

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.



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Sermon notes

God's Amazing Grace Gracious Strength 1 Corinthians 12:9-10

Grace **Transforms** us enabling us to live according to His will. **Changing us.**
Grace **Transcends** us enabling us to live according to His will. **Challenging us.**

God sees fit to work in our lives in such a way so that which interrupts His power and working in our lives is dealt with so that His power is predominant.

1. Sufficient strength – "My grace is sufficient for thee:"

"sufficient" - to be strong, to suffice, to be enough; to be satisfied; to defend
Our understanding of God's grace is an increasing awareness of what He has supplied and that it is enough.

2. Superior Strength – "for my strength is made perfect in weakness"

Strength is not found in the Absence of Problems or Difficulties.

3. Supplanting Strength – "when I am weak, then am I strong."

When we are weak, God's strength is even more evident.
When we are in a dilemma, we see the inability of our own strength and rely on God.

If we immerse ourselves in the strength of the Lord, God's grace will become more visible to us.

- **Grace is expedient and prolonged**
- **Grace is enough and able to provide**
- **God's grace is potent and resolute**
- **God's grace provides light for victory**
- **God's grace is visible, even when we do not see it**



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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) 173, 191, 364

Scripture Reading – Philippians 2:11

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm

Pastor Caleb 1 Timothy 6:20-21

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

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

**Wed – (7PM) – Bible Study & Prayer /
Bible Seekers Club for Kids / Teen
Bible Study**

**Thur – (7PM) – Meridian Ladies
Ministries**

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

**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 7 (Sun, AM) – Communion

Apr 13 (Sat, AM) – All Church Workday

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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.

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.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

One way the Pictorial Directory is a benefit
is for church-wide notification of prayer
requests, cancellations, or events. Our
“MBC Link” is tied into the directory so that
we can easily and quickly send out
multiple texts to the congregation. If you
are in the online directory, you will
automatically receive the notifications. Of
course, it also helps people identify others
with a picture. **If you would like to be
included in our directory, let Pastor
Kliewer know.**

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

If you are a Facebook user, and have not
already done so, please “Like” **“Meridian
Baptist Church”** in your account. Doing
so will cause our page to show up in your
feed and when you respond, it will be seen
by your friends. There is also a separate
private page for our ladies called, **“Ladies
of Meridian.”** Inclusion on this page
requires approval from the page
moderator.

MERIDIAN LADIES MINISTRIES

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

HEARING IMPAIRED

Do you have difficulty hearing everything in
the service? If so, please stop by the
Sound Room so we may assist you.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

**Mar 24 – AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Kathy / Jenny**