

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 Conviction of Peter

Peter demonstrates for us a life of wayward willfulness that is impacted by God's grace wielding a life of surrender and usefulness.

1. Grace in Direction (John 1:42)

Peter was given a new name to remind him what God wanted him to be.

Cephas (Peter) – a stone.

Simon – to listen; to understand

The stone illustrated – Matthew 16:18

The name Peter seems to indicate a maturity of understanding, whereas Simon indicated a lack of understanding and a need for more.

2. Grace in Disappointment and Downfall

A. A lapse of Respect (Luke 5:1-11)

"If you say so, I will put out the nets."

B. A lapse of Faith (Matthew 14:22-33)

Walking on the water and sinking, the Lord graciously reached out and saved him.

C. A lapse of Attentiveness (Luke 22:33)

Peter did not heed Jesus' warning.

3. Grace in Devotedness (John 21:15-17)

Jesus tested Peter's love and devotion. The more Jesus asked, "Do you love me?" the more it grieved Peter to be confronted with his failure.

Jesus graciously entrusted Peter to carry on the ministry that Jesus had begun.

Although Peter's failure seems larger than any of the other apostles, it makes the measure of grace seem all that much richer.



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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 1:3-7

Hymns – (Red) 481, 31, 313

**Today after the AM Service –
Quarterly Business Meeting**

CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:15pm

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm
Pastor Caleb 2 Timothy 3:10-15

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 – Thur – 1:00-3:00PM – VBS

**Wed – 6:30PM – Adult Bible Study and
Prayer; Kid's Club**

**Thur – 7PM – Rescue Mission (Tom
Hummingbird)**

Fri – 5:30-10PM – New Hope Outreach

Sat – 10AM – Outreach Visitation

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

**Jun 8 (Sun, 6PM) – Sunday School
Picnic @ Heritage Park (Hesston)**

**Jun 10 (Tue, 5:30-10PM) – New Hope
Outreach**

Jun 15 (Sun, 5:15PM) – Choir Rehearsal

**Jun 16-20 (Mon-Fri) – Challenge
Christian Camp**

**Jun 24 (Tue, 11:30AM) – Ladies Lunch
Bunch**

**Jun 24 (Tue, 6:30PM) – Financial Peace
University**

**Jun 28 (Sat, 9AM) – Meridian Mighty
Men**

**Jun 29 (Sun, PM) – Singspiration;
Testimonies; Communion**

Jul 4 (Fri, AM) – Golf Outing

Jul 4 (Fri, PM) – Picnic @ the Wood's

**Jul 13 (Sun, SS & AM) – Missionary G.S.
Nair**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be **June 2-5 – 1:00-3:00pm**.
This will be a great time of fun &
learning for **kids ages 4 – 6th grade!** If
you would like to help with this event,
please talk to Ashley Hummingbird or
Pastor Caleb.

CHALLENGE CHRISTIAN CAMP

Brochures and information are on the
bulletin board between 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 **TODAY** to be
eligible for the Early-bird discount.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

Everyone is invited to join us for food and
fellowship in the park **Next Sunday
evening, June 8**. The meeting place is
Heritage Park on Ridge Road (across
from the Middle School) **in Hesston**.
Please note that we plan to eat at **6:00pm**,
so please arrive early enough to get your
food in place and gear set up. Assorted
meats suitable for a hotdog bun, drink, and
table service will be provided. **Please
bring side dishes and desserts to
share**. Feel free to arrive early and stay
late for fellowship. Bring lawn chairs and
your Bible for an outdoor service. There
will be a sign-up sheet on the hospitality
desk for those who would like to be
involved in a pickleball tournament.

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 24th**.

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.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Jun 1 – AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Kathy / Deidra**

**Jun 8 – AM – Ashley / Crystal
PM – Sarah / Elijah**