

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.

¹Webster's New World Dictionary, ©1971.

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Sermon notes

Examples of Grace in the Bible Moses – Exodus 33:12-17

The value Moses places on God's grace is one that we should learn to emulate.

1. The Declaration of Grace - (12) Moses' plea was based on what He already knew.

a. He asked based on his calling
Moses knew that he could not continue the task alone.

b. He acknowledged the relationship and the compelling grace of God
Moses' plea was centered in God's grace.

2. The Desire of Grace - (13)

- a. It should be Humble
- b. It should be Honoring

The more we know God, the more we understand and receive His grace.

3. The Dependence of Grace - (15)

He realizes that without God's grace, they will fail.

Living life apart from God's grace is a recipe for failure.

God's grace ensures us of His compassion and concern.

4. The Demonstration of Grace - (16)

Deliverance is dependent on God's demonstration of gracious guidance.

"We may be the only bible some people read."

2 Corinthians 3:2

Do not overlook the outward working of God's grace that is seen as evidence of God in your life.

What is the evidence Moses emphasizes?

"separated ... from all the people"

God's grace is demonstrated by a changed life.

We need the Lord, but our need of the Lord is based on His grace.



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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) 398, 400, 392

Scripture Reading – Matthew 25:14-21

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm
Pastor Caleb Romans 15

Pickleball Fellowship after 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

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

Thur – 7PM – Meridian Ladies Ministries

Sat – 8AM-Noon – Church Workday for Downstairs Projects

Sat – 10AM – Visitation Outreach

Sat – Noon – Barnabas Class Fellowship @ Carriage Crossing in Yoder, KS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Marlene Murch – Transfer of Letter from Belmore Baptist Church, San Angelo, TX

Verne and Norma Whitesell – Profession of Faith and Baptism

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Sep 24 (Tue, 11:30AM) – Lunch Bunch

Sep 28 (Sat, 9AM) – Mighty Men

Sep 29 (Sun, PM) – Singspiration / Testimonies

Sep 29 (Sun, 4:30PM) – Nominating Committee mtg.

Oct 6 (Sun, PM) – Homemade Ice Cream Fellowship

Oct 20 (Sun, PM) – Mike Smith – Legacy Trade College presentation

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

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

BIBLE SEEKERS STORE

The **Bible Seekers Store** is accepting donations – fun items suitable for children (small toys, notebooks, pencils, novelty items, etc.) The store is a way to reward the young people who have earned Bible Bucks through Scripture memory and faithfulness in our Bible Seeker ministry. The first redemption time will be in December. You may leave items in the Church Office.

RECENT CHURCH BUSINESS

The following motions were approved at the September Quarterly Business Mtg.

From the Deacons:

- \$1,000.00 from the Missions Fund to Operation Renewed Hope to assist with rebuilding in Carriacou, Grenada
- \$1,000.00 from the Missions Fund to Atan and Rachel Taclob to assist in the purchase of land for a church building for Living Word Baptist Church in the Philippines.

pNOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS

Please note the following statement from our Constitution:

"The nominating committee shall prepare a list of candidates consisting of voting members, for the various offices. The nominating committee shall accept other nominations from voting members no later than two months prior to the annual business meeting."

Please understand that all submissions must include your name AND the name and office of the nominee, and they should be turned in no later than **September 29** to Pastor Kliever. Submissions will be reviewed by the committee as a part of the regular vetting process.

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. The book we will be studying is *Equipped to Serve; A Woman’s Guide to Discover and Develop Her Spiritual Gifts*. There will be much more preparation for our 1st meeting than usual. Please read and work through everything to page 32.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

**Sep 22 – AM – Deidra / Karen M.
PM – Kathy / Ashley**