

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. 10 Philemon 4-7

Our testimony should be one that flows with grace and peace.

1. Grace and peace of a Known testimony (5)

Paul sees the value of Philemon's faith and love through the grace of God as being exemplary.

a. The Subject of his testimony

It is vital that we demonstrate Love and faith as a part of what we are known for.

b. The Object of his testimony

The Lord Jesus and the believers
The blessings from Philemon are not for his personal enjoyment, but first for the glory of Christ and then for the benefit of others.

2. Grace and peace of an Active testimony (6)

"effectual" – active, operative

a. His testimony should be Active

Paul is encouraging his faith to be for the profit of others.

Matthew 5:16

b. His testimony should be Powerful

"effectual" – with energy; powerful, effective

3. The grace and peace of an Evident testimony (7)

a. His testimony evidenced grace

Paul was "graced" and shown favor by the evidence of grace in Philemon.

b. His testimony evidenced peace

Paul was comforted - "consolation"

The refreshment is a help and lifting of the troubles, so that they may rest with minds free from all sorrow and annoyance.

Do you have a testimony of the grace and peace of God?



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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 77:9-14

Hymns – (Blue) 463, 48, 38

**Sandwich and Homemade Ice Cream
Fellowship & Movie 6:00pm**

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 – Adult Bible Study and Prayer

SANDWICH-ICE CREAM FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is invited to the fellowship this evening. If you have a freezer that can make homemade ice cream, we encourage you to prepare a batch of your favorite recipe. Ladies are asked to bring 6-8 sandwiches to share in addition to the ice cream. Everyone will meet in the Martens Family Center for supper and the movie, *“The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry”* will be shown.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Sep 7 (Sun, AM) – Promotion Sunday
Sep 9 (Mon, 9AM – 9PM) – Kansas State Fair Bible Project Booth
Sep 11 (Thu, 11:30AM) – Patriot Lunch – First Responder Appreciation
Sep 14 (Sun, AM) – Quarterly Business mtg.
Sep 18 (Thu, 7:00PM) – Ladies Bible Study
Sep 20 (Sat, Noon) – Barnabas Class Fellowship Lunch
Sep 21 (Sun, 4:30PM) – Deacons mtg.
Sep 28 (Sun, AM) – G. S. Nair
Sep 28 (Sun, 4:30PM) – Nominating Committee mtg.
Oct 25-Nov 1 – Southland Service Trip

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.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Aug 31 – AM – Ashley / Crystal
PM – Sarah / Elijah

Sep 7 – AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Kathy / Deidra

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you are not a current active member of Meridian, have you thought about taking the steps to join our church?

Please note the following remarks from www.christianpost.com

What identifies you as being part of God's team? Simply going to church occasionally or even regularly is not enough. What identifies you is being a member of a local church. Being a Christ follower makes you part of The Church but membership is what identifies you as a part of a local church. The membership commitment communicates clearly that you represent Jesus Christ through your local church. Below are some reasons why you should be a member of a local church.

1. Throughout the Bible believers were identified with a local church whether in Corinth, Ephesus, Colossae or other cities.
2. A church is on the front lines of the spiritual battle. It faces opposition in many ways and needs to have a solid core of people who support it with their time, talent and treasure. For a church to be successful people need to step up to higher levels of commitment. Membership is a high level of commitment and the more members in the church the more stable and secure the church will be. The stability of the church allows it to take the risks necessary to make an impact in their community.
3. Accountability is a necessary aspect of the Christian life and membership ensures it will regularly function. For the leadership of the church there is nothing like knowing people have "skin in the game" especially as decisions are made.
4. It is a statement that you take your commitment to Christ seriously enough to make a commitment to Christ's church in a local place. Membership is making a commitment and communicating it in a public way. Like the case with any commitment, successful people are just ordinary people who make commitments others are unwilling to make. Your membership also allows the opportunity to help make key decisions affecting the church's future. In a world where membership in almost every group is falling you can help the church be the one place where it is increasing.