

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

The Benefits of Affliction 2 Corinthians 4:15

Our lives are a reflection of God's work in us, and He can use every experience, both good and hard, for a higher purpose of thanksgiving and praise.

1. Our Experiences can be Enriching

a. Burdened or a Blessing?
Struggles can be turned into something positive.

b. Ourselves or Others?
We are not alone in our struggles.

2. Our Experiences can be Expansive

Positive or negative?
If we continue to respond negatively to our afflictions, we can tend to bring others down with us into our sorrows.
Even in our afflictions we are still valuable instruments of God's work.

Our personal testimony of grace can lead to countless others experiencing the grace of God in Christ.

3. Our Experiences can be Enhancing Gratitude and worship are being produced.

a. Glorifying God
As more people experience God's grace, thanksgiving will naturally overflow to the glory of God.

b. Grasping Gratitude
We can find reasons to give thanks, even in our pain.
Gratitude fosters a healthy mindset; it redirects our focus from problems to blessings.
The grace of God is an incredible gift that should naturally lead us to thanksgiving.



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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: Colossians 3:12-17

Hymns – (Red) 370, 54, 527

FINANCE COMMITTEE MTG

NO EVENING 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

Fri – 6:30PM – Homeschool Fall Program

Sat – NOON – Barnabas Class Fellowship Lunch

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 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 mtg.

Dec 11 (Thurs, 6:00PM) – Ladies Christmas Salad Supper

Dec 14 (Sun, AM) – Christmas Emphasis

Dec 21 (Sun, PM) – Christmas Caroling

Dec 31 (Wed, 6:00PM) – Soup Supper and service

HOLIDAY DINNER

Everyone is invited to join us for a holiday feast and fellowship **TODAY** in the Martens Family Center following the AM service to share and celebrate the blessedness of Thanksgiving with the Meridian church family. There will be NO PM SERVICE this evening. **If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you to join us.**

RECENT CHURCH BUSINESS

The following motion was approved at the special Business Mtg. this past Sunday, November 2.

From the Trustees:

- \$2,500.00 be used to secure a design contract for the potential remodeling of Andersen Hall.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

BAPTISM

We plan to have a baptismal service next **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.

MBC TEXT NOTIFICATIONS

If you wish to receive notification from the church about events, service cancelations, prayer requests, etc., just text the word **"Join"** to 316-999-8857.

With the potential of inclement weather looming over the next few months, this will be a good way to receive communication of closures.

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.

CHURCH LIBRARY

Our church library has been upgraded with the inclusion of some new titles for your reading pleasure and learning. You may check the books out yourself by writing your name on the card inside the book and filing it in the index box.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

**Nov 16 – AM – Anna / Karen M.
PM – Kathy / Deidra**