

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

Obtaining God's Promises Joshua 1:1-5

Once we are saved, God wants us to be set apart unto Himself from this world obtaining and experiencing the power and promises of life in Christ.

1. The Privilege of Possession (1-4)

It is a privilege to be partakers of the promises of God.

a. Entrance was Entrusted to a Representative (1-2)

"to Joshua" – Moses' minister
Moses could not enter because of disobedience and lack of faith (**Numbers 20:7-12**).

"Joshua" – Jehovah saves

b. Enjoyment is Established by Claiming it (3-4)

It was their possession, but their enjoyment of it depended on their laying claim of it.

2. The Promise of Protection (5) Why is God needed?

a. The Strength of the enemy

Seven nations are listed in **3:10** as having land holdings in Canaan.
Satan has significant strongholds in our lives that God wants to destroy and claim for His glory.

2 Corinthians 10:4

b. The Sin of our flesh

We are in a spiritual warfare.
We cannot afford to be content in our sin.

c. The Safety of His presence

"I will be with thee"

The same God who was true to His promise is our God and will do the same for us.

Our victory is through Jesus unto whom all power is given. Out of His fulness we all receive what is necessary for victory.



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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: Joshua 1:1-5

Hymns – (Red) 308, 334, 330

DEACONS MTG 4:30pm

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm
Pastor Caleb *Bible Delight*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Young people aged 4 - 4th grade are invited to be dismissed before the sermon for age- related teaching.

THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN

**Tue – Fri – Southland Worship
Conference**

Tue – 5:30PM – New Hope Outreach

**Wed – 6:30PM – Adult Bible Study and
Prayer; Kid's Club**

SECRET SISTER ENROLLMENT

It is enrollment time for our Secret Prayer Sisters ministry. If you are interested in participating in 2026 you may secure your name exchange form from Peggy George. Names will be drawn at the end of January. Any other questions about the program may be directed to Peggy George.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Jan 11 (Sun, 4:30PM) Trustee mtg.

**Jan 15 (Thur, 7:00PM) – Ladies Bible
Study**

**Jan 17 (Sat, Noon) – Barnabas Class
Fellowship Lunch**

**Jan 24 (Sat, 9:00AM) – Meridian Mighty
Men**

**Feb 1 (Sun, AM) – Pastor Caleb
candidating for Senior Pastor**

**Feb 1 (Sun, AM) – Special Business
meeting**

Feb 15 (Sun, PM) – Valentine Fellowship

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Systematic giving to God's work is a Biblical mandate and should be practiced by obedient Christians. Offering Envelopes are available on a small table next to Pastor's Office to aid you in this practice. By using this method, you are provided with 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.

NEW ADDRESS

Vern and Norma Whitesell have moved.
Please note their new address:
**1803 Iris Village
Moundridge, KS 67107**

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

Our sympathy is extended to Marty Colborn and his family regarding the passing of his mother yesterday.

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATION

If the need for the cancellation of a service should arise due to snow or ice, you may check one of the following sources:

- MBC Home Page - www.mbcnewton.org
- MBC Facebook page
- MBC Information Link - Texting or Email

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.

PROPOSED PLANS FOR 2026

As the Meridian church family considers the future of pastoral leadership upon Pastor Kliwer's retirement announcement, the following are recommendations from the deacons:

- **Jan 26** - Final day for questions to be submitted to the deacons for Pastor Caleb
- **Feb 1** – Pastor Caleb preaching and candidating in the AM service
- **After Feb 1** – Pastor Caleb pursuing ordination
- **After ordination** Pastor Caleb will assume the role of Associate Pastor and will take on more responsibilities in transition
- **Dec 31** (or sometime in 2027) Pastor Caleb will be installed as the Senior Pastor and Pastor Kliwer will move to a parttime support role

NURSERY SCHEDULE

**Jan 4 – AM – Daina / Peggy
PM – Kathy / Deidra**

**Jan 11 – AM – Ashley / Crystal
PM – Sarah / Elijah**