

# 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

**Propitiation: A Satisfied God**  
**Romans 3:21-26**

**Understanding propitiation gives us a better appreciation for the God of our salvation.**

**1. Propitiation Satisfied God's Justice**  
Simply put, propitiation means a covering for the sins of men and carries the idea of complete satisfaction for our offenses.

**God's justice must be vindicated.**  
The Mercy Seat in the Old Testament provides some background. **Hebrews 9:5**  
**Leviticus 16**

The blood of Jesus satisfied the just requirements of God's holy law.

**2. Propitiation Declared God's Righteousness**

Why did God send Jesus to die? To emphatically declare that He is righteous! Righteousness is "behavior that is morally justifiable or right."

**Had God not punished sin and had Christ not come to pay the penalty for sins, God could not be shown to be righteous in dealing with sin in the OT.**

**3. Propitiation Obtained Our Justification**

If God's righteous anger had not been propitiated, we would have no salvation. Justification is defined in two parts.

**Declared Not Guilty** - He considers you to be forgiven of all your sins past, present and future.

**Declared Righteous** - He imputed (uploaded) Christ's righteousness to you. **God could only be merciful toward us so long as His justice was satisfied.**

From God's perspective, the way is clear for you to be justified.

**We must believe that Jesus satisfied God by His death on the cross.**



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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.*

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

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

Hymns – (Blue) 262, 255, 256

Scripture Reading – Romans 3: 21-26

**DEACONS MEETING . . . . . 4:30pm**

**EVENING SERVICE . . . . . 6:00pm**  
**Pastor Caleb . . . . . 1 Corinthians 8**

### 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**

**Fri – 5:30-10PM – New Hope Outreach**

**Sat – 8:30AM – All Church Work Day**

### FAMILY CONFERENCE

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

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Apr 16 (Tue, 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**

**Apr 21 (Sun, 6PM) – International Dinner in MFC**

**Apr 27 (Sat, 9AM) – Meridian Mighty Men Breakfast Fellowship**

**Apr 30 (Tue, 11:30AM) – Ladies Lunch Bunch @ The Breadbasket**

**May 2 (Thur, 7PM) – Rescue Mission**

**May 5 (Sun, 6PM) – Youth Honor Night**

### NEW HOPE OUTREACH

If you are interested in this ministry and were unable to attend the orientation, please see Becky Coffey or Ashley Hummingbird.

**If you are cooking a meal, please be aware of the following considerations:**

- New Hope Shelter does have some donated food items available for use. They have Ground Beef, Ham, Turkey, and Beef Stew Meat, as well as some cooked Pork Loin that can also be used. The meal preparers can call ahead and pick up anything they have in their freezers or pantry for the evening meals.
- If you choose to purchase your own food, you are welcomed and encouraged to turn in your receipts to our Treasurer, Nancy Plenert for reimbursement from the church. No one needs to feel as though they need to cover their expenses unless they really want to do so.

### MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Those interested in becoming a member of our church are invited to attend a 3-4 week class during the Sunday School time. Please see Pastor Kliewer if you are interested.

### COLLEGE GOODIE BOXES

We will be compiling goodie boxes to encourage the college students as they head into finals! **Please bring goodies by next Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**. Items may be left in the office or in the kitchen. Please mark them for *College Goodie Boxes*. Anything young people would like is acceptable: candy, macaroni cups, microwave soups, gift cards, etc. We will be compiling **6 boxes**. Please see Deidra Hendricks or Karen Page if you have any questions.

### HEARING IMPAIRED

Do you have difficulty hearing everything in the service? If so, please stop by the Sound Room where we might be able to help you. We believe our hearing assist system will improve your ability to hear.

### 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.

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Apr 7 – AM – Daina / Peggy  
PM – Kathy / Jenny**

**Apr 14 – AM – Ashley / Crystal  
PM – Sarah / Elijah**