



## MERIDIAN CHURCH

### September 2025 Meridian Life Letter

by Josh King

Meridian Church,

Dearest saints, while on vacation earlier this summer I was remind afresh that there is no place like home. It is a profound joy to worship with and minister to other saints, but there is no place like home. While on vacation we worshipped with Providence Bible Fellowship in Cincinnati. It was encouraging, Biblical, and Christ-honoring. Once we returned, I preached at Sovereign Grace Bible Church in Ada. I consider Randy Tyler a pastor *par excellence*. It was great to finally see his flock and an honor to fill his pulpit. But there is no place like home. You are the flock I know. You are the flock I love. There is a joy, a peace, and a freedom found at home with you in this pasture that cannot be matched by visiting anywhere else.

### Membership

Micah Hill has moved to Norman to complete his education. We have provided him with a letter of commendation for church membership.

### Financial

At the beginning of the year we let you know that the elders wanted to build up our general fund back to \$100,000. This would allow an emergency fund for over six months. We hoped to be there by the end of the year. As of the end of July, we had \$95,442.06 in the general fund. We're nearly there! Praise be to God!

As we near this goal we are looking at tackling these projects on next year's budget: a storm shelter for the parsonage, a shed at the back of the parsonage property for storage and lawn equipment, and also addressing drainage in between the church buildings.

In October the elders and deacons will meet to work on the 2026 proposed budget. Please communicate to the elders anything you would like for us to consider by the end of September.

## **Deacons**

At the worship gathering prior our members meeting, we will request nominations for deacons. There will be blue cards by the offering box. Please write your nominations on the sheet and place them in the box. Please make your nominations prayerfully, meditating on 1 Timothy 3:8–13. If you have not yet listened to the sermon on that text from July 6th, we would encourage you to so.

After reviewing the nominations, the elders will prayerfully review them and begin contacting those nominated and doing interviews. Any elder recommendations will be published in the next letter along with completed deacon questionnaires. In December we will present our recommendations for discussion. After we have done so, we will continue to welcome any feedback and will continue testing these men as you do so. If all goes as planned, we will present the recommended deacons at our March 2026 members meeting to be installed.

## **Core Courses**

We've had to make some changes in the adult core course schedule for the fall. The elders are currently discussing what courses to provide next.

On behalf of the elders,

Grace and peace,

Josh