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

Meeting the King Luke 19:28-44

God gives us ways in which we can welcome the King.

1. With Obedience (28-34) Jesus was to begin his final walk to Jerusalem. He gave two of his disciples a special assignment.

A. Obedience to get the donkey

B. Obedience to give the donkey A fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9 The prophetic Prince of Peace seeks to conquer the spiritual hearts of people.

2. With Gifts (35-36)

A. The colt

B. The coats on the colt as a saddle and on the road

This would be like rolling out the red carpet for someone today.

C. The palm branches on the road This was a way to welcome a victorious King when he would return from battle.

3. With Praise (37-40)

The people broke out into a great spontaneous outpouring of praise. This is a quotation from **Psalm 118**. Jesus is coming according to the promise of God as the Messiah. The praise was not acceptable to all. It was offensive to the religious leaders. (40) - If the disciples do not speak, creation will.

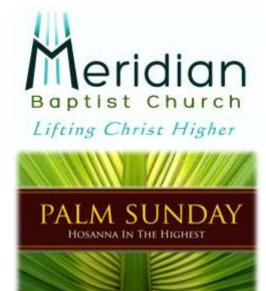
4. With Faith (41-44)

The mood switches from jubilation to lamentation because Jesus would be rejected rather than respected. **Their rejection would result in horrible judgment.**

The welcoming of Jesus into this world had mixed reviews from start to finish.



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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 - (Red) 467, 108, 46

Scripture Reading - Luke 19:28-44

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm Pastor Kliewer

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

- Mon 7:30PM New Hope Shelter volunteer orientation
- Tue 11:30AM Lunch Bunch @ The Breadbasket (All ladies and girls are invited)
- Wed 7PM Bible Study & Prayer / Bible Seekers Club for Kids / Teen Bible Study
- Sat 9AM Meridian Mighty Men

EASTER PHOTO BOOTH

There will be a great spot in the foyer for your Easter family photos. Someone will be available to take your pictures. This would be a great time to update your directory photo as well!

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Mar 31 (Sun, 9AM) – Easter Breakfast (NO Sunday School) Mar 31 (Sun, PM) – Singspiration / Testimonies Apr 4 (Thur, 7PM) – Rescue Mission (Tom Hummingbird) Apr 6 (Sat, 10AM) – Visitation Outreach Apr 7 (Sun, AM) – Communion Apr 7 (Sun, 4:30PM) – Deacons mtg. Apr 13 (Sat, AM) – All Church Workday Apr 13 (Sat, AM) – All Church Workday Apr 18 (Thur, 7PM) – Meridian Ladies Ministries Apr 20 (Sat, 10AM) – Visitation Outreach

EASTER BREAKFAST

Next Sunday we will celebrate Easter in the morning service! Additionally, we will have a breakfast at **9:00am** in the Martens Family Center.

The Meridian Mighty Men are making biscuits and gravy. Others may sign up to bring egg dishes (breakfast burritos, quiche, casseroles, etc.) and breads (nut breads, rolls, donuts, etc.) that serve at least 8-12. Sign-up sheet is located at the Hospitality Desk.

The group headed by Peggy George and Peggy Sherrick will make beverages and serve. The group headed by Ashley Hummingbird and Deidra Hendricks will help clean up. Thank you for your help!!!

Everyone is invited to attend, but we would appreciate it if you would either **sign up at the Hospitality Desk or text Pastor Kliewer at 316-727-1390** to help us in our planning. There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** next Sunday.

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

- 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.

OUR DAILY BREAD

If you are looking for some daily devotional reading material, the Our Daily Bread devotionals are a good resource. Each day features scripture reading, a key verse and a short devotional relating to the Scripture reading. At the end are some probing questions for thoughtful meditation and personal growth. Booklets are available at the Hospitality Desk in the foyer.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Mar 24 – AM – Daina / Peggy PM – Kathy / Jenny Mar 31 – AM – Ramona / Anna PM – Sarah / Elijah