

# 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.

# Meridian Online



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# Sermon notes

## Thanksgiving for the Church Colossians 1:3-8

**Things within a church for which we should be thankful.**

### 1. Thankful for those who Believe in a Faithful Message (3-5)

Three evidences of a solid church

#### A. Faith

#### B. Love

John 13:35

1 John 3:14

#### C. Hope

**Hope is the basis on which we can have full confidence in our faith and express our love without holding back.**

### 2. Thankful for those who Behave in a Faithful Manner (6)

The Gospel involves not only Belief, but also Behavior.

#### A. We should be Glowing

Jesus as the light of the world should be showing through our life.

#### B. We should be Growing

Spiritual growth should be normal and ordinary for every Christian.

### 3. Thankful for those who Benefit from a Faithful Ministry (7-8)

#### A. Lives were Discipled - "learned"

#### B. Labor was Demonstrated – "fellow-servant"

#### C. Love was Declared

God's plan has always been to use human instruments to bring forth the gospel to a dying world.

**He wants us to be faithful to Him and to the gospel of grace.**



**Have a Blessed Thanksgiving**  
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~ November 24, 2024 ~

*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, 71, 499, 496

Scripture Reading – Psalm 145:1-9

**Trustees Mtg . . . . . 4:30pm**

**EVENING SERVICE . . . . . 6:00pm**

**Pastor Caleb . . . . . 2 Timothy 1:3-7**

**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 – 11:30AM – Lunch Bunch**

**NO Wednesday Activities**

**Thur – Thanksgiving**

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The following are available on the desk in the Church Office.

- **October** report
  - 2025 General and Missions Budget
- A copy of each of the new budgets is also posted on the bulletin board next to the church office.

**LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN**

**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**

**REACHING OUT**

The folks listed below are people from our church family who reside in area nursing care facilities. We encourage you to let them know that we care for them as a church family. A card with a short greeting goes a long way in demonstrating our love. **Marian Bryan, Raenette Bryan, Boyd Crocker** – *Schowalter Villa*; **Shirlene Fulton** – *Kansas Christian Home*; **Karen Wonders** – *Paramount*. There are others listed on the Prayer Sheet under “Long-term Concerns” who would appreciate encouragement.

**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 **December 18**. You may leave items in the Church Office. **Please note that they can also use some larger items, as well.** See Josh McClure or Lyla McClure for questions or ideas of what to purchase.

**SECRET SISTER REVEAL**

With the year coming to a close, the Secret Sister Christmas party and reveal will be **9:00AM Saturday, December 7** at The Breadbasket.

**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.

**HOPE WOMEN’S CENTER**

Hope Women’s Center is currently collecting new toys and/or donations to share with their clients for Christmas. A flyer is on the bulletin board and individual flyers are available on the Hospitality Desk with information. Please note that the target deadline has changed to **December 4**, rather than what is listed on the flyers. You can email any questions to **serena@hopenewton.org**

**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

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

**Dec 1 – AM – Daina / Peggy  
PM – Kathy / Ramona**