

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

Don't Be A Fool In God's Presence Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

1. A fool speaks hastily (2a)
2. A fool speaks impulsively (2b)
3. A fool speaks a lot (3)
4. A fool speaks deceitfully (4-5)
5. A fool speaks sinfully (6)
6. The fix for a fool: Fear God (7)
 - A. Be Close Listen to God (1)
 - B. Be Quiet Limit your words (2)

James 1:19 – Wherefore, my beloved brethren, *let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:*

Isaiah 30:21 - *And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it...*

Matthew 13:9 – Who hath ears to hear, *let him hear.*

In 2025 when you come before God...

- Be prepared to hear what God is telling you through His Word.
- Be prepared to submit to God's leading through His Word & His Spirit.
- **Instead of making big promises, simply listen & obey today.**



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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) 314, 169, 326

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

TRUSTEES MTG 4:30pm

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

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 – 7:00PM – Ladies Bible Study

Fri – 5:30-10:00PM – New Hope Outreach

Sat – 12:00PM – Barnabas Class Luncheon

BULLETIN BOARD NOTES

Please notice various Christmas cards, letters, and thank-you notes on the bulletin board.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Jan 19 (Sun, PM) – Ryan Kliewer will give a Saipan ministry update

Jan 21 (Tue, 5:30-10PM) – New Hope Outreach

Jan 25 (Sat, 9AM) – Meridian Mighty Men Fellowship

Feb 6 (Tue, 1PM) - Pastor Kliewer departing on Mission trip

Feb 16 (Sun, 6PM) – Valentine Fellowship

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.

UNCLAIMED DISHES

There are a few food containers on the ledge next to the church office. These have either been used to provide dinner for a church function or to provide food for a church family in their illness. If you have recently provided food in either of these instances, please check the counter and secure your belongings.

SECRET PRAYER SISTERS

It is time to draw names for the 2025 Secret Sisters. Please meet in the sanctuary down in front after the morning service on **January 19**. If you have not turned in your secret sister form to *Peggy George*, bring it with you to the meeting next Sunday.

2025 CALENDARS

BIEM has again provided some calendars featuring their ministries for your use. The calendars are located on the shelf below the bulletin board.

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

HEARING IMPAIRED

Do you have difficulty hearing everything in the service? If so, please stop by the Sound Room where we might be able to help you. We believe our hearing assistance system will improve your experience.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Jan 12 – AM – Ashley / Crystal
PM – Kathy / Deidra**

**Jan 19 – AM – Anna / Ramona
PM – Sarah / Elijah**