

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

Behold your King! Matthew 1:1-25

Jesus is the King and deserves to be considered so in your own life.

1. His Kingship is authenticated by Heredity (1:1-25)

"Son of David, the Son of Abraham."

A. Jesus' Heredity justified His kingship from a Human perspective

1.) Abraham

Genealogies were very important Numbers 26, 34, 36 - Inheritance and occupation

Ruth 3, 4 – Transfer of property

Ezra 2 – Authenticity of Levitical heritage

Luke 2:4 – Registration of ancestry

To Abraham's family was promised blessing - **Genesis 12:3**

2.) David

There was a royal line in Israel, and it came through David.

2 Samuel 7

- The Jews were Tenacious about their Pedigrees.
- God was Truthful regarding His Promises.

B. Jesus' Heredity justified His kingship from a Heavenly perspective

Matthew 1:16, 18 - Joseph did NOT "beget" Jesus. "BEFORE they came together" Mary conceived a child of the Holy Ghost. Jesus, although human, did not come from earthly seed, but from heavenly. He is the Son of God. He is God's "only begotten Son."

The King of Heaven's Son is Jesus of Nazareth.

Psalm 24:8-10

Jesus, the rightful King of glory should be OUR king.



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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) 87, 83, 96

Scripture Reading – Matthew 1

Choir rehearsal 5:15pm

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm

Pastor Caleb 2 Timothy 1:8

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 – 6PM – Meridian Ladies Ministries Salad Supper

Thur – 7PM – Rescue Mission (Tom Hummingbird)

Sat – 9AM – Secret Sister Reveal @ The Breadbasket

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The **October** Financial Report is available on the desk in the Church Office.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

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

Dec 15 (Sun, AM) – Christmas Emphasis

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

Dec 25 (Wed) – NO Midweek Activities

Dec 29 (Sun, PM) – Communion

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

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

We are so very grateful for the many folks who comprise the membership of Meridian Baptist Church. Without your faithful participation, we could not function. Your attendance, giving and service are a great blessing to many people and ultimately bring glory and praise to the wonderful Savior whom we seek to exalt. As a member, you are encouraged to attend the Annual Business Meeting **NEXT SUNDAY** after the morning service. We will be voting on two major items for the new calendar year: the **Annual Budget** and the **Officers** who will be serving the Lord and this congregation. Not only is your input valuable, but your interest and participation are equally important in order for us to maintain a vital ministry for the Lord.

- 1) The slate of officers and committee members is posted on the bulletin board
- 2) The proposed budgets (General and Missions) are available in the Church Office on the desk.

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.

CHRISTMAS SALAD SUPPER

All ladies are invited to the Christmas salad supper **Thursday at 6:00PM**. Please bring a salad to share.

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.

BIBLE SEEKERS STORE

The **Bible Seekers Store** is accepting donations – fun items suitable for children (small toys, notebooks, pencils, novelty items, etc.) 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 suggestions of what to donate.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

- Dec 1 – AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Kathy / Ramona**
- Dec 8 – AM – Ashley / Crystal
PM – Sarah / Elijah**