

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 Abraham – Genesis 10-13

God's grace seeks a response of obedience.

1. The Corruption - necessitating God's Grace (10-11)

Grace finds itself in the most unlikely places.

In the post flood era, perversion prevailed. **When man abandons God's plan, God graciously provides a means whereby mankind can respond in faith to Him.**

2. The Calling - providing God's Grace (12:1-3)

God determined to have a people of His own. He was not giving up.

Abraham was not in a place of blessing to deserve nor secure God's call.

- It was general and not specific
- It contained promises (2)
- It included people far beyond him and his family (3)

3. The Caring - obeying God's Grace (12:4-13:4)

a. Obedience began after a death – Grace enabled Abram to move forward in his obedience.

Galatians 6:14

- Obedience bestowed further guidance (12:6-7)
- Obedience brought worship (12:8; 13:4)
- Obedience is broken through testing (12:10-20)
- Obedience bounces back (13:1-4)

God gave grace to Abraham, but Abraham responded well. When God spoke to him, he listened; when God promised, he trusted; when God commanded, he obeyed.



LABOR DAY WEEKEND
September 1, 2024



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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) 411, 464, 451

Scripture Reading – Deut. 32:1-4

Carry-in Mexican Fiesta

Dinner & Video 5:00pm

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 – 5:30-10PM – New Hope Outreach

Wed – 7PM – Bible Seekers; Teen Bible Study; Adult Bible Study and Prayer

Thur – 7PM – Rescue Mission Service (Tom Hummingbird)

Sat – 10AM – Visitation Outreach

FELLOWSHIP FIESTA

Everyone is invited to prepare your favorite Mexican dish to share this evening in the Marten’s Family Center beginning at **5:00PM**. After the meal we will watch a documentary testimony entitled, “**Pulled from the Burning,**” a true story of a pastor who was the sole survivor of a plane crash and how God used the experience in his life to teach some valuable lessons.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Sep 8 (Sun, AM) – Quarterly Business mtg. (ALL members are encouraged to attend)

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

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

Sep 21 (Sat, 8AM-Noon) Church

Workday for Downstairs Projects

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

Sep 24 (Tue, 11:30AM) - Lunch Bunch

Sep 28 (Sat, 9AM) – Mighty Men

Sep 29 (Sun, PM) – Singspiration / Testimonies

Oct 21-22 (Mon-Tue) – FBFI Regional Conference in Manhattan, KS

Nov 2 (Sat) – Youth Rally w/ Southland Ministry Team

READING MATERIAL

(Hospitality Desk)

-Frontline magazine – “God, the Christian, and Human Government” (July / August issue) dealing with the biblical view of politics and government.

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

CHURCH LIBRARY

Our church library has been upgraded with the inclusion of some new titles for your reading pleasure and learning. You may check the books out yourself by writing your name on the card inside the book and filing it in the index box.

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 slot is still open (1:00-5:00pm). The others are filled. 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, you may sign up on another day and time.

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 DIRECTORY

A significant benefit of our Pictorial Directory is that it helps people identify others with a picture. If you would like to be included in our directory, let Pastor Kliewer know.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

**Sep 8 – AM – Ashley / Crystal
PM – Kathy / Deidra**