

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. 13 2 Timothy 1:1-11

A sure way to receive peace over fear is to understand God's grace in our calling to salvation and service.

Grace and Peace of ...

1. A Genuine Faith (3-5)

a. The continuity of faith (3)

It is a favor of God to have the opportunity of faith in our home and in our nation.

b. The dominance of faith (5)

Timothy's faith was not weak.

His faith was very open and had a dominant place in his life.

2. A Recognizable Endowment (6-7)

Remember some things.

a. Grace for Encouragement (6)

Paul had recognized Timothy's faith, and he and the church had ordained him to the Gospel ministry.

b. Grace for Enablement (7)

This is a three-fold gift of grace to give him peace over some fear.

- 1.) The grace of power
- 2.) The grace of love
- 3.) The grace of a sound mind

3. A Dynamic Testimony (8-11)

a. Grace in the afflictions of the Gospel (8)

Willing to share in the ill-treatment of the Gospel

b. Grace in the calling of the Gospel (9)

The calling is literally an invitation to not only salvation, but to holiness which God enables.

c. Grace in the life and light of the Gospel (10)

These words are not only enough for Timothy, but they are enough to encourage us.



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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: James 4:13-17

Hymns – (Red) 398, 400, 395

DEACONS MTG 4:15pm

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

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

Sat – 9:00AM – Mighty Men Breakfast

THANK YOU

Please accept my thanks for your love and care in regard to my recent birthday. It is appreciated so very, very much.

Pastor Jerroll Martens

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Sep 28 (Sun, SS & AM) – G. S. Nair
Sep 28 (Sun, 4:30PM) – Nominating Committee mtg. (Crystal Hiebert, Kathy Hummingbird, Allan Regier)
Sep 30 (Tue, 11:30AM) – Ladies Lunch Bunch
Oct 16 (Thur, 6:15PM) – Hope Women's Center Celebration Dinner
Oct 18 (Sat, 4:00PM) – Men & Boys Fall Fellowship
Oct 19 (Sun, AM) – Communion
Oct 20-21 (Mon-Tue) – FBFI Regional Fellowship @ Midland Baptist Church, Wichita
Oct 23 – Ladies Bible Study
Oct 24 (Fri, 5:30PM) – New Hope Outreach
Oct 25-Nov 1 – Southland Service Trip
Oct 28 (Tue, 5:30PM) – New Hope Outreach
Nov 1 (Sat, PM) – Daylight Savings time ENDS

MISSIONARY G.S. NAIR

Brother Nair from India will be updating his ministry in a combined Sunday School in the Sanctuary next Sunday, **September 28**, and he will minister the Word in preaching in the Worship Service. A Love Offering for his ministry will be received at the close of the service.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Those interested in becoming a member of our church are invited to attend a 6-week class during the Sunday School time. Please see Pastor Kliewer if you are interested. We plan to begin **Sunday, October 12.**

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 **TODAY** to Pastor Kliewer. Submissions will be reviewed by the committee as a part of the regular vetting process.

RECENT CHURCH BUSINESS

The following motions were approved at the June Quarterly Business Mtg.

From the Deacons:

- Ryan Kliewer be accepted as a member based on his profession of faith and believer's baptism

From the Trustees:

- \$12,000.00 be used for parking lot maintenance which includes sealing cracks, seal coating (2 coats), and striping.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

**Sep 28 – AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Sarah / Elijah**