



Drawing Near to God

James 4:8

I grew up on a farm in the Panhandle of Texas. In the recesses of my heart it will always be "home."

I loved wheat harvest. Golden heads of ripened wheat are one of God's inspiring portraits in this world. Mom would bring lunch to the field. I remember drinking sweet tea out of a quart mason jar complete with the two-part brass lid, the ice causing the glass to sweat in the hot June sun.


I loved it all. Driving with dad down the "turn-row" in the morning sun looking down rows of newly sprouted milo. I loved December when we hunted pheasants on our farm. Mom made homemade hot chocolate that had that "film" on top of the rich chocolate brew. Stirring the pot dissolved it and you filled your cup for the third time adding tiny clouds of marshmallows.

"Home" is what it was (and in a deep

part of me) will always be. I believe there is a part of all of us that longs for home. We wish we could go back to those halcyon days fondly remembering that "home" was a good life, filled with both joy and heartaches, but always in the comfort and support of those who loved, laughed, cried, and worked alongside each other. There truly is no place like "home."

Paul wrote: "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20). Abraham dwelt in Canaan as a sojourner. "He waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 11:10). He, Isaac and Jacob, trusted in the promises of God. "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them

and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland" (Hebrews 11:13-14).

They, like us, sought for a true home, a place from which we will never depart (Rev. 3:12). There we will embrace the love of those to whom we are truly kin. There we will breathe the pilgrim's sigh of relief at the first sight of the shores of our permanent "home." We will know with absolute certainty that no one will ever snatch us from the hand of God! We will have crossed over from a land of toil and sorrow to a place where God will wipe away every tear. And we will never "long" to be anywhere else. We will finally, and forever, be home. And that is something to let dwell deeply in our hearts. 

AM Sermon: Who Do You Trust? Self or God?

PM Sermon: PM Service Cancelled Until Further Notice

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“Those who abuse liberty when they possess it would abuse power could they obtain it.”

—Thomas Paine, *To The Citizens of the United States*, 1802

“It would not only be wrong, but bad policy, to attempt by force what ought to be accomplished by reason.”

—Thomas Paine, *Rights of Man*, II, 1792

“How many observe Christ’s birthday! How few, His precepts! O! ‘tis easier to keep holidays than commandments.”

—Benjamin Franklin, *Poor Richard’s Almanack*, c. 1732

Westside Family News... (send news to durhamchuk@aol.com)

Prayer List:

Parker Family (family issues); **Kat Deuster and boys** (continued stability); **Kellye Hardin** (for improvement)

Shut-Ins: **Bill Lundy; Nadine Poteete; Darl and Betty Feagin; Virginia McElhaney**

General Family Info:

Tabitha Hudspeth has an abnormal amount of lesions on her brain due to her lupus. These have caused the pressure on her brain and eyes to be too high. A procedure was done this past week to relieve some of the pressure on her eyes. She

will see her Neurosurgeon on Thursday to schedule a brain biopsy and shunt to relieve the pressure. Please pray fervently for her. The **Davis’** are quarantining today because **Ryley** took a Covid test this past week and is awaiting the results. Please keep him in your prayers. **Greg Stanaland** is quarantining because he was exposed to a possible Covid case at work. He wants to keep everyone here safe, so they will worship with us via Live-stream. **Sis. Betty Feagin** fell at her home and hit her head. She was admitted to Washington Regional this past Thursday but is now home and doing better.

Jonathan Durham has moved into a new apartment. His address is: **3632 Johnson Mill Blvd., #202, Johnson, 72762.**

Due to Covid19: Sunday Worship services are at **9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.** We Live-stream the 9 a.m. service on our Facebook page. **Chuck** is teaching the **Wednesday Adult Class** on the **“History of the Church (A.D. 70—A.D. 350)**. This is available on Westside’s website, Facebook and YouTube each Wed. **Lesson Three** covers the **Formation of Creeds**. Look in your email each week for a pdf of the Power-Point slides used in the class.