

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, 8 1971.



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Sermon notes

Anticipating Christmas_Pt. 4 Luke 1-2

Anticipation of Christmas should be about something bigger than anything we can imagine. They anticipated seeing the impossible made Possible. As believers in the Creator God, we should be careful not to underestimate the possibilities of God.

**I. The Matter of Deliverance and Redemption by the Hand of God was Possible...though it seemed Impossible
Jeremiah 32:17**

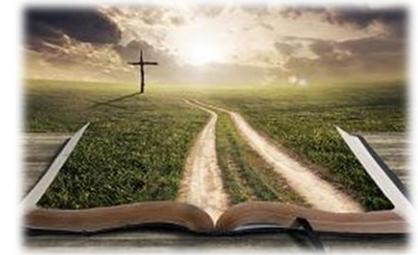
**II. The Means of Deliverance and Redemption by the Hand of God was Possible...though it seemed Impossible
Luke 1:37**

**III. The Measure of Deliverance and Redemption by the Hand of God was Possible...though it seemed Impossible
Matthew 19:26; Mark 10:27; Luke 18:27**

Previous impossibilities made possible should give faith to future possibilities from impossible situations.



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LIVING THE GOSPEL

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SUNDAY SCHOOL..... 9:30am

MORNING WORSHIP 10:40am

Blue Hymnal - 196, 193, 199, 366

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:30-37

CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:15pm

EVENING SERVICE 6:00pm

THIS WEEK AT MERIDIAN

Tues, 11:30am – Lunch Bunch at the “Bread Basket” (219 N. Main). All ladies & girls are invited.

Wed – No Evening Activities

Thurs, 6:00pm – New Year’s Eve Soup Supper / Service

LOOKING AHEAD AT MERIDIAN

Jan 10 (Sun, 5:00pm) – Trustees Meeting

Jan 14 (Thurs, 7:00pm) – Meridian Ladies Ministries Bible Study

Jan 17 (pm) – Church Fellowship

Jan 24 (Sun, 7:15pm) – Administrative Planning Meeting

Jan 28 (Thurs, 7:00pm) – Rescue Mission Service

Jan 31 (Sun, PM) - Singspiration/ Testimonies

Jan 31 (Sun, PM) – Volleyball Fellowship

NEW YEAR'S EVE SOUP SUPPER

Families are encouraged to bring their favorite soup to share, along with other food items and desserts at 6:00pm this Thursday evening. We will have a brief midweek service following the meal. Those who would like to stay for games and fellowship after the service are welcome to do so. You are invited to bring table games and extra snacks.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

In order to provide an efficient way to keep track of systematic giving, Offering Envelopes are available under the bulletin board next to the Church Office. By using this method, our Financial Secretary will be able to maintain your giving record in a discreet manner and provide you with documentation at the end of the year. If you are not currently using this system and would like to, 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.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULES

Schedules for 2016 are available on the Hospitality Desk and Tract Table. Everyone is encouraged to systematically read through at least a portion of the Bible in the coming year. These schedules will greatly aid that effort, providing a reminder for regular reading. This system provides a schedule for reading the Old Testament, New Testament, and books of Poetry either combined or separately.

FRONTLINE MAGAZINE

The most recent issue entitled, “**God With Us**” is available on the Hospitality Desk and Tract Table.

LAST WEEK AT MERIDIAN

- Sunday Bible Training – 65
- Morning Worship – 114
- Evening Service – 43
- Wednesday – 60

MISSIONS AWARENESS

HEIDI VANDYKE (Dominican Republic) – Prayer requests: for Nancy who was recently saved after some tragic circumstances. She works in a distant town, which makes church attendance and personal follow-up complicated. Pray for God’s wisdom to help her grow in her faith; for Ricky (teen piano student of Heidi’s) who has grown up in the church, but has not accepted the Lord; also for another piano student’s unsaved father, Jose. Pray for wisdom for Heidi as she counsels young ladies with difficult situations in their lives.

God is always faithful to answer. Sometimes His answer is a much desired “YES”. Sometimes His answer is a merciful “NO”. Sometimes His answer is a faith-building “NOT YET”. And sometimes...sometimes, when an answer cannot be found, His answer is simply “TRUST ME”.