

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

Precious Promises of Love

God's promises of love should motivate us to live a life of worship.

1. God's Commended Love

Romans 5:8

But **God commendeth his love toward us**, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

2. God's Constraining Love

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

14 **For the love of Christ constraineth us**; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth **live** unto themselves, but **unto him which died for them**, and rose again.

3. God's Correcting Love

Hebrews 12:5-6

5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 **For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth**, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

4. God's Constant Love

Jeremiah 31:3

The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, **I have loved thee with an everlasting love**: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Romans 8:31-39

- **Praise God because of His love.**
- **Serve God because of His love.**
- **Obey God because of His love.**
- **Trust God because of His love.**

This is what a life of worship looks like.



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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) 629, 142, 130

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:28-39

VALENTINE FELLOWSHIP 6:00pm

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

Sat – 9:00AM – Meridian Mighty Men

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 23 (Sun, PM) – Communion

Feb 25 (Tue, 11:30AM) – Ladies Lunch Bunch

Feb 27 (Thur, 7PM) Ladies Bible Study

Mar 7 (Fri, PM) – Pastor Kliewer Returning from Mission trip

Mar 8 (Sat, PM) – Daylight Savings Time BEGINS

Mar 9 (Sun, 4:30PM) – Deacons mtg.

Mar 15 (Sat, 12NOON) – Barnabas Luncheon

Mar 16 (Sun, AM) – Quarterly Business mtg.

VALENTINE FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is invited **this evening, February 16 at 6:00pm** to fellowship together in love as a church family. Food will be provided by the Deacons. We are asking men to bring a dessert that will be entered into a competition (judged by the ladies) with prizes for *Best Presentation and *Best Tasting.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Please prepare chapter 6 concerning the gift of helps (serving). *Lyla* and *Nancy* will be hostesses. We have decided to postpone our next meeting to **Thursday, February 27.**

READING MATERIAL

(Located on the 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.

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, Boyd Crocker – **Schwalter Villa**

Shirlene Fulton – **Kansas Christian Home**

Karen Wonders – **Paramount**

There are others listed on the Prayer Sheet under “Long-term Concerns” who would also appreciate encouragement.

PASTOR KIEWER MISSION TRIP

- **Feb 8-13:** Atan & Rachel Taclob (Philippines)
- **Feb 13-17:** Brian & Erin Bollon (Taiwan)
- **Feb 18-27:** Ryan Kliewer (Saipan)
- **Feb 28-Mar 6:** G.S. Nair (India)

A more detailed itinerary with specific dates and ministry opportunities is available on the counter below the bulletin board. Your prayers for safety, security, strength and service are much appreciated.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Feb 16 – AM – Anna / Ramona
PM – Valentine Fellowship**

**Feb 23 – AM – Deidra / Karen M.
PM – Kathy / Ramona**