

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. 11 1 Timothy 1:8-16

God's work of Salvation and calling to that Salvation is a tremendous act of grace.

Grace and Peace in the ...

1. Explanation of the Law (8-11)

Paul is addressing those who were abusing the Law and teaching it wrongly.

a. The Purpose of the law (8-9a)

The general purpose for the law is not for law-abiding individuals.

Romans 7:13 - ...that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

b. The Proposal of the law (9b-10)

It is gracious in that it identifies and restrains evil.

The true Gospel was committed to Paul.

2. Enablement for ministry (12-14)

Paul gives recognition to God's grace for the ministry that God had given to him.

a. Why Paul needed grace (13)

Paul refers to his own personal testimony.

b. What Paul received

Salvation from God's mercy and grace.

3. Example of mercy (15-16)

a. Paul was mercifully saved by grace (15)

God's grace was powerful enough to change him.

b. Paul's salvation as a pattern and encouragement for others (16)

Rather than focusing on his sordid past, Paul takes pleasure in how God demonstrated His rich mercy on him.

c. Jesus shows great mercy and patience in saving sinners (16)

No one is beyond forgiveness.

We can have peace in our heart knowing God's grace of Salvation.



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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 18:1-6, 19, 30-31

Hymns – (Blue) 411, 464, 451

CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:15pm

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm

Pastor Caleb Bible Delight

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 – 9AM-9PM – Kansas State Fair Bible Project Booth

Wed – 6:30PM – Adult Bible Study and Prayer; Bible Seekers; Teen Bible Study

Thur – 11:30AM – Patriot Lunch – First Responder Appreciation

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.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Sep 14 (Sun, AM) – Quarterly Business mtg.

Sep 18 (Thu, 7:00PM) – Ladies Bible Study

Sep 20 (Sat, 10:00AM) – Outreach Visitation

Sep 20 (Sat, Noon) – Barnabas Class Fellowship Lunch

Sep 21 (Sun, 4:30PM) – Deacons mtg.

Sep 28 (Sat, 9:00AM) – Meridian Mighty Men

Sep 28 (Sun, SS & AM) – G. S. Nair

Sep 28 (Sun, 4:30PM) – Nominating Committee mtg.

Sep 30 (Tue, 11:30AM) – Ladies Lunch Bunch

Oct 18 (Sat, 4:00PM) – Men & Boys Fall Fellowship

Oct 25-Nov 1 – Southland Service Trip

PATRIOT LUNCH

In an effort to reach out to our community, we are having an appreciation lunch for Newton area first responders on **Thursday, September 11th**. It will be a drop in meal starting at 11:30am and ending at 1:00pm. We plan to have a public address around noon. We welcome any church folks to come serve the meal, clean up, or just visit. **Please sign up at the Hospitality Desk if you would like to bring a dessert.**

OUR DAILY BREAD

If you are looking for some daily devotional reading material, the Our Daily Bread devotionals are a good resource. Each day features scripture reading, a key verse and a short devotional relating to the Scripture reading. At the end are some probing questions for thoughtful meditation and personal growth. Booklets for September, October, and November are available at the Hospitality Desk in the foyer.

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.

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.

Please note that the Pictorial Directory is separate from our text notifications.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

If you are a Facebook user, and have not already done so, please “Like” “**Meridian Baptist Church**” in your account. Doing so will cause our page to show up in your feed and when you respond, it will be seen by your friends. There is also a separate private page for our ladies called, “**Ladies of Meridian**.” Inclusion on this page requires approval from the page moderator.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

**Sep 14 – AM – Ashley / Crystal
PM – Sarah / Elijah**