

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

Examples of Grace in the Bible The Prodigal Son - 2 Luke 15:22-32

The parable of the prodigal son teaches us the boundless nature of grace.

- 1. Wastefulness in the Rejection of Grace (12-13)**
- 2. Wantonness in the Removal from Grace (14-16)**
- 3. Willingness in the Recognition of Grace (17-21)**
- 4. Weakness in the Resentment of Grace (25-32)**

Some people will not comprehend God's grace.

A. Manifest in a spirit of Bitterness (25-28)

- Grace is not always understood, and it is not always appreciated.

Perceiving God as doing more for the seemingly less-deserving can result in bitterness.

Anger comes when we fail to see God's grace in action.

B. Manifest in a spirit of Boasting (29)

Perceiving God as doing less for the seemingly more-deserving can result in boasting.

He perceived that his relationship was based on performance and merit. (29)

- Grace (favor) is not earned.

C. Manifest in a spirit of Blame and Belittling (30)

In order to make themselves look better to others and even to themselves, they make efforts to belittle others.

- Understanding God's grace will cause us to treat others graciously.

The attitude of the older son dishonored the father as much, if not more than the actions of the younger brother.



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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) 12, 93, 14

Scripture Reading: Psalm 111

CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:15pm

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm
Pastor Kliewer – Trip Report (India)

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 – 5:30PM – New Hope Outreach
Wed – 6:30PM – Bible Seekers; Adult Bible Study and Prayer
Thur – 7PM – Rescue Mission (Tom Hummingbird)
Sat – 10AM – Visitation Outreach

EASTER BREAKFAST

Everyone is invited to join us **Sunday, April 20 at 9:00AM** for a breakfast celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will begin a sign-up next Sunday.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Apr 6 (Sun, 6PM) – Singspiration & Testimonies
Apr 12 (Sat, 8AM) – Church Workday
Apr 13 (Sun, AM) – Communion
Apr 14-15 (Mon, Tue – 7PM) – Baptist Heritage Conference @ Wheatland Baptist Church – McPherson
Apr 17 (Thur, 7PM) – Ladies Bible Study
Apr 20 (Sun, 9AM) – Easter Breakfast (NO Sunday School)
Apr 26 (Sat, 9AM) – Meridian Mighty Men
Apr 27 (Sun, 4:30PM) – Deacons mtg.

CHURCHWIDE WORKDAY

Join us April 12th at 8AM for plenty of donuts and **plenty of work!** We need **anyone and everyone** to lend a hand regardless of talent, skill, or ability. Posted on the Hospitality Desk is a list of potential projects with space to **add your name** next to things you might be interested in working on. Thank you in advance for being involved in glorifying God with our wonderful facilities. We will plan to wrap up between noon & 1:00PM.

FLOORING PROJECT

The flooring replacement project will be starting hopefully mid to late May. As we get closer, we will let you know the specific dates. Here is the list of areas that will be affected:

- 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)

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. We are meeting in Pastor Kliewer's office. Please see Pastor Kliewer if you are interested. We began today and will continue five additional Sundays (**Excluding Easter Sunday**).

READING MATERIAL

(Hospitality Desk)
-Frontline magazine – “The Self-Deception of Substance Abuse” (March / April issue).
-Challenger – Published by **Sam Slobodian of BIEM** Each issue focuses on various ministries of BIEM in Ukraine and Russia.
-Our Daily Bread devotional books for a daily time with God in His Word.

BAPTIST HERITAGE CONFERENCE

Wheatland Baptist Church in McPherson is hosting a conference emphasizing the heritage of the Baptists in church history. Dr. Larry Oats, a professor from Maranatha Baptist University will be the lecturer. Mark your calendar for **April 14-15 (Monday-Tuesday)** beginning at **7PM** each night if you are interested.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

Apr 6 – AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Kathy / Deidra