

“The Davidic Covenant” (Part 1)
2 Samuel 7:1-17

“For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all My purpose’” (Isaiah 46:9-10). “Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of His might and because He is strong in power, not one is missing” (Isaiah 40:26). “Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows” (Luke 12:6-7).

- (2 Samuel 7:1-3) David's Desire:
 - David had a good desire in his heart, a godly desire, he wanted God to be glorified (Deuteronomy 12:10-11; Haggai 1:7-9).
 - This chapter begins two very important parts of God's revelation to mankind: the Davidic Covenant and the building of the Temple. There is great mystery and wisdom in how God progressively gives us knowledge of Himself....*“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways.” (Romans 11:33; cf. 1 Kings 5:3-5)*
 - *“Good ideas are not always timely ideas. Bad timing can be detrimental to a good idea. Because God knows every detail about everything and knows the future, His timing is perfect!”*

- (2 Samuel 7:4-17) God's Plan:
 - God, up to this point, had never asked for a house of cedar.
 - God was pleased to condescend and dwell among His people (John 1:14).
 - God serves us, He doesn't need our service, He has no needs (Acts 17:24-25).
 - He took David from being a shepherd to being a king.
 - He took him from having no name, to having a great name.
 - He took him from having no rest, to having rest from his enemies.
 - David wanted to build God a house, God will build him a house.
 - Unlike Eli, Samuel, and Saul, David's son would succeed him.
 - Three factors of the Davidic Covenant that show God's sovereignty and faithfulness....*“I will establish his throne forever”*:
 - David's **death** will not end the covenant!
 - *“That through death He (Christ) might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.” (Hebrews 2:14)*
 - The **sins** of David's sons will not end the covenant!
 - *“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.” (Hebrews 10:17-18)*
 - The passing of **time** and generations will not end the covenant!
 - *“I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5)*

Announcements:

★**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Men, just a reminder, the Monthly Men's Breakfast is **THIS** Saturday, September 9th, at 7am, at The Big Apple Café — Log Pond.

★**WOMEN'S FALL GET-TOGETHER:** Ladies, mark your calendars, we are planning a Women's Fall Get-Together on Saturday, October 14th, at 3pm, here at the church Fellowship Hall! The church will provide coffee, tea, hot cider, and cookies. Feel free to bring a finger food or dessert to share! This is a great way to make new connections or just catch up with friends. Children are welcome, but no child care will be provided. If you have any questions, please see Andrea Fields.

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner **THIS** Sunday, September 10th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to join us for dinner and fellowship!

★**THE LAMBS:** **THIS** Sunday, September 10th, the Lambs, one of the global missionary families that we financially support, will be joining us for the worship service, as well as giving us a short missionary update, at the end of the service, on their work and ministry in Papua New Guinea.

★**MEMBERS MEETING:** We will be having a short meeting on Sunday, September 17th, immediately following the worship service to vote on the potential switch to a morning worship service time. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for that meeting.

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of September we will be collecting monetary donations for the Christian Union Co-op. This is the general fund out of which the denomination aids individual churches within the denomination, as well as paying for repairs and upkeep of the State Home Office. The money we are collecting will go directly towards repairs that need to be done to the sanctuary at the State Home Office — they will be putting in a new H-Vac system and putting a new roof on the building. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for Christian Union.

★**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING:** If you currently serve in or are interested in serving in the Children's Ministry, we will be having a meeting on Sunday, October 1st, immediately following the worship service. Please plan on staying for this important meeting!

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If you are a church member and interested in serving the body by volunteering to serve in the Children's Ministry, we would love to have you join this ministry! We are in need of people who are able to serve on both Thursdays and Sundays! If you have any questions about this ministry or if you are interested in serving in this ministry, please see Kalen or Courtney Dees.

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** On September 11th we will begin our 3rd Semester of "Systematic Theology" and we will be studying, "Evidences and Apologetics" from Dr. John C. Whitcomb who taught Apologetics for 39 years at Grace Theological Seminary. This course will be beneficial for any believer, as we will learn the best method in reaching the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We will look at different systems of Apologetics and propose the "Presuppositional Method", which is that the Bible is "Self-Authenticating" and is the best method of reaching the lost. The Course will be 7-8 weeks and we will meet on Mondays from 6-9pm, with 10 minute breaks every hour. Everyone is invited to take this Course as an Audit, meaning you will receive a Syllabus, but will not be tested or have any additional requirements except to listen and take notes as desired. If interested, let Elder Richard know so we can have a Syllabus printed for you.