

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-2 Joshua 1:6-9

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)**
- 2. The Promise of Protection (5)**
- 3. The Provision of Power (6-9)**

a. Purpose of Heart –

Good Courage (6)
Joshua is called to boldness in God.
The focus was to be on obedience and victory, not on disobedience and defeat.

- **Reliance on God's Promise**

b. Pillar of Help –

God's Commandments (7)
Joshua must take great care to prioritize the law of God.

- **Remembrance of God's Preservation**

c. Prosperity of Hope –

Guaranteed Care (8-9)
God's word so lived is a guarantee of God's care in progress and profitability for God.

Matthew 7:24
Luke 11:28
Romans 8:28-37

- **Resolution for God's Promises**

God desires that we experience the victories of a godly, fruitful life.



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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 1:6-9

Hymns – (Blue) 459, 481, 483

TRUSTEES 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

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

Thur – 7:00PM – Meridian Ladies Ministries

Sat – 11:00AM – Barnabas Class Lunch @ Pizza Ranch in McPherson

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.

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

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

DEACON DEDICATION

The office of Deacon is one that demands godliness, and we are very thankful for these godly men willing to assume leadership in our church family.

Chairman: Sherwood Wheeler
(Leslie)

Vice Chairman: Dave Schmidt
(Sarah)

Secretary: Allan Regier
(Kathy)

Membership: Matt Hummingbird
(Ashley)

MERIDIAN LADIES MINISTRIES

If you signed up for a study guide, you can get yours from Chris Van Sickle at the hospitality desk. They are \$15. Prepare the first two lessons for our meeting this **Thursday at 7:00PM**. We are also in need of hostesses for this week.

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.

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 to the recorded songs.

PROPOSED PLANS FOR 2026

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

- **Jan 25** – 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 Kliewer will move to a parttime support role

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

A significant benefit of our Pictorial Directory is that it helps people identify others with a picture. It also provides a location for contact information as well as birthdays and anniversaries. If you would like to be included in our directory, let Pastor Kliewer know.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

Jan 18 – AM – Anna / Karen M.
PM – Kathy / Deidra