

“The LORD Reigns Over All Things”
2 Samuel 17:5-29

“The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as a His belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.”
(Psalm 93:1-2)

“The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!” (Psalm 146:7b-10)

“God’s sovereignty or rule over all things is not meant to give us philosophical problems; it is meant to bring us comfort, strength, and peace.”

- **God reigns** over advice listened to and rejected (2 Samuel 17:5-14).
 - Hushai appeals to the might of David and his men.
 - Hushai appeals to the wisdom of Absalom.
 - Hushai appeals to the ego of Absalom.
- **God reigns** over someone being caught or someone getting away (2 Samuel 17:15-22).
 - Hushai is unaware which counsel Absalom is going to listen to.
 - But a young man saw them and told Absalom what he saw.
 - And when they sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.
- **God reigns** over life and death, even suicide (2 Samuel 17:23-26).
 - Ahithophel knew that when his counsel was not followed that the writing was on the wall. He knew he would be executed when David retook the throne.
- **God reigns** over our physical needs being met (2 Samuel 17:27-29).
 - **Shobi** was probably one of Nahash’s sons, David spared his life when he took the city of Rabbah (2 Samuel 10:1-5; 12:26-31).
 - **Machir** was the man who took care of Mephibosheth before David called Mephibosheth to live in Jerusalem (2 Samuel 9:1-13).
 - **Barzillai** was a wealthy Jewish man who showed kindness to David when he was in the wilderness (2 Samuel 19:31-39).
- **The Fruit of Believing in God’s Sovereignty:**
 - A genuine trust for God to meet our needs.
 - A genuine trust for God’s protection.
 - A genuine heart of joyful obedience.
 - A genuine, serious joy that is not situational.

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of January we are collecting monetary donations for Heartbeats. For more information about Heartbeats and what they do, please see the board in the back of the sanctuary. 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 Heartbeats. ***THIS Sunday is the last day that we will be collecting monetary donations for Heartbeats!***

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** THIS Sunday, January 28th, we will be having our first Church Night of Prayer from 5:30-7pm. If you would like to participate in this, we have a sign-up list on the table in the entryway. We have that hour and a half broken up into 15 minute increments, you are welcome to sign up for as many time slots as you would like to. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body.

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are in need of a couple of volunteers who would like to serve in the Cleaning Ministry. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, or if you have any questions about serving in this ministry, please see Krystal Scarberry.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch THIS Sunday, January 28th, 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 meal. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the lunch and the fellowship with us!