COLLEGE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Psalms: A Summer Sermon Series
Part 7 - "The Sovereign Shepherd Who Supplies"
Psalm 127 | Sunday | August 3rd, 2025

"*Unless the LORD builds the house,
   those who build it labor in vain*."

Psalm 127:1

~ Psalm 127 is an intriguing psalm written by an interesting man. King Solomon was a builder, a king, and a father who wrote this psalm focusing on the concepts of building, preserving, and raising a family.

* Keep in Mind = Psalm 127 & 128 are both written to and about the family. They both talk about specific themes that focus on the significance of family.

> *Where this sermon found it's origins....*
~ "*UNLESS* the LORD builds the house... *UNLESS* the LORD watches over the city ....*"

~ A quote from Spurgeon that has stuck with me for years =
"*The sovereignty of God is the pillow upon which the child of God rests his head at night, giving perfect peace.*"

> *A Not-So Dictionary Definition* of Sovereignty:.
"The sovereignty of God may be defined as the exercise of his supremacy. Being infinitely elevated above the highest creature, He is the Most High, Lord of heaven and earth. Subject to none, influenced by none, absolutely independent; God does as He pleases, only as He pleases as he pleases."

- A.W. Pink

I. The Great Shepherd is _____. (Psalm 127:1)
a) We Must Always _____ with His Sovereignty

~ Predominant meaning ... Jesus is the One with superior strength, influence, and authority.
~ John 15:5 Jesus said "*I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me <u>you can do nothing</u>.*"

II. Work Apart from the Great Shepherd is _____ (Psalm 127:2)
b) We Should Cut Off Useless _____
and Accept Divine _____.
~ The beauty of vs. 2 reminds us that even when we think we are doing good things, there is always still a chance we are doing it in vain.

> Steven Witmer suggests three common understandings or perceptions of God's sovereignty:
God does _____, and we do everything...
God does everything, and we do _____ ...
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III. The Family Unit is _____ (Psalm 127:3-5)
c) Children are Special Gifts Given to Help _____
the _____.

> Three Quick Lessons from Psalm 127:5 ...
a) there is _____ in numbers.
b) children are a form of _____.
c) children are also _____ to attack the world.