

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 **Psalms 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 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**