

# 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.

# Meridian Online



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# Sermon notes

## Precious Promises of Light Matthew 5:14-16

**God's promise of light shows us  
why we ought to shine.**

**1. We are partakers of the divine nature.**

2 Peter 1:3-4

**2. Christ is the light of the world.**

John 8:12

**3. We are the light of the world.**

Matthew 5:14-16

**A. Promise of Personality**

*"Ye are the light of the world"*

**B. Promise of Practice**

*"Let your light so shine"*

**C. Promise of Purpose**

**i. Illumination**

*"it giveth light unto all that are in the house"*

Ephesians 5:13 – But all things that are reprov'd are **made manifest by the light**: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

**ii. Attention**

*"that they may see your good works"*

Ephesians 2:10 – For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

**iii. Exaltation**

*"and glorify your Father which is in heaven"*

**Let your good works shine  
for God's glory.**



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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) 467, 108, 46

Scripture Reading: Psalm 71:1-8

**CHOIR REHEARSAL . . . . . 5:15pm**

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

**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**

**Tue – 11:30AM – Ladies Lunch Bunch**

**Fri – 5:30PM – New Hope Outreach**

**THANK YOU**

Thank you church family for your visits, all your cards and especially praying for me while recovering from my broken hip. This congregation has shown so much compassion to *Norma* and me – for this we are so very thankful!  
~Vern Whitesell

**LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN**

**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**

**RECENT CHURCH BUSINESS**

The following motion was approved at the March Quarterly Business Mtg.

**From the Trustees:**

Spend up to \$49,500.00\* to replace the 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)
- Entry in airlock (Vinyl planks)

\*((\$30,000.00 will come from the Building Fund and the remaining funds from the General Fund)

**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 **NEXT Sunday, March 30.**

**CHURCH LIBRARY**

Our church library has been upgraded with the inclusion of some new titles for your reading pleasure and learning. You may check the books out yourself by writing your name on the card inside the book and filing it in the index box.

**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.

**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*.

**CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

A significant benefit of our Pictorial Directory is that it helps people identify others with a picture. It also provides a location for contact information as well as birthdays and anniversaries. If you would like to be included in our directory, let Pastor Kliewer know.

*Please note that the Pictorial Directory is separate from our text notifications.*

**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

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

**Mar 30 – AM – Daina / Peggy  
PM – Sarah / Elijah**