

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

An Impossible Command 1 Thessalonians 5:18

God challenges us to help us gain a focus of His grace through His enablement.

A person who seeks to give thanks in everything is one who ...

1. Acknowledges God – "will of God"

A. Honoring God

Psalm 50:23

God deserves the credit.

B. Helping us

It makes us focus our attention to the Lord and takes it off of ourselves and our circumstances

Giving thanks causes us to exercise our faith.

2. Acknowledges Goodness

"in everything"

A. For Contentment

Philippians 4:11-13

B. For Growth - Romans 8:28-29

C. For Hope – Romans 5:3

Romans 8:18

3. Acknowledges Guidance

"in Christ Jesus"

A. Begins with Salvation

1 Corinthians 1:30

To obey these impossible commands, we must have experienced the new birth.

B. Continues with Sanctification

Progressively being conformed to the image of Christ.

Thankfulness will be your habit when trust in God is your habit.



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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) Front Cover: Doxology,
370, 54, 527

Scripture Reading – Colossians 3:12-17

Choir 5:15pm

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm
Pastor Caleb 2 Timothy 1:1-2

Deacons Mtg 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

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

Thur – 7PM – Ladies Bible Study

MERIDIAN LADIES MINISTRIES

Please prepare lessons 3 & 4 about exhortation and faith for this week’s meeting. Hostesses for the meeting will be Ashley Hummingbird & Crystal Hiebert.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Nov 26 (Thur, 11:30AM) – Lunch Bunch

Nov 27 (Wed) – NO Mid-week Activities

Nov 28 (Thur) – Thanksgiving

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

Dec 5 (Thur, 7PM) – Rescue Mission

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

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

If the need for the cancellation of a service should arise, you may check one of the following sources:

- **MBC Home Page - www.mbcnewton.org**
- **MBC Facebook page**
- **MBC - Texting or Email**
- *Text the word “Join” to 316-999-8857 to be included in this notification*

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.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies of the **October** reports are available on the desk in the Church Office.

OFFICER NOMINEES

If you were asked and you consented to have your name as a nominee on the ballot for an officer for 2025, please note this announcement. Our church Constitution states the following regarding officer nominees in **SECTION 6.10(C): The nominating committee will acquire a signed statement from each prospective candidate affirming their agreement with the Constitution before their nomination is submitted to the congregation for a vote.** All officer nominees should find the Constitution Affirmation sheet on the Hospitality Desk and sign next to your name. A copy of the nominees is posted on the bulletin board next to the Church Office.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

A significant benefit of our Pictorial Directory is that it helps people identify others with a picture. It also provides a location for contact information as well as birthdays and anniversaries. If you would like to be included in our directory, let Pastor Kliewer know.

Please note that the Pictorial Directory is separate from our text notifications.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

**Nov 24 – AM – Anna / Ramona
PM – Sarah / Elijah**