

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 – Peter - 1 1 Peter 1:1-2

Our place in this world as Christ followers emphasizes our need for grace and peace.

The case for Grace and Peace...

1. As Strangers (1)

"resident aliens" or "sojourners"

a. Grace in our Livelihood

Foreigners are different for a reason.

b. Grace in our Lifestyle

This world has its values that are tainted and steeped in sin. Our desire for holiness is in direct conflict with this world. Characterizing them as "elect" had the purpose of encouraging and strengthening them for a higher calling to life.

2. As Scattered (1)

This is a picture of believing Christians who were scattered and living in a minority in a non-Christian world.

The Bible never seems to depict God's people as being in the majority.

3. As Strengthened (2)

Peter is writing to their status as being "elect sojourners of the Dispersion."

a. God is Aware – "foreknowledge"

God in saving them knew that they would be scattered as strangers on the earth. Being elect implies a favorable regard by God for them that they were a part of His deliberate plans and purpose.

b. God is Active – "sanctification"

God purposely sets us apart inwardly so we will be conscious of our need to be distinctive from the world.

c. God is Aiming – "obedience"

This is God's intended outcome.

The grace of God enables us to our purpose in God saving us for His glory.



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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 107:1-9

Hymns – (Blue) 317, 299, 298

LIFE CHAIN 2:00-3:00pm

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

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

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful silent witness against abortion and in honor of millions of babies whose lives were taken by an abortive action. Today you are invited to stand with or without a sign along Main St. from 2:00 – 3:00pm. Signs will be available at 9th and Main at 1:45pm. All ages are welcome to participate.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Oct 16 (Thur, 6:15PM) – Hope Women's Center Celebration Dinner

Oct 18 (Sat, 10:00AM) – Outreach Visitation

Oct 18 (Sat, NOON) – Barnabas Class Lunch

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

Oct 19 (Sun, AM) – Communion

Oct 19 (Sun, 4:30PM) – Deacons mtg.

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, 11:30AM) – Ladies Lunch Bunch

Oct 28 (Tue, 5:30PM) – New Hope Outreach

Nov 1 (Sat, PM) – Daylight Savings time ENDS

Nov 2 (Sun, PM) – Finance Committee mtg.

Nov 9 (Sun, NOON) – All Church Holiday Dinner

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 next **Sunday, October 12.**

HOPE WOMEN'S CENTER

The 2025 Celebration Dinner will be held **Thursday, October 16** at the Meridian Center. See either Matt & Ashley Hummingbird or Ray & Susan Kurtz if you are interested in attending.

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.

HERITAGE HALLWAY

We want to extend a special thank you to **Jim VanDyke** for putting together some special picture collages by decade to remember our church's history. We are thankful for our rich heritage of faith and the many people who have helped shape our church. Take a moment to look at these pictures that are located in the hallway by Pastor Caleb's office.

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 Kliewer know.

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

NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Oct 5 – AM – Ashley / Crystal
PM – Kathy / Deidra**

**Oct 12 – AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Sarah / Elijah**