

# 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

### Radical Worship Luke 7:36-50

#### How & why should we engage in radical worship?

##### 1. Radical worship requires repentance & faith.

Luke 5:32 – I came not to call the righteous, but **sinner**s to **repentance**.

Mark 1:15 – The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: **repent ye, and believe the gospel**.

##### 2. Radical worship requires sacrifice.

Romans 12:1 – I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service ("spiritual or true worship").

##### 3. Radical worship requires adoration.

1 Chronicles 29:11 – Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and **thou art exalted** as head above all.

##### 4. Radical worship requires radical forgiveness.

Psalms 103:10-12

**He hath not dealt with us after our sins;** nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, **so far hath he removed our transgressions from us**.

**We should engage in radical worship because we enjoy radical forgiveness.**



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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**

Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:16-19

Hymns – (Red) 441, 2, 452

**EVENING SERVICE . . . . . 6:00pm**  
**Youth Honor Night**

#### 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 – Teen Bible Study;  
Adult Bible Study and Prayer**

#### 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.*

#### LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

**May 11 (Sun.) – Mother's Day (NO PM Service)**  
**May 17 (Sat, Noon) – Barnabas Class Fellowship**  
**May 27 (Tue, 11:30AM) – Ladies Lunch Bunch**  
**May 31 (Sat, 9AM) – Meridian Mighty Men Fellowship**  
**Jun 1 (Sun, AM) – Quarterly Business mtg.**  
**Jun 2-5 (Mon-Thu; 1-3PM) – Vacation Bible School**  
**Jun 6 (Fri, 5:30-10PM) – New Hope Outreach**  
**Jun 8 (Sun, 5PM) – Sunday School Picnic @ Heritage Park (Hesston)**  
**Jun 10 (Fri, 5:30-10PM) – New Hope Outreach**  
**Jun 16-20 (Mon-Fri) – Challenge Christian Camp**  
**Jun 24 (Tue, PM) – Financial Peace University**

#### CHALLENGE CHRISTIAN CAMP

Challenge Christian Camp is **June 16-20**. Brochures and information are on the bulletin board across from the offices. Young people entering grade 4 through graduating Seniors are eligible to attend. Brother Joe Willis will be the special speaker. Please return completed information and registration fee to Pastor Caleb by **May 25** to be eligible for the early-bird discount.

#### MBC TEXT NOTIFICATIONS

If you wish to receive notification from the church about events, service cancelations, prayer requests, etc., you can text the word "**Join**" to 316-999-8857. Prayer requests we send will be urgent involving our church family.

#### YOUTH HONOR NIGHT

This evening is an opportunity for our church to honor the youth of our church. Many who have participated in Tiny Seekers and Bible Seekers have worked hard to learn Bible verses and Scripture truths and we will be recognizing their efforts. In addition, we will be giving recognition to the following graduates:

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade –**  
*Eli Williams*

**Seniors –**  
*Elijah Schmidt*  
*Jessica Brault*  
*Maddie Hummingbird* (not attending)

There will be a reception/fellowship with a dinner following the evening in honor of our Seniors. This will be a good time to share congratulatory cards, if desired. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University*! This nine-week class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! Talk to Pastor Caleb with questions and to sign up. Class starts **June 24<sup>th</sup>**

#### MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

#### NURSERY SCHEDULE

**May 4 – AM – Ashley / Crystal**  
**PM – Kathy / Deidra**

**May 11 – AM – Anna / Karen M.**  
**PM – Sarah / Elijah**