

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 2:1-12

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

- 1. His Kingship is authenticated by Heredity (1:1-25)**
- 2. His Kingship is authenticated by Homage (1:1-12)**

Authority is often verified by the treatment received from subjects.

A. They Perceived His Glory (2) "we have seen his star."

There was a belief that wonderous things took place in the heavens as a sign of something spectacular on the earth.

"star" - a shining or blazing forth as a star or a celestial body.

This was not your normal star.

Perhaps it is the glory of the Lord?

God's glory is revealed to those whom God desires to make Himself known.

B. They Pursued His Glory (2) "(we) are come"

God got their interest, and they were willing pursuers.

There was an understanding and a hunger in their heart.

Deuteronomy 4:29

C. They Projected His Glory (10) "they rejoiced"

They were joyful to see the one for whom they diligently sought.

1 Chronicles 16:10

D. They Praised His Glory (11) "fell down and worshipped him"

They demonstrated His worth and gave gifts of adulation.

Jesus, the rightful King of glory should be OUR king and we should demonstrate it.



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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) 202, 197, 206

Scripture Reading – Matthew 2:1-12

Annual Business Mtg. after AM Service

Choir rehearsal 5:15pm

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm

Pastor Caleb 2 Timothy 1:9-11

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

READING MATERIAL

(Hospitality Desk)
-Frontline magazine – “The Thinking Christian: Biblical Wisdom in an Emotionally Driven World” (November / December issue).
-Challenger – Published by Sam Slobodian of BIEM Each issue focuses on various ministries of BIEM in Ukraine and Russia.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

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

**Dec 22 (Sun, 5:15PM) – 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 **TODAY** 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, along with some additional business from the Deacons. Not only is your input valuable, but your interest and participation are equally important for us to maintain a unified 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.

CHRISTMAS TRACTS

Christmas tracts are available on the ledge under the tract rack for those who would like to share the Gospel with a seasonal message. Feel free to take what you can use.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Systematic giving to God's work is a Biblical mandate and should be practiced by obedient Christians. **Offering Envelopes are available under the bulletin board next to the Church Office** to aid you in this practice. By using this method, you are provided with a reminder, and our Financial Secretary will be able to maintain your giving record in a discreet manner. It will also provide you with documentation at the end of the year. If you are not currently using this system and would like to begin doing so, please find an unmarked box and begin using the envelopes. The Financial Secretary will note your envelope number and offering accordingly. Otherwise, please find the box with your name on it. We pray for God's blessing upon you for your generosity to His work.

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 suggestions of what to purchase.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Dec 8 – AM – Ashley / Crystal
PM – Sarah / Elijah**

**Dec 15 – AM – Daina
PM – Kathy / Deidra**