

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. 8 Philippians 1:2-7

God by His grace is seeking to bind us together with Himself through experiences and provision so that we are dependent upon Him and one with Him.

1. Grace and peace of a relationship with Paul's work (3-5)

a. A special Provision – "every remembrance"

See 4:14-15

b. A special Participation – "fellowship in the gospel"

Fellowship - having something in common, Christian fellowship is having Christ and His work in common and participating in those things.

Romans 15:26 – "contribution"

2. Grace and peace of a relationship with God's work (6)

a. The Certification of His work (6a) "Being confident"

God will finish that which He has begun.
Psalm 138:8; 1 Peter 5:10

b. The Continuance of His work (6b) "will perform it"

Psalm 68:28

We can be confident that God is doing a work in us.

3. Grace and peace of a relationship with Paul's heart for the Gospel (7)

a. Tenderness "I have you in my heart"

**b. Togetherness
"partakers of my grace" literally means
"being all wrapped up together."**

God's grace and their own practice of grace elevated Paul and their peace in knowing the large part they had played in his life and ministry.



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We extend a warm WELCOME!

If you are visiting today,

Connect Cards are available for you

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30am

MORNING WORSHIP 10:40am

Scripture Reading: Psalm 144:9-15

Hymns – (Red) 442, 23, 207

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm
Pastor Caleb Communion

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 – 5:30PM – New Hope Outreach
Wed – 6:30PM – Adult Bible Study and Prayer; Kid's Club
Fri – 9AM – Newton HEA Classes begin

CHURCH LIBRARY

Our church library has been upgraded with the inclusion of some new titles for your reading pleasure and learning. You may check the books out yourself by writing your name on the card inside the book and filing it in the index box.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Aug 26 (Tue, 11:30AM) – Ladies Lunch Bunch
Aug 30 (Sat, 9AM) – Meridian Mighty Men Fellowship
Aug 31 (Sun, PM) – Sandwich and Homemade Ice Cream Fellowship
Sep 7 (Sun, AM) – Quarterly Business mtg.
Sep 9 (Mon, 9AM – 9PM) – Kansas State Fair Bible Project Booth
Sep 11 (Thu, Noon) – First Responder Appreciation Lunch
Oct 25-Nov 1 – Southland Service Trip

MISSIONARY HEATHER HARR

We have supported Heather since 2016. She ministers in Asia via various avenues. She will be speaking to a combined Sunday School today and will share a brief testimony in the AM service. A Love Offering will be received at the close of the AM service to aid in her expenses.

SANDWICH - ICE CREAM FELLOWSHIP

If you have a freezer that can make homemade ice cream, we encourage you to prepare a batch of your favorite recipe for **Sunday night, August 31**, after the evening service. Ladies are asked to bring 6-8 sandwiches to share in addition to the ice cream.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Kansas State Fair Bible Project - Sep 5-14 – This opportunity involves handing out copies of John/Romans or other Gospel literature and assembling copies of John/Romans. We plan to help with the booth on **Monday, Sep 8**. The following time slots are suggested (9:00am-1:00pm / 1:00-5:00pm / 5:00-9:00pm). If you cannot stay the entire time period, that is just fine. **Please sign up at the Hospitality Desk** in a time slot if you are interested and available. If Monday does not work for you, sign up on another day and time.

READING MATERIAL

(Hospitality Desk)
-Frontline magazine –
“Growing Fathers” (July / August issue). This is a great resource for fathers of any age. There is also information about an online resource, GROWINGFATHERS.COM
-Challenger –
Published by **Sam Slobodian of BIEM**. Each issue focuses on various ministries of BIEM in Ukraine and Russia.
-Our Daily Bread
(Sep – Nov) devotional books for a daily time with God in His Word.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Aug 17 – AM – Anna / Karen M.
PM – Sarah / Elijah

Aug 24 – AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Kathy / Deidra