

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

Examples of Grace in the Bible Noah – Genesis 5-6

By understanding the depth of God's grace in our lives, we can become vessels of His love in a broken world desperately seeking healing and restoration.

1. **The Backdrop of God's Grace (Genesis 5:21-30; 6:5-12)**
 - a. **Noah's Parentage (5:21-30)**
 - b. **God's Perspective (6:5, 11, 12)**
 - c. **Noah's Participation (6:9)**
 - 1) He was "just" – righteous

Romans 5:1

"The just shall live by faith"

- 2) He was "perfect in his generations"
- 3) He "walked with God"

2. **The Behavior of God's Grace (Hebrews 11:7)**

Noah did not find grace so much because of his righteous actions. His actions were a demonstration of God's grace.

- a. **Resource of faith – "warned of God"**
- b. **Resolve of faith – believed things "not seen as yet"**
- c. **Reverence of faith – "moved with fear"**
- d. **Ratification of faith – "prepared an ark"**
- e. **Relation of faith – "to the saving of his house"**
- f. **Result of faith – "by which he condemned the world"**
- g. **Reward of faith – "became heir of the righteousness"**

Grace can result in divine protection and guidance even amidst chaos and destruction.



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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) 134, 141, 135

Scripture Reading – 1 John 4:13-19

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm

Pastor Caleb Romans 14

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

Tue – 11:30AM – Ladies Lunch Bunch

@ The Breadbasket

Wed – 7PM – Bible Study and Prayer

Fri – 5:30-10PM – New Hope Outreach

Sat – 9AM – Mighty Men Fellowship

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 for **September, October, and November** are available at the Hospitality Desk in the foyer.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

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

Sep 22 (Sun, PM) – Nominating Committee mtg.

BAPTISM

We are observing the Scriptural ordinance of Baptism this morning at the close of the service. Only those who have placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior are candidates for baptism because it is an outward picture to demonstrate what has previously taken place in our heart to trust Him and what Jesus did to cleanse us from our sin. The term "baptize" literally means to dip, so when we baptize Scripturally by immersion, we are picturing the three things Jesus did to deliver us from our sin - death, burial, and resurrection. Baptism is also a means of obeying Jesus' command from Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" Even Jesus, Himself desired to be baptized so that He could demonstrate His own obedience to God the Father. **If you have accepted God's free gift of salvation but have never chosen to take this step of obedience, you are encouraged to talk to one of the Pastors soon.**

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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. If Monday does not work for you, sign up on another day and time.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Everyone is invited to a "Labor Day Eve" fellowship **next Sunday evening** beginning at 5:00PM in the Family Center. Please bring Mexican food to share. We will watch a short movie entitled, "**Pulled from the Burning,**" a true story of a pastor who was the sole survivor of a plane crash.

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.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

**Sep 1 – AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Sarah / Elijah**