II. The problem of false testimony (16-17)

A scenario is presented whereby a malicious (false) witness makes an accusation of wrong doing.

**A. A false witness is offensive to God**

**Deuteronomy 32:4**

**B. A false witness is injurious to Society**

**Proverbs 25:18**

### III. Integrity Requires Proportionate Punishment of False Witnesses (18-21)

**A. Evil Purged in the Present**

The judges were to do to him just as he had intended to do to his brother.

**B. Evil Deterred in the Future**

This was to be an example to others.

Does not legitimize vengeance in kind but provides appropriate parameters for penalties.

**Truth should be sacred to us.**



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**Preparation  
For  
Possession:  
Lessons from  
Deuteronomy**

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## SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

If you are visiting us today,  
we extend a warm WELCOME!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL . . . . . 9:30am**  
**MORNING SERVICE . . . . . 10:40am**

Hymns – (Red) – 398, 400, 392  
Scripture Reading: **Luke 18:18-30**

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

### THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN

**Tue - 11:30AM – Lunch Bunch at “The Breadbasket” (219 N. Main). All ladies and girls are invited.**  
**Wed – 7PM – Adult Bible Study & Prayer / Teen Bible Study / Bible Seekers**  
**Sat - 9AM – Meridian Mighty Men**

### WORK DAY THANK YOU

A special thanks to everyone who helped yesterday with the project in the Lower Level. New ceiling tile was hung, old carpet was removed, and good fellowship was enjoyed. Thanks also to **Ashley Hummingbird** for the delicious breakfast of burritos and cinnamon rolls.

### MISSIONARY HEIDI VANDYKE

Heidi gave a presentation of her ministry in June but due to having several other missionaries scheduled in the summer, we postponed receiving an offering for her. **TODAY** 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 KU.

### LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

**Oct 1 (Sun, PM) – Nominating Committee mtg. (Jim Moore; Amy Branson; Neal Lewis; Eileen Telfer)**  
**Oct 5 (Thur, 7PM) – Rescue Mission**  
**Oct 7 (Sat, 10:00AM) – Visitation**  
**Oct 12 (Thur, 7PM) – Ladies Bible Study**  
**Oct 14 (Sat, 4PM) – Men & Boys Fall Shoot**  
**Oct 15 (Sun, AM) – Mike Herbster**  
**Oct 16-17 (Mon PM – Tue Afternoon) – FBFI Regional Fellowship in Salina (Mike Herbster and the Southland Ministry Team)**  
**Oct 21 (Sat, 10AM) – Visitation**  
**Oct 22 (Sun, AM) – Communion**  
**Oct 22 (Sun, 4:30PM) – Deacons mtg.**  
**Oct 29 (Sun, SS & AM) – Missionary Steve Huestis (Brazil)**  
**Oct 29 (Sun, PM) – Activity Planning**  
**Oct 31 (Tue, 5:30-7PM) – Halloween Walk Outreach**  
**Nov 12 (Sun, Noon) – All Church Holiday Dinner (No PM Service)**

### THANK YOU!

My special thank you to the church for their love and sharing with me a special birthday gift. It means much to me.  
- **Pastor Jerroll Martens**

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Sept 24 – AM – Deidra / Karen M**  
**PM – Kathy / Jenny**  
**Oct 1 - AM – Daina / Peggy**  
**PM – Sarah / Elijah**

### PICKLEBALL FELLOWSHIP

This evening's Pickleball will feature **Dave vs. Josh**; Open play for the remainder of the evening. Everyone is welcome to watch and fellowship.

### MEN & BOYS SHOOTING FELLOWSHIP

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 4PM - All men and boys** are invited for target shooting. Bring your guns and ammo for this well-supervised event. We will enjoy a delicious meal and a challenge from God's Word from **Mike Herbster**. **Please sign up at the Hospitality Desk.** The cost is \$5, which covers the meal and targets. We will gather at a property managed by **Brent Busenitz**. Go east from Newton on 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Turn right on East Lake Rd. and go 2 miles South. Turn right (West) on SE 24th and go 3/4 mile. The property is on the left (South) side of the road. You should plan to provide your own ammo.

### NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS

Please note the following statement from our Constitution:  
"The nominating committee shall prepare a list of candidates consisting of voting members, for the various offices. The nominating committee shall accept other nominations from voting members no later than two months prior to the annual business meeting."  
Please understand that all submissions must include your name AND the name and office of the nominee, and they should be turned in no later than **October 1 (PM)** to **Pastor Kliever**. Submissions will be reviewed by the committee.

### HEARTLAND PCC EVENT

**Heartland Pregnancy Crisis Center** is hosting a Celebration Dinner **Thursday, October 19** at Sand Creek Event Center. Reception at 5:45pm. Dinner is at 6:30pm. Seating is limited so **RSVP is required by October 1** by visiting [heartlandpcc.com](http://heartlandpcc.com) or by scanning the QR code on their flyer located on the bulletin board in the foyer.