

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

Emptiness that Produces Fullness Ephesians 3:19

Instead of promises full of emptiness, God gives us emptiness that is full of promise.

1. An Empty Cross – Mark 15:42-47 Is it right to leave Jesus on the Cross?

The substitutionary aspect is more than just physical. It is spiritual.

A. The empty cross tells us that redemptive work is done.

"It is finished!"

He need not remain on that cross.

B. The sin and suffering are gone.

C. The sin and suffering are gone.

D. We can be free from our past.

2. An Empty Tomb – Mark 16:1-6 There is plenty of evidence of an empty tomb.

A. Provides evidence of His power

The Father - **Hebrews 13:20**

The Holy Spirit - **1 Peter 3:18**

The Son - **John 2:19; 10:18**

Spurgeon - **"He entered the grave as a captive but left it as a conqueror."**

B. Provides proof that He was who He claimed to be.

Matthew 12:38–40; 16:1–4

C. Provides promise of our resurrection

3. An Emptied Life - Philippians 2:7 Jesus is able to impart fullness of life only because He emptied himself of all He had.

A. In His birth

B. In His Life

C. In His Death

**He emptied Himself of life to fill ours.
John 10:10**

Suffering and afflictions that bring emptiness have a purpose.



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

EASTER BREAKFAST 9:30am

MORNING WORSHIP 10:40am

Hymns – (Blue) 268, 273, 16

Scripture Reading – Mark 16:1-6

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm
Singspiration & Testimonies

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 /
Bible Seekers Club for Kids / Teen
Bible Study**

**Thur - 7PM – Rescue Mission (Tom
Hummingbird)**

Sat – 10AM – Visitation Outreach

EASTER PHOTO BOOTH

There is a great Easter Photo spot in the church foyer. Pastor Caleb will be on site to take your pictures between the breakfast and the Worship Service and after the service. This would be a great time to update your directory photo as well!

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Apr 7 (Sun, AM) – Communion
Apr 7 (Sun, 4:30PM) – Deacons mtg.
**Apr 12 (5:30-10PM) – New Hope
Outreach**
Apr 13 (Sat, AM) – All Church Workday
**Apr 16 (5:30-10PM) – New Hope
Outreach**
**Apr 18 (Thur, 7PM) – Meridian Ladies
Ministries**
**Apr 20 (Sat, 10AM) – Visitation
Outreach**
**Apr 20 (Sat, NOON) – Barnabas Class
Fellowship Luncheon**
**Apr 21 (Sun AM) – Missions Sunday
(6PM) – International Dinner**

CHURCH LIBRARY

In an effort to provide our church family with great resources for learning, we have a library. We need a volunteer (or several) to help keep the library organized. If this is something you are interested in taking on, please contact Pastor Caleb.

NEW HOPE OUTREACH

We are very thankful for all who participated in the orientation at New Hope Shelter. We look forward to the opportunities for ministry. If you are interested in this ministry and were unable to attend the orientation, please see Becky Coffey or Ashley Hummingbird.

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.

FAMILY CONFERENCE

Wheatland Baptist Church in McPherson is hosting a conference emphasizing the family, and they have invited area churches to attend **Monday, Tuesday, April 8 & 9, 7:00pm nightly**. The speaker is Dr. Carl Herbst and promises to be a blessing as he challenges folks from the Bible regarding the importance of a godly emphasis in the home.

SINSPIRATION & TESTIMONIES

If you have a favorite song you would like for us to sing tonight from one of the hymnals, please indicate the following on the back of a Care/Share Card and place it in the offering plate.

- 1) **Circle the Hymnal Color.**
- 2) **Write down the Hymn Number (Limit ONE per person, please).**

We will also give you an opportunity to share a personal testimony of God's providential care. If we do not sing all of the favorites, we will carry them over to the following Sunday nights.

REACHING OUT

The folks listed below are 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 by sending an encouraging card.

- Marian Bryan, Raenette Bryan, Boyd Crocker – Schowalter Villa
- Shirlene Fulton – Kansas Christian Home
- Karen Wonders – Paramount.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Mar 31 – AM – Ramona / Anna
PM – Sarah / Elijah**
**Apr 7 – AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Kathy / Jenny**