

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. 12 Titus 1:1-4

It was necessary for Titus to understand God's grace while performing the ministry so that he could have peace while doing so.

We need grace and peace when ministry is hard.

Grace and Peace in the ...

1. Authority of God's Truth is Directed (1)

a. Directed by Glorified Association

Paul knew his place with God. He did not have a place of dominance.

b. Directed to Genuine Action

The impact of the truth in their lives led to godliness.

God's truth is our only authority.

2. Assurance of God's Truth is Declared (2)

God's favor of grace provides many assurances for our faith to provide peace.

a. Declared in its Anticipation

We are born again unto a living hope.

b. Declared in its Authenticity

Our Peace comes from God's Trustworthiness – He cannot lie.

God must be true to Himself and His holy character.

3. Awareness of God's Truth is Distinct (3-4)

a. Distinct Delivery (3)

Preaching is appropriate for God's truth.

b. Distinct Disclosure (3)

The content was to be what God commanded. The Gospel.

c. Distinct Destination (4)

Titus had the "real thing." Faith in Christ.

Contend confidently for the faith that was once delivered to the saints.



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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: Luke 12:22-31

Hymns – (Blue) 459, 439, 430

*** Today after the AM Service – Quarterly Business mtg.**

CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:15pm

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm
Pastor Caleb *Bible Delight*

*** Fellowship after the PM Service**

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; Bible Seekers; Teen Bible Study

Thur – 7:00PM – Ladies Bible Study

Sat – 10:00AM – Outreach Visitation

Sat – Noon – Barnabas Class Fellowship Lunch

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

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

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Patriot Lunch this past Thursday. Many were involved with food prep, setup, decorating, serving and cleanup. May the Lord bless you for your labor of love. We were privileged to honor close to 40 of our first responders with lunch and some extra take home goodies. Those who attended appeared to be very appreciative.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Our church members are asked to stay after the morning service for a Business Meeting. We will attempt to streamline the service to help accommodate this schedule addition.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Meridian Ladies Ministries will meet this **Thursday at 7:00** in the youth room. Study the lesson on the gift of teaching (pp.78-81). Even if you have never attended before, you are welcome! Leslie Wheeler and Nancy Plenert will be our hostesses.

BULLETINS & CALENDARS

We try to keep the current bulletin available on the website, in case you are absent, or misplace yours. For access, go to **www.mbcnewton.org**, hover over the "Events" tab and click on "Calendars/Bulletins." There, you will find the current month's calendar in Google format with the option to look ahead and the past five weeks of bulletins.

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.*

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS

Please note the following statement from our Constitution:

"The nominating committee shall prepare a list of candidates consisting of voting members, for the various offices. The nominating committee shall accept other nominations from voting members no later than two months prior to the annual business meeting."

Please understand that all submissions must include your name AND the name and office of the nominee, and they should be turned in no later than **September 21** to Pastor Kliever. Submissions will be reviewed by the committee as a part of the regular vetting process.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

**Sep 21 – AM – Anna / Karen M.
PM – Kathy / Deidra**