

## 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.

## Meridian Online



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## Sermon notes

### Instructional Grace Titus 2:11-14

**God saves people from sin and our lives are a demonstration of what God can do in us when He saves us.**

**"teaching"** – pedagogue – training – We are under the tutelage of God.

#### 1. Grace trains us to Abandon sinful living (12, 14b)

##### a. The initial mindset

**"denying"** – repudiating; rejecting; renouncing

##### b. That mindset is acted upon

**"ungodliness"** – failure to acknowledge reverence for Him

**"worldly lusts"** – desires that reflect a godless culture

**Grace is not a license to sin, but a motivation to love God and demonstrate His life-changing power.**

#### 2. Grace trains us to Affirm right living (12b)

##### a. Inwardly

**"soberly"** – self-control; restraint

##### b. Outwardly

**"righteously"** – obeying and living in the ways of the Lord

##### c. Upwardly

**"godly"** – a new reverence for God

**If people do not see a change in us by God's power through Salvation, then God is not properly glorified in and through us.**

#### 3. Grace trains us to Acknowledge God's work (13-14a)

##### a. Look forward (13)

**"Looking for that blessed hope"**

##### b. Look backward to His love to redeem us and possess us (14)

**Grace saves us to discipline and train us to live in a way that honors God.**



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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 – (Red) 473, 23, 207

Scripture Reading – 1 Peter 1:3-9

**DEACONS MEETNG . . . . . 4:30pm**

**EVENING SERVICE . . . . . 6:00pm**

**Pastor Caleb . . . . . Communion**

**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 and Prayer**

**Sat – 10AM – Celebration of Life for  
Judy Long**

**BAPTISM**

We plan to have a baptismal service next **Sunday, August 25**. If you have never followed the Lord in this ordinance of obedience, please see Pastor Kliewer, or you may present yourself as a candidate during the closing invitation song. Baptism is a very important step in the life of a believer, indicating a desire to publicly make known the decision of your heart of having trusted Christ and to identify yourself with Him.

**LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN**

**Aug 30 (Fri, 5:30-10PM) – New Hope Outreach**

**Aug 31 (Sat, 9PM) – Meridian Mighty Men Fellowship**

**Sep 1 (Sun, 5:00PM) – Carry-in Mexican Fiesta Dinner & Movie**

**Sep 3 (Tue, 5:30-10PM) – New Hope Outreach**

**Sep 8 (Sun, AM) – Quarterly Business mtg.**

**Sep 9 (Mon, 9AM-9PM) – KS State Fair Bible Project Outreach**

**Sep 19 (Thur, 7PM) – Ladies Bible Study**

**Sep 22 (Sat, 8AM-Noon) Church Workday for Downstairs Projects**

**OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY**

**Kansas State Fair Bible Project - Sep 6-15** – This opportunity involves handing out copies of John/Romans or other Gospel literature. We plan to help with the booth on **Monday, Sep 9**. The following time slots are suggested (9:00am-1:00pm / 1:00-5:00pm / 5:00-9:00pm). If you cannot stay the entire time period, that is just fine. **Please sign up at the Hospitality Desk** in a time slot if you are interested and available.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Copies of the **July** report are available on the desk in the Church Office.

**OUR SYMPATHY**

We are saddened by the passing of **Judy Long** this past Monday morning but rejoicing that she is with her Savior. Please remember Hugh and family as they prepare for Judy’s Celebration of Life service at 10:00am this Saturday at the church. A lunch will follow the service. The interment will be Friday afternoon

**MBC TEXT NOTIFICATIONS**

If you wish to receive notification from the church about events, prayer requests, etc., you must text the word “**Join**” to 316-999-8857.

*Please note that the only prayer requests we will send out via text will be those directly involving our church family and that are of a critical nature.*

**READING MATERIAL**

**(Hospitality Desk)**

**-Frontline magazine – “A Future for Israel” (May / June issue)** dealing with the Biblical perspective for Israel both present and future.

**-Challenger** – Published by **Sam Slobodian of BIEM** Each issue focuses on various ministries of BIEM in Ukraine and Russia.

**CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

A significant benefit of our Pictorial Directory is that it helps people identify others with a picture. It also provides a location for contact information as well as birthdays and anniversaries. If you would like to be included in our directory, let Pastor Kliewer know.

*Please note that the Pictorial Directory is separate from our text notifications.*

**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

**Aug 18 – AM – Ramona / Daina  
PM – Sarah / Elijah**

**Aug 25 – AM – Deidra / Karen M.  
PM – Kathy / Ramona**