

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

Grace and Peace – Pt. 3 2 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Our praise and recognition of God in our trials will result in peace.

Grace - The Encouragement of Praise (1-4)

This praise is primarily to God for the work He had done and continued to do in them.

1. Their faith was growing (3)

The growth of their faith was vigorous ('groweth exceedingly').

"A faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted." (Warren Wiersbe)

2. Their love was abounding (3)

Their afflictions pushed love to another dimension.

3. Their testimony was encouraging (4a)

They were exemplary in their faith.

How they responded to afflictions was helping others to grow.

4. Their patience was increasing (4)

Trusting God's grace and yielding to His plan will produce patience and endurance in our lives.

Peace - The Encouragement of Promise (5-10)

1. The peace of a Reward (5)

God in His righteousness will not allow our afflictions to go unrewarded.

2. The peace of a Recompense (6-10)

God will repay both the wicked and the righteous.

3. The peace of a Rest (7a, 10)

These thoughts give **"rest" (7)** to those who understand the grace of God.

Grace is calling us to endure the trials and afflictions of this life doing so with a peace in knowing that God is in control.



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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: Psalm 98

Hymns – (Blue) 2, 55, 477

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm
Pastor Caleb 2 Timothy 4:1-5

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 – 6:30PM – Financial Peace
University**

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

WEDDING RECEPTION

Everyone is invited to come and go reception for Emily (Schmidt) and Cody Wohlgemuth this **Friday, July 11, 5-7PM** in the MFC. Light supper will be served.

For further details see the bulletin board or Deidra Hendricks.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

**Jul 19 (Sat, 11AM) – Barnabas Class
Fellowship Luncheon @ Pizza
Ranch in McPherson**

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

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

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

**Aug 27 (Wed, PM) – Missionary Craig
Hartman (Shalom Ministries)**

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

MISSIONARY VISITS

One of the strengths of Meridian is that we strive to be a mission-minded church. We are thankful for our missionary family for whom we pray and to whom we send financial support. Due to scheduling requests, we will be privileged to host three of our supported missionaries over the next 10 weeks in addition to a new missionary to Kenya on deputation. Our desire is not to be a burden but to inform and increase our vision for what is taking place around the world with the Gospel. We will be receiving special offerings for each missionary so please prayerfully consider how God would have you be a blessing to these faithful servants of the Lord and be sure to support them with your presence.

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.

NEW HOPE TRAINING

The staff at New Hope Shelter is wanting anyone who serves as a volunteer to attend a training session. If you have not done so, please consider attending one of the following sessions scheduled for this summer in their conference room.

- Monday, July 28; 6:30-8:00 pm
- Monday, Aug 25; 6:30-8:00 pm

MBC TEXT NOTIFICATIONS

If you wish to receive notification from the church about events, service cancelations, prayer requests, etc., you must text the word "Join" to **316-999-8857**.

Please note that the only prayer requests we will send out via text will be those directly involving our church family and that are of a critical nature.

REACHING OUT

The folks listed below are people from our church family who reside in area nursing care facilities. We encourage you to let them know that we care for them as a church family. A card with a short greeting goes a long way in demonstrating our love.

Schowalter Villa –

Marian Bryan, Boyd Crocker

Kansas Christian Home –

Shirlene Fulton

Paramount –

Karen Wonders

Presbyterian Manor –

Verna Rowe

NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Jul 6 – AM – Ashley / Crystal
PM – Sarah / Elijah**

**Jun 13 – AM – Anna / Karen M.
PM – Kathy / Deidra**