



Drawing Near to God

James 4:8

May is Williams Syndrome awareness month. A genetic condition that is present at birth, there are about 30,000 individuals living with Williams syndrome in the U.S. Medical and developmental problems are several. Yet these individuals have striking abilities which include advanced verbal skills, highly sociable personalities and a passion for music. My friend, Jon Brown is one of their number.

He once played the piano at the White House for First Lady, Pat Nixon. Jon currently splits time between Alma, AR and Houston, TX where his sisters take turns loving on him. Wherever he is, Jon continues to bring a smile to all who know him. He genuinely loves the Lord and is not afraid to tell you that. Not far behind his love for God is his passion

for music and fans (and washing machines). When he was at the White House as a child he asked Mrs. Nixon if he could listen to their washing machine and they made special arrangements to honor his request. We have loved Jon for a long time. He is delightful.

About 20 years ago he



was at our house in Van Buren on a Sunday and I was cleaning up the dishes after lunch. Jon was quietly sitting in a rocking chair and I was busy with the task of dishwashing. There had been conversation but we were enjoying silence when, after a while, Jon called out my name. I looked over at him in his chair and

found in him a real seriousness as he broke the silence with this question, "Ross, are you ready?" I smiled at him and nodded but he was not satisfied. After a moment, and more loudly, he repeated the question with conviction, "I said, are you ready?" The fact of the matter was that he was not going to be satisfied until I verbally responded. A smile and a nod wasn't enough. It was really important to him. I have smiled about that occasion many times but it is a question for all of us to consider. Scripture tells us that "every eye will see him" (Rev. 1:7) and we will all give an account for ourselves (Rom. 14:12; 2 Cor. 5:10).

So, as Jon asked me, "Are you ready?"

"I said...Are You READY?"

AM Sermon: The LORD of Glory (Exodus 20:1-8)

PM Sermon: PM Service Cancelled Until Further Notice

Quotables



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"If we would only give the same amount of reflection to what we want out of life that we give to the question of what to do with a two weeks' vacation, we would be startled at our false standards and the aimless procession of our busy days."

—Dorothy Canfield

"But he who has taken his stand, who has drawn a boundary-line sharp and deep about his life, who has marked off all beyond as forever forbidden ground to him, finds the yoke easy and the burden light. For this forbidden environment comes to be as if it were not."

—Henry Drummond

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 Feagin

General Family Info:

Please be praying for **Marc & Taryn Parker's** family. The final custody hearing for their grandsons is scheduled for **May 28**. Please pray for the boys and everyone involved, including the judge who will decide the boys future. Our trust is in the Lord and not men! (Psa. 118:9)

Kyle & Maddie Shadowens new address is: **1368 E. Buick Drive, Apt. #9, Fayetteville 72703**. We are so happy for Kyle & Maddie's marriage and for their being with our Westside family.

2020 May Graduates: Several of our College students graduate this month. Congratulations to **Tabitha Hudspeth; Joe Oliver; Riley Parker; Shelby Sprott; Kory Snodgrass** and **Melissa Stanton**. Also, congratulations to **Slater Tackett** who graduates from High School.

Due to the Covid19 outbreak: Sunday AM Worship services are at **9 a.m.**

& 10:45 a.m. We will still Live-stream the 9 a.m. service on our Facebook page, and post on YouTube, Facebook and Westside's website. Thanks to the Deacons and Elders for all their work!

Chuck's videos are posted for **Wednesday's Study on Genesis 12-50**. There were two videos this past week and both are available for viewing. For the study on **May 27**, please read **Gen. chs. 40-42**. Questions will be sent to your Directory email address on Sunday PM.