

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

Growing in Grace

2 Peter 3:18

To grow in grace is to allow God's truth to flow and touch every aspect to give life.

The perspective of our life and its imperfections and our knowledge of God and how He works will demonstrate our growth in grace.

1. Accept circumstances God brings
(2 Corinthians 4:8-18)

God can bring order out of chaos.
Refuse to give in to despair.

2. Apprehend God's sufficiency
(2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

You either taste of the sufficiency of God or you continue to suffer needlessly.

Understand that God is sufficient to care for you in your affliction.

3. Activate praise to God
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Cultivate a voice of praise instead of complaining about the circumstances.

Philippians 2:14

4. Aspire to God's plan
(Romans 8:28)

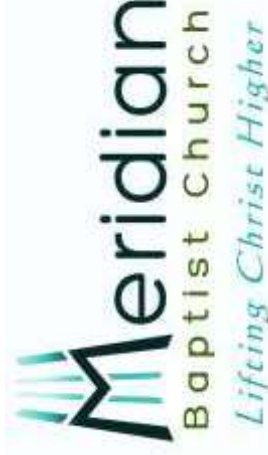
Have a desire to submit to the will of God, no matter what others do.

Philippians 2:13

Grace gives us the ability to respond graciously to life's twists and turns.



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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: Revelation 5:1-5, 11-12

Hymns – (Blue) 65, 63, 14

CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:15pm

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm
Southland Service Trip Report

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

Tue – 7:00AM – 7:00PM – MFC used as a voting facility

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

Thur – 7:00PM – Rescue Mission Service (Tom Hummingbird)

PAM KLIEWER PIANO CD

We are pleased to announce the completion and availability of Pam's piano CD. There is no charge for the CD, but if you would like to make a donation, it will go back into her Memorial Fund to help with other music projects.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Nov 9 (Sun, NOON) – All Church Holiday Dinner (NO PM Service)
Nov 9 (Sun, PM) – Finance Committee mtg.

Nov 14 (Fri, 6:30PM) – Homeschool Program

Nov 15 (Sat, NOON) – Barnabas Class Fellowship Lunch

Nov 16 (Sun, AM) – Baptism

Nov 22 (Sat, 10AM-5PM) – Youth Rally (Southland Ministry Team)

Nov 23 (Sun, AM/PM) – Southland Ministry Team

Nov 23 (Sun, PM) – Deacons mtg.

Nov 26 (Wed, PM) – NO mid-week activities

Nov 27 (Thur) – Thanksgiving Dec 7 (Sun, AM) – Annual Business mtg.

Dec 14 (Sun, AM) – Christmas Emphasis

Dec 21 (Sun, PM) – Christmas Caroling Outreach

BUSINESS MEETING

As was announced the past two Sundays, we plan to have a special business meeting **TODAY** after the morning service to discuss a motion from the Trustees for the approval of design contract costing \$2,310 for a potential remodeling project for Andersen Hall. All church members are encouraged to stay for the meeting.

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.

HOLIDAY DINNER

Everyone is invited to join us for a holiday feast and fellowship **NEXT Sunday, November 9** following the AM service. Meat (turkey and ham), drink, and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish and salad or dessert to share and celebrate the blessedness of Thanksgiving with the Meridian church family. There will be NO PM SERVICE that evening. **Please sign up today if you plan to attend.**

BAPTISM

We plan to have a baptismal service **Sunday, November 16**. If you have never followed the Lord in this ordinance of obedience, please see one of the Pastors privately, or you may present yourself as a candidate at the closing invitation. Baptism is a very important step in the life of a believer, indicating a desire to publicly make known the decision of your heart of already having trusted Christ and to identify yourself with Him. Our obedience of heart and life as a believer is not complete without obeying this command.

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.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Nov 2 – AM – Ashley / Crystal PM – Kathy / Deidra

Nov 9 – AM – Daina / Peggy PM – No Service