

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 Distinctives of Water Baptism

The biblical teaching of baptism speaks to our identification with Jesus Christ and His provision of Salvation to save us from our sin and to serve him obediently.

1. A Portrayal of Christ's work of Redemption – Romans 6:3-4 "baptize" –

- Literal meaning to dip or immerse
- Figurative meaning to be identified with Baptism in the Spirit (Salvation – Matthew 3:11; John 1:33; 1 Corinthians 12:13) is illustrated by water baptism (Romans 6:3).

2. A Pattern of Obedience to Christ's Example - Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus demonstrated its importance by submitting Himself to be baptized. Three reasons why Jesus was baptized (Warren Wiersbe)

- He gave approval to John's ministry and message
- He identified Himself with sinners
- He pictured His future baptism on the cross

3. A Profession of Belief in our heart Acts 8:26-39

Two noteworthy characters

Philip – A deacon from the Jerusalem church who was led by God to witness

Ethiopian - a man of great authority returning home from Jerusalem

Philip "preached unto him Jesus."

Who He is (Son of God)

Why He came to earth (to save sinners),

What He did on the earth (He died, was buried, and rose again)

The design of obedience is to produce joy and peace.



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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 100

Hymns – (Blue) 21, 26, 493, 10

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

Thur – 7:00PM – Ladies Bible Study

**Sat – 10AM-5PM – Youth Rally
(Southland Ministry Team)**

HOLIDAY DINNER

We again offer a hearty thank you to everyone who decorated, cooked, served, and cleaned up for our Holiday Dinner last Sunday. It was a blessing to fellowship together and recount His blessings.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

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

Dec 14 (Sun, AM) – Christmas Emphasis

Dec 21 (Sun, PM) – Christmas Caroling Outreach

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

BAPTISM

We are observing the Scriptural ordinance of Baptism this morning at the close of the service. Only those who have placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior are candidates for baptism because it is an outward picture to demonstrate what has previously taken place in our heart and what Jesus did to cleanse us from our sin. The term "baptize" literally means to dip, so when we baptize Scripturally by immersion, we are picturing the three things Jesus did to deliver us from our sin - death, burial, and resurrection. Baptism is also a means of obeying Jesus' command from **Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"** Even Jesus, Himself desired to be baptized so that He could demonstrate His own obedience to God the Father.

If you have accepted God's free gift of salvation but have never chosen to take this step of obedience, you are encouraged to talk to one of the Pastors, soon.

MERIDIAN LADIES MINISTRIES

This Thursday is our next meeting. Please study pp. 92-95 about evangelism. Your attendance is encouraged as we will be planning for Christmas and the coming year. Ashley Hummingbird and her mom Tammy Alexander are our hostesses.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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. You will find a plate next to the CD's. There is also a booklet available containing the words for the recorded songs.

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.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

**Nov 23 – AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Sarah / Elijah**