

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 Symbol of the Bread

Matthew 26:26; 1 Corinthians 11:24

The Bread speaks eloquently to the believer of the sufferings of our Lord.

1. Bread is a Product of wheat that must be buried and die.

Before bread can be made from flour, many kernels of wheat have to be buried in the earth and die.

John 12:24

As God, He could not die, but as man He could die and did so **"for our sins according to the Scriptures."**

Hebrews 2:14

2. Bread is a Production of being ground up reducing it to flour.

Jesus suffered physically at the hands of those whom He had created.

- Blood-like sweat at Gethsemane indicating His personal agony
- Cruel mocking being beaten, spat upon and crowned with thorns
- His outstretched hands upon a cross allowing Himself to be nailed to the tree

Isaiah 53:5 - ... he was bruised

(crushed) for our iniquities:

Isaiah 53:10 - Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise (crush) him;

3. Bread is a Participation in heat necessary to be baked

There were unseen spiritual sufferings.

Isaiah 53:6 - ... and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

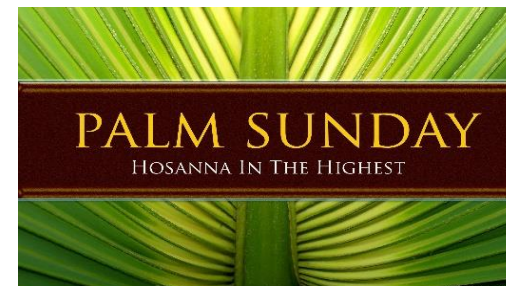
The full judgment that God's divine justice demanded was poured out upon the Lord Jesus.

These sufferings are hopefully in clearer focus for us as we consider the intensity of the sacrifice of Christ and His love for us.



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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) 129, 117, 176

Scripture Reading: John 6:47-51

CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:15pm

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm
Pastor Caleb 2 Timothy 2:19

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

**Mon, Tue – 7PM – Baptist Heritage
Conference @ Wheatland Baptist
Church – McPherson**

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

Thur – 7PM – Ladies Bible Study
Sat – 10AM – Visitation Outreach

CHURCHWIDE WORKDAY

A special thank you to everyone who participated in the workday, yesterday. It was encouraging to see all that was accomplished and a blessing to labor and minister together in the Lord.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

**Apr 20 (Sun, 9AM) – Easter Breakfast
(NO Sunday School)**

**Apr 26 (Sat, 9AM) – Meridian Mighty
Men**

Apr 27 (Sun, 4:30PM) – Deacons mtg.

Apr 29 (Tue, 11:30AM) – Lunch Bunch

May 4 (Sun, PM) – Youth Honor Night

May 11 (Sun) – Mother's Day

COMMUNION

This is a solemn occasion commemorating the death of our Savior. This activity has absolutely no saving power to impart eternal life. Everyone present today is invited to join in this remembrance if the following provisions are met:

1) There has been a definite time in your life when you repented of your sin and put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ's blood payment for your sin.

2) You are living in obedience to God. This does not mean that you are perfect, as none of us are, but it does mean that you are seeking obedience to Christ in your life, including water baptism after salvation.

We will be serving the conventional manner with a separate bread and cup. Those who participate are asked to hold each element until all have been served.

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. **A sign-up sheet for egg dishes and breads is located on the Hospitality Desk.** Please also sign-up to let us know how many are coming to help us in making preparations. There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** next Sunday.

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. The specific topics:
Monday – “The Importance of Missions;”
Tuesday – “Evangelicalism”
Each service begins at 7:00PM.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Meridian Ladies Ministries will meet this Thursday at 7:00PM. Study the lesson about the gift of mercy. Lucy Clark and Deidra Hendricks will be the hostesses.

GOODIES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Traditionally, every year we endeavor to bless our college students with some goodies. This year we have Addison and Ashton Curis and Emily Schmidt, all studying at HCC. Items they may enjoy include chips, candy, gum, cookies, etc. If you would like to participate, bring items by **Sunday, April 20** and put them in the church office.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Those interested in becoming a member of our church, or just interested in knowing more about the church, are invited to attend a 6-week class during the 9:30AM Sunday School time. We are meeting in Pastor Kliewer's office. This is the last call. We will not meet Easter Sunday.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Apr 13 – AM – Ashley / Crystal
PM – Sarah / Elijah

Apr 20 – AM – Anna / Karen M.
PM – Kathy / Deidra