

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

August 4, 2024

Welcome!



*“Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your
sight, O Lord, my rock and my
redeemer.”*

Join us at 5:00pm for Bible
Bowl practice over
2 Samuel 15 & 16!

And at...

6:00pm for another
lesson in our “Why Should
I Believe” series!

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Prayer List

Jackie Bilyeu’s surgery went well

Please remember the family of **Jim Waldron** as we recently learned of his passing

Hunter Crouch is in need of another kidney transplant

Mackie Shelton is home from the hospital

John Hayes has also been in the hospital for tests

Robert Williams is recovering from a light stroke

Darinda Paul’s cancer treatment plan is proceeding

Mamie Hamilton is doing better.

Brian West is undergoing chemo for cancer

Continue to pray for: **Ronnie Mayo, Rebecca Brown, Donnie Garrett, Keith Walker** and family, **Forshia Pennington, Carol Saling, Camille Brosky**, those in **Ukraine**, and **Bill Gillock**

We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7pm as we start a new series from Galatians

Serving Today

Song Leader:
Steve Buchanan

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Charlie Baker

Prayer:
Eddie Walker

WORSHIP (10:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Mike Reed
II Samuel 15:25-26

Wait On Table:
Charlie Baker

Serve:
Josh Demonbreun
Johnny Walker

Prayer:
David Billingsley

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 am
Sunday PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm

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This marks the beginning of Absalom's insurrection against David, and David's abandoning of Jerusalem. While chapter 15 begins with the familiar phrase "After this..." ("In the course of time..." NIV84), which doesn't always signify a chronological order, it appears as though all of this occurs after David's audience with Absalom in **14:33**.

P _____ **of the Abandoning (15:1-12)** - Absalom is growing strong and beginning to build up allegiances in Jerusalem. He rises early every morning and stands by the city gate. He inserts himself into the lives of those who were coming for an audience with the king regarding lawsuits or disputes and would counsel them by taking their side. Think of this like a politician "shaking hands and kissing babies" to build influence and popularity for an upcoming election. He did this for **four years** ("forty" in NKJV is unlikely) and "stole the hearts of the men of Israel". Absalom asks David if he can go to Hebron to sacrifice in fulfillment of a vow to God. This request was a guise as he was executing a "conspiracy" to take the throne. 200 men leave the city with Absalom but are unaware of his purpose. Once outside Jerusalem, Absalom sends spies throughout the land with a message to be ready for his call. Absalom calls the King's counselor Ahithophel the Gilonite to join him.

P _____ **for the Abandoning (15:13-21)** - After David receives a message concerning Absalom's actions, he instructs all his servants to flee Jerusalem and escape before Absalom attacks. David and all his servants abandon the city, leaving only 10 concubines to maintain his house. Also leaving with David were the bodyguards (mercenaries) from the Cherethites and Pelethites (**2 Sam 8:18**). The Gittites from Gath (600 men) also followed him. David indicates to Itta the Gittite that he does not yet know where he is going.

P _____ **in the Abandoning (15:22-16:14)** - **Brook Kidron** - The group crosses over the Brook Kidron on the west side of Jerusalem. Zadok (**2 Sam 8:17**) and Abiathar (**2 Sam 22:20**) carried the Ark of the Covenant. David tells Zadok to go back and indicates that if the LORD is with him, then He will "bring me back". He also says that if the LORD rejects him "**Let Him do to me as seems good to Him**". David tells Zadok and Abiathar that he "will wait in the plains" until he receives word from them to return. **Mount of Olives** - David leads the people up the mount, weeping as he goes with his head covered and his feet bare. When David learns that Ahithophel has joined Absalom, he prays that his counsel will turn "into foolishness". At the top, David worships and recruits Hushai the Archite to be his spy in Absalom's house. Hushai is to report everything he hears to Zadok and Abiathar. He encounters Ziba (**2 Sam 9:2**), the servant of Mephibosheth, who has two saddled donkeys, 200 loaves of bread, 100 clusters of raisins, 100 summer fruits, and a skin of wine. Ziba says these items are for the king's household and his followers. David asks about Mephibosheth, and Ziba says that he has remained in Jerusalem saying, "Today the house of Israel will restore the kingdom of my father to me". This is a claim that will later be disputed by Mephibosheth in **2 Sam 19:26**. David believes Ziba and says that he will give all Mephibosheth's possessions to him. **Bahurim** - When David arrives in this village, he encounters Shimei, son of Gera, who is another from the household of Saul. Shimei is cursing David and casting stones. Shimei says that David is receiving what is deserved for taking the kingdom from Saul. Abishai wants to cut off Shimei's head, but David refuses to let anyone in his company retaliate, again deferring to the will of the LORD.

P _____ **after the Abandoning (15:37, 16:15-23)** - As David leaves Jerusalem, Absalom moves in with his army and occupies his father's city. He is joined by Ahithophel, David's former counselor. Hushai arrives and begins working to win Absalom's favor to become David's spy. Absalom asks for advice from Ahithophel, who counsels that Absalom should go to his father's 10 concubines who have remained in Jerusalem. This was to be done as a show of strength and to further be "abhorred by [David]". Absalom heeds the advice of Ahithophel and pitches his tent at David's house. It is at this point the text says that advice given by Ahithophel was taken as from "the oracle of God".