

# 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

## Grace and Peace - 2 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

**When Paul saw the fruit of their relationship with God, which came by grace, he was at peace, and he wanted those of that church to be at peace.**

**1. The Design of Grace - "work of faith"**  
This is a work that flows from our faith. **The design for grace is to bring favor that implements change through our faith in Christ.**

The "work of faith" is the demonstration of faith.

We can have peace in knowing that God's grace is working in and through us to the power of Christ and the Gospel.

**2. The Depth of Grace - "labor of love"**  
**Grace properly administered is love in action.**

This is hardship that is experienced for the sake of love.

These Christians had surrendered themselves to the transforming power of God so that they were content to give of themselves to others in sacrifice and in service.

Paul was at peace due to their practice of grace and he wanted them to know that they were faithfully executing grace.

**3. The Durability of Grace - "patience of hope"**

"patience" does not mean a passive acquiescence, but an active endurance.

It is a "heroic endurance" as one faces obstacles, trials, and persecutions.

The challenge for us is to exercise a measure of patience and endurance in the realm of a confident expectation that God is using us.

**Paul's desire was for them to know the peace that comes by grace.**



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~ June 22, 2025 ~

*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: Psalm 19:9-14

Hymns – (Blue) 469, 358, 316

**DEACONS MTG . . . . . 4:30pm**

**EVENING SERVICE . . . . . 6:00pm**  
Camp Testimonies

### 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 – 11:30AM – Ladies Lunch Bunch**

**Tue – 6:30PM – FPU**

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

**Sat – 9AM – Meridian Mighty Men**

### 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 Kliever know.

### LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

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

**Jul 2 (Wed, PM) – NO Wednesday activities**

**Jul 3 (Thur, 7PM) – Rescue Mission**

**Jul 4 (Fri, AM) – Golf Outing**

**Jul 4 (Fri, PM) – Picnic @ The Wood's**

**Jul 5 (Sat, 10AM) – Outreach Visitation**

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

**Jul 21-26 (Mon-Sat) – Southland Teen Camp**

**Aug 3 (Sun, PM) – Missionary Daniel Simonsen (Kenya)**

**Aug 17 (Sun, AM) – Missionary Heather Harr (Asia)**

**Sep 7 (Sun, PM) – Missionary Mike Flannery (Saskatchewan, Canada)**

### GOLF OUTING

**Friday, July 4, 8:15am** at Pine Edge Golf Course is the date, time, and place of our annual MBC Golf Outing. This is a 9-hole event in a scramble format. You need not be an experienced golfer to participate - this is for FUN! Pine Edge is located 1.6 miles east of K-15 at Alexanderwohl Church (north of Goessel). It is a 9-hole executive course with six par three's and three par four's. The cost for play is \$10.00 (\$5.00 for Juniors under 18). **Cash or check ONLY.** You may play additional holes at no charge for this price. If you plan to participate, please sign up at the Hospitality Desk. We will arrange teams and plan to tee off by 8:30am. Everyone should plan to walk, although a couple of carts are available by making an advance reservation directly with the course. Pull carts are available for a rental fee.

### WEDDING RECEPTION

Please join us for a reception celebrating the marriage of Samuel & Sarah (Branson) Newman to be held **12:00 – 4:00PM, Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** at Opera Block Venue in Moundridge, KS 67107.  
- Mike and Amy Branson

### 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 **Tuesday evening at 6:30.**

### 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Allan and Kathy Regier would like to invite their MBC family to a Come-N-Go 50th Anniversary celebration, on **Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**, from **9am to 1pm.** Muffins & Coffee with munchies will be served. Casual dress and fellowship encouraged! Address is 1220 Old Main, Newton. Parking is best, and safest, on Old Main south of 14th Street, west of the car wash.

### MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Jun 22 – AM – Crystal / Karen M.  
PM – Sarah / Elijah**

**Jun 29 – AM – Daina / Peggy  
PM – Kathy / Deidra**