

# 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.

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# Sermon notes

## A Call to Thankfulness Psalm 100

**The Key to a true Thanksgiving is to keep your focus on God.  
Thanksgiving should include ...**

### 1. An Expression of His Praise (1-2) Psalm 98:4

#### A. Expressed with Shouting (1)

Making a joyful noise is a hearty acclaim to the Lord.

#### Psalm 122:1

#### B. Expressed with Singing (2b)

Singing unto the Lord – Psalm 95, 96, 98

- An expression of the Holy Spirit's filling (**Ephesians 5:18-20**)
- An expression of God's ruling in your heart (**Colossians 3:16**)

### 2. An Enlightenment of His Person (3) This is a relationship of knowledge "To know Him is to praise Him."

#### A. Be Enlightened Regarding His Power as Creator

We are not self-made.

#### B. Be Enlightened Regarding His Purchase as Redeemer

We are His personal possession.

#### Titus 2:14

#### C. Be Enlightened Regarding His Provision as Sustainer

As His sheep we are tended to with the utmost care.

### 3. An Entrance Into His Presence (4-5) A. The Privilege to Access

This is not an entitlement and should be with respect. **Psalm 66:13**

#### B. The Duty to Acclaim

A public declaration of our God.

#### Psalm 96:8

"thanksgiving" – adoration with intensity

**Keep your Thanksgiving focus on 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 – (Blue) 21, 493, 5, 10

Scripture Reading –

- **All Church Holiday Dinner . . . Noon**
- **NO EVENING 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

**Tue – 5:30PM – New Hope Outreach**

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

**Fri – 6PM – HEA Fall Program**

**Sat – Noon – Barnabas Class Luncheon: Presentation by Evangeline Raab**

#### MERIDIAN LADIES MINISTRIES

Please prepare lessons 3 & 4 about exhortation and faith for the next meeting. Hostesses will be *Ashley Hummingbird & Crystal Hiebert*.

#### LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

**Nov 17 (Sun, 4:30PM) – Deacons mtg.**

**Nov 21 (Thur, 7PM) – Ladies Bible Study**

**Nov 27 (Wed) – NO Mid-week Activities**

**Nov 28 (Thur) – Thanksgiving**

**Dec 5 (Thur, 6PM) – Meridian Ladies Ministries Salad Supper**

**Dec 8 (Sun, AM) – Annual Business mtg.**

**Dec 15 (Sun, AM) – Christmas Emphasis**

**Dec 22 (Sun, 5:30PM) – All Church Caroling**

**Dec 29 (Sun, PM) - Communion**

**Dec 31 (Tue, 6:00PM) – Soup Supper and Fellowship**

#### HOLIDAY DINNER

Everyone is invited to join us for a holiday feast and fellowship **Today** following the AM service. If you are a visitor today or did not plan to stay, you are encouraged to share and celebrate the blessedness of Thanksgiving with the Meridian church family. There will be **NO PM SERVICE** this evening, but we will take some time to share testimonies and thoughts about Thanksgiving.

#### SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to *Marsha Clark* and family regarding the homegoing of her husband, *Dale Clark* this past Tuesday afternoon. Five years ago, *Dale* began a rough journey of a double lung transplant and they have experienced God's gracious provision every step of the way. The funeral arrangements are as follows:

**Visitation: Mon, 5-8pm at the church**

**Graveside: Tues, 8:30am in Clearwater**

**Funeral: Tues, 11am at the church**  
(Dinner following)

#### VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day and marked the end of hostilities of World War I with Germany that occurred at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month. Since World War I had been regarded as the "war to end all wars," President Woodrow Wilson believed the victory had everything to do with lasting peace and declared the commemoration of that day as such to honor those who contributed to the cause of freedom. However, after World War II and the Korean War, Congress recognized a need to expand the meaning of the day to recognize all our Veterans and not just those of World War I. In 1954, the word "Armistice" was replaced with "Veterans" to formally include all Veterans of all American wars in the day of remembrance. It is a day not only to remember those who died in service to our country, but also to recognize those who continue to serve today. Today, we honor all war veterans represented by our congregation.

#### READING MATERIAL

**(Hospitality Desk)**

**-Frontline magazine – “The Rapture”**

**(September / October issue)** dealing with the biblical teaching of the coming of the Lord for His bride, the church.

**-Challenger – Published by Sam**

**Slobodian of BIEM** Each issue focuses on various ministries of BIEM in Ukraine and Russia.

#### NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Nov 10 – AM – Deidra / Karen M.  
PM – NO Service**

**Nov 17 – AM – Ashley / Crystal  
PM – Kathy / Deidra**