

# 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.



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# Sermon notes

## God's Amazing Grace Gracious Supply Romans 5:17

**Grace - a supernatural enablement of undeserved favor that helps us in our time of need and by its nature is unexpected.**

**Grace, as a gift from God, is a power that transforms us enabling us to live according to His will.**

**The grace of God gives an abundant supply to meet the needs we face in our lives.**

### 1. It is a Rich supply 2 Corinthians 8:9

The grace of God caused the Lord Jesus to shed his prosperity and embrace poverty that we could enjoy His rich supply.

### Romans 10:12

### 2. It is a Sufficient supply 2 Corinthians 9:8

To grow in grace does not mean gaining more grace from God. God's grace never increases; it is infinite.

### 2 Corinthians 12:9 - ...My grace is sufficient for thee:

### 3. It is a Needful supply Hebrews 4:16

When we understand the purpose of God's grace, we better understand our need for it.

**The purpose is to change us ... to transform us by renewing our mind and our actions, conforming us into His likeness.**

As the needs in our lives increase, we must also keep growing in grace which will ensure the supply of all our needs.



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## March 10, 2024

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

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

**MORNING WORSHIP . . . . . 10:40am**

Hymns – (Blue) 411, 76, 161

Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 1:23-31

Quarterly Business Meeting – after the  
AM Service

**EVENING SERVICE . . . . . 6:00pm**

**Pastor Caleb . . . . 1 Timothy 6:17-19**

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Young people ages 4 - 4th grade are  
invited to be dismissed before the sermon  
for age related teaching.

### THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN

**Wed – 7PM – Bible Study & Prayer /  
NO Teen Bible Study / NO Bible Seekers**

### LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

**Mar 19 (Tue, 7AM-7PM) – MFC used as a  
polling facility**

**Mar 21 (Thur, 7PM) – Meridian Ladies  
Ministries**

**Mar 25 (Mon, 7:30PM) – New Hope  
Shelter volunteer orientation**

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

**Mar 31 (Sun, 9AM) – Easter Breakfast**

**Apr 6 (Sat, 10AM) – Visitation Outreach**

**Apr 13 (Sat, AM) – All Church Workday**

### QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

**TODAY** our church members are asked to  
stay after the morning service for a  
Business Meeting. There will be three  
items of business to consider. We will  
attempt to streamline the service to help  
accommodate this schedule addition.

### OUR SYMPATHY

Pray for the family of **Gordon Smith**, who  
passed away February 19. His memorial  
service will be at 11:00am this Thursday,  
March 14 at the church. A lunch will follow,  
and the family will have a private burial at  
Haven of Rest cemetery in rural Hillsboro.

### READING MATERIAL

**(Located on the Hospitality Desk)**

- **Frontline magazine – “Redeeming  
the Culture” (Jan / Feb issue)** dealing  
with how we as Christians should  
respond to culture.
- **Challenger** – Published by **Sam  
Slobodian of BIEM** Each issue  
focuses on various ministries of BIEM  
in Ukraine and Russia.

### POLITICAL INFORMATION

**Tuesday, March 19** Kansas will conduct a  
“Presidential Preference Primary.” It is a  
primary where registered voters  
(Republican or Democrat) will be able to  
vote for their preference in the party in  
which they are registered to help  
determine for the two parties how to  
allocate their delegates at the national  
convention. Advance voting is now  
available. Further information may be  
found on the Hospitality Desk.

### OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Our local homeless shelter, New Hope  
Shelter, Inc. needs teams of volunteers  
from local churches to donate time and  
resources to cook and serve a meal for 20-  
30 people two nights every ten weeks. On  
the nights we would provide the meal, they  
ask that we provide 2 people to interact  
with the clients from 5:00-10:00pm. That  
time could be split between several  
volunteers. We are scheduled for  
orientation and training, **Monday, March  
25 from 7:30-9:00pm** at their new  
location, **308 S. Meridian Rd. in Newton.**  
Training and a background check are  
required.

### MERIDIAN LADIES MINISTRIES

**Thursday, March 21** Romans 8 Lesson  
pp. 61-63 or 94-97 (new ed.) Hostesses  
are Lucy Clark and Tracy Bussard.

### 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 / Karen  
Wonders – Paramount. There are others  
listed on the Prayer Sheet under “Long-  
term Concerns” who would appreciate  
encouragement.

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Mar 10 – AM – Ashley / Crystal  
PM – Deidra / Jenny**

**Mar 17 – AM – Deidra / Karen M.  
PM – Sarah / Elijah**