

# Welcome

A *meridian* can be defined as "the highest point reached by a heavenly body in its course."<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup> Webster's New World Dictionary, © 1971.

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# Sermon notes

## Precious Promises of Loyalty Psalm 136

### God's promise of loyalty inspires our loyalty.

"Hesed"

- Translated mercy, lovingkindness
- Means devotion, faithfulness, **loyalty**

### 1. God is supremely loyal to His people.

- A. To Israel – **Psalm 136**
- B. To the Church – **Hebrews 8:6-13**
- C. Biblical Responses
  - Hope – Lamentations 3:24
  - Wait – Lamentations 3:25
  - Sing – 2 Chronicles 20:21-22

### 2. God's people should be loyal.

A. To God

How can I show loyalty to God?

- What He says – I do.
- Where He sends – I go.
- When He convicts – I repent.
- When times get tough – I trust.

B. To Family

C. To Church

2 Thessalonians 3:3 – But **the Lord is faithful**, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

1 Corinthians 1:9 – **God is faithful**, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.



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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) 173, 191, 364

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:39-46

**Quarterly Business mtg. after the AM Service**

**DEACONS MEETING . . . . . 4:30pm**

**EVENING SERVICE . . . . . 6:00pm**  
**Pastor Kliewer – Trip Report (Taiwan)**

**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 – Adult Bible Study and Prayer (NO Bible Seekers or Teen Bible Study)**

**Thur – 7PM – Ladies Bible Study**

**Sat – 9AM – Meridian Mighty Men**

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the “Everlasting Arms” goodie box. My heart was warmed by your kindness and expressions of love. ~ *Pastor Kliewer*

**LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN**

**Mar 23 (Sunday, 5:15PM) – Choir Rehearsal**

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

**Mar 28 (Fri, 5:30PM) – New Hope Outreach**

**Apr 1 (Tue, 5:30PM) – New Hope Outreach**

**Apr 3 (Thur, 7PM) – Rescue Mission**

**Apr 6 (Sun, 6PM) – Singspiration & Testimonies**

**Apr 12 (Sat, 8AM) – Tentative Church Workday**

**Apr 13 (Sun, AM) - Communion**

**Apr 20 (Sun, 9AM) – Easter Breakfast**

**FLOORING PROJECT**

The Martens Family Center flooring has served us very well since it was laid down in 1993. After 32 years, it is time for replacement. At today’s quarterly business meeting, the Trustees plan to present a motion to spend up to \$49,500 to replace all flooring in the following areas:

- **Martens Family Center** (Carpet Tiles)
- **Martens Family Center Classroom** (Vinyl Planks)
- **Kitchen** (Vinyl Planks)
- **Hallway** from MFC to Andersen Hall (Carpet Tiles)

The labor of demo & installation will be contracted out to be done as soon as practical depending on materials & scheduling.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS**

Those interested in becoming a member of our church are invited to attend a 6-week class during the 9:30AM Sunday School time. Please see Pastor Kliewer if you are interested. We plan to begin **Sunday, March 30.**

**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**” that you can request to join.

**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.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

The ladies will meet this Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> and will discuss the lesson on leadership. *Laurene Reimer & Karen Page* are hostesses.

**CHILDREN’S PRAYER PARTNERS**

Thanks to the folks in our congregation who continue to uphold the children of our church in prayer. Your special efforts of love and prayers are an encouragement to our congregation.

**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

**Mar 16 – AM – Anna / Ramona  
PM – Sarah / Elijah**

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