

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 Joseph – Genesis 39-50

Grace can transform a situation filled with hardship into one where blessings abound.

1. God chooses to bless with His grace those who trust Him – (39:2-3, 21, 23) Psalm 1:3.

God's blessings and grace are with His people everywhere, and under the severest trials.

- a. Stripped of prized possession
- b. Robbed of dignity
- c. Separated from family and made a servant

Those who have God's presence and grace have that which cannot be taken away from them.

2. God's blessing and grace in His people are manifest to others - (39:3,5)

- a. Those who behave graciously often receive grace from others (3)

1 Corinthians 8:3

- b. Those who behave graciously impact others in grace (5)

God through His grace can bless those who have contact with the one through which His grace flows.

3. God's blessing and grace works itself through those who have received grace so that they can extend it to others. (50:20)

- a. Grace can meet physical needs
Proverbs 3:27

- b. Grace can meet spiritual needs
Ephesians 4:32

Even in our most troublesome moments, God's grace can guide us towards a path of healing, restoration, and ultimately, redemption.



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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) 459, 439, 430

Scripture Reading – Psalm 56:3-11

**Quarterly Business Meeting today after
the AM Service**

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm
Pastor Caleb Romans 15

**Pickleball Fellowship after the PM
Service**

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

**Mon – 9AM-9PM – KS State Fair Bible
Project Outreach**

**Wed – 6:30PM – Bible Seekers; Teen
Bible Study; Adult Bible Study and
Prayer**

WEDNESDAY TIME CHANGE

Beginning **THIS WEEK** all Wednesday night activities will start at **6:30 and end at 7:30**. This change is to give families, especially those with small children, the opportunity to get home earlier.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

**Sep 19 (Thur, 7PM) Meridian Ladies
Ministries**

**Sep 21 (Sat, 8AM-Noon) Church
Workday for Downstairs Projects**

**Sep 21 (Sat, Noon) Barnabas Class
Fellowship**

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

**Sep 28 (Sat, 9AM) – Mighty Men
Breakfast**

**Sep 29 (Sun, PM) – Singspiration /
Testimonies**

**Sep 29 (Sun, PM) – Nominating
Committee mtg.**

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

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Today we are recognizing those young people who are being promoted to a new class in our Sunday School. We appreciate those who dedicate themselves to preparing and teaching the Scriptures on a weekly basis to the various age groups. We also want to give a special thanks to **Ron Plenert** who serves as our Sunday School Superintendent. His faithfulness is a great blessing to our church.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

**Kansas State Fair Bible Project –
September 6-15 –**

Please be praying for this opportunity of giving out the Gospel to the thousands of people who attend the fair. Pray for Gospel conversations, souls to be saved and for seed to be effectively planted and watered.

PICKLEBALL FELLOWSHIP

Tonight following the evening service will be the first of our Fall Pickle Ball Fellowships. You may bring snacks to share if you wish. Join us for a fun time!

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.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

MERIDIAN LADIES MINISTRIES

If you ordered a ladies study guide, pick yours up from Chris Van Sickle at the hospitality desk. There will be much more preparation for our 1st meeting than usual. Please read and work through everything to page 32.

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.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

**Sep 15 – AM – Ramona / Anna
PM – Sarah / Elijah**