

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

The Sanctity of Human Life Genesis 2:7

Strengthen your conviction based on God's Word.

The Authority for the Sanctity of Human Life centers on God.

1. The Creation of Human Life

- Unique Make-up

Genesis 2:7

Genesis 1:26-27

To be human means to bear the image of God.

We are unique in our brain function; our faculty of speech; our ability to walk upright; our ability to express emotions
1 Corinthians 15:39 – unique flesh

2. The Commandments of God's Word

- Ultimate Message

Exodus 20:13 - Thou shalt not kill.

In this commandment God has established the sanctity of human life.

Genesis 9:6

3. The Control of Human Life

- Undeniable Management

The Creator alone holds Life and Death Decisions.

Psalms 100:3; Psalm 119:73

Job proclaimed, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away."

Genesis 4:10

God did not ignore the murder of Abel, nor will He ignore the bloodshed of babies.

Colossians 1:16 – we are created by Him and for Him

Rejecting the truth of God

- The Dishonoring of God
- The Disintegration of life

God values our life, just as He values ALL life.



Sanctity of Life
January 26, 2025



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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) 175, 268, 295

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:14-17

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm
Pastor Caleb 2 Timothy 2:3-7

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

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

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Feb 6 (Tue, 1PM) – Pastor Kliewer departing on Mission trip
Feb 6 (Tue, 7PM) – Rescue Mission Service (Tom Hummingbird)
Feb 16 (Sun, 6PM) – Valentine Fellowship
Feb 20 (Thur, 7PM) – Ladies Bible Study
Feb 22 (Sat, 9AM) – Meridian Mighty Men

DEACON DEDICATION

The office of Deacon is one that demands godliness, and we are very thankful for these godly men willing to assume leadership in our church family.

Chairman: Sherwood Wheeler (Leslie)
Vice Chairman: Tom Hummingbird (Kathy)
Secretary: Allan Regier (Kathy)
Membership: Matt Hummingbird (Ashley)

TRUSTEES

We are thankful for the men God has raised up among us to care for the physical property of the church. They are being led by Pastor Caleb. If you find something that is broken or in need of repair, please let one of these men know or put a note on a Care-Share Card.

President – Greg Hummingbird
Vice President – Dwight McClure
Secretary – Brent Busenitz
Lyndon Decker
Marlin Hiebert

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

If you are a Facebook user, and have not already done so, please "Like" "**Meridian Baptist Church**" in your account. Doing so will cause our page to show up in your feed and when you respond, it will be seen by your friends. There is also a separate private page for our ladies called, "**Ladies of Meridian.**" Inclusion on this page requires approval from the page moderator.

NEW HOPE OUTREACH

New Hope is the local homeless shelter ministry in Newton. We are privileged to play a small part in supplying a hot meal and fellowship for the clients twice every six weeks. We could use a few more volunteers to either cook, serve, or minister in other ways. If you are not currently helping and would like to know more information, please see Becky Coffey.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Jan 26 – AM – Deidra / Karen M.
PM – Kathy / Ramona

Feb 2 – AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Sarah / Elijah