

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 Fullness of Christ's Incarnation John 1:14

The coming of Jesus to this earth was everything that it needed to be to provide everything that we needed to receive.

1. Jesus was fully Grounded

God is eternal and exists as a spirit, but the spirit of the Son took on a humanity that was real and complete.

Hebrews 10:5; 2:14; 1 John 4:2

He took upon Himself a sinless human nature and, in His humanity, identified with us in every aspect from birth to death.

2. Jesus was fully Glorious

Everything in his life was a demonstration of God's glory.

Since He was God in the flesh, He HAD to be glorious.

Through Jesus the glory of God was on display.

3. Jesus was fully Gracious

Christ embodies the complete revelation of God's merciful favor.

The Incarnation was the greatest possible expression of God's grace to humanity.

Grace and truth are a needful balance in any situation, but especially from God's perspective.

Christianity is unique in that God delivers grace through His justice and truth.

1. He fully identifies with our humanity and is able to intercede for us fully.

2. He is able to accomplish more than a mere mortal could accomplish, especially in the matter of Salvation

3. He is able to lay aside His glory at the expense of death and hell for our sake.



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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: John 1:6-14

Hymns – (Red) 93, 84, 101

Annual Business Mtg. after AM Service

CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:00pm

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 – 6:00PM – Ladies Christmas Salad Supper

CHRISTMAS EMPHASIS

NEXT Sunday morning you are invited to join us in a special emphasis of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. The presentation, stemming from the perspective of an angel will feature our children, a ladies' ensemble, a men's ensemble, the adult choir, soloists, and various readers. Invite your friends and family to attend.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Dec 14 (Sun, AM) – Christmas

Emphasis

Dec 21 (Sun, PM) – Christmas Caroling Outreach

Dec 24 (Wed, 6:00PM) – Christmas Eve Service

Dec 26 (Fri, 5:30PM) – New Hope Outreach

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

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

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

We are very grateful for the many folks who comprise the membership of Meridian Baptist Church. Without your faithful participation, we could not function. Your attendance, giving and service are a great blessing to many people and ultimately bring glory and praise to the wonderful Savior whom we seek to exalt. As a member, you are encouraged to attend the Annual Business Meeting **TODAY** after the morning service. We will be voting on two major items for the new calendar year: the **Annual Budget** and the **Officers** who will be serving the Lord and this congregation along with some new members. Not only is your input valuable, but your interest and participation are equally important for us to maintain a vital ministry for the Lord.

- 1) The slate of officers and committee members is posted on the bulletin board
- 2) The proposed budgets (General and Missions) are available in the church office on the Desk.

CHRISTMAS SALAD SUPPER

All women are invited to attend Thursday evening at 6:00. Just bring a favorite salad; drink and dessert will be provided.

CHRISTMAS EVE PARTICIPATION

We are inviting families or individuals to be a blessing through music or reading for our Christmas Eve service. The presentation should revolve around the theme of Christmas. Please indicate on a Care-Share Card or let one of the pastors know of your desire and manner in which you wish to participate.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Systematic giving to God's work is a Biblical mandate and should be practiced by obedient Christians. Offering Envelopes are available under the bulletin board next to the Church Office to aid you in this practice. By using this method, you are provided a reminder and our Financial Secretary will be able to maintain your giving record in a discreet manner. It will also provide you with documentation at the end of the year. If you are not currently using this system and would like to begin doing so, please find an unmarked box and begin using the envelopes. The Financial Secretary will note your envelope number and offering accordingly. Otherwise, please find the box with your name on it. We pray for God's blessing upon you for your generosity to His work.

OUR DAILY BREAD

If you are looking for some daily devotional reading material, the Our Daily Bread devotionals are a good resource. Booklets for **December-February** are available at the Hospitality Desk in the foyer.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Dec 7 – AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Sarah / Elijah**

**Dec 14 – AM – Anna / Karen M.
PM – Kathy / Deidra**