

# Only Each Other by Chuck Durham



James 4:8

WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Drawing Near to God

**S**tephen E. Ambrose, writes in his book, *Comrades*, "Of all the friendships between brothers that I've known...none came close to that of the six Eisenhower boys. Partly that was because of their parents, partly because of their semi-rural setting, partly because there were so many of them and they had no sisters, partly it was because of their personalities. They had learned from David and Ida Eisenhower always to love one another, other people and every manifestation of life around them. They grew up without money or any possessions, only each other. And although they had some friends in the little town of Abilene, Kansas, where they lived, mainly they had to rely on each other" (23).

Do we believe Westside is our having "only each other?" We should.

**First, we should assemble regularly with the other members.**

We are commanded to "admonish one another" (Rom.

15:14); "exhort one another" (Heb. 3:13) and "build each other up" (1 Thess. 5:11). We truly don't have "love for one another" unless we do these things. Can a family truly be a "family," if they never help one another understand what values they should hold in life? What family is truly a "family" if they do not correct each other when they fail, and pick each other up when they fall? How can a local church possibly do this apart from regularly being with one another in worship?

**Second, we must identify the things we are "good" at doing—and get about doing them!** Paul exhorts us in Rom.

12:6-8, "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them...in teaching; ...in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness." Not everyone is good at showing mercy, or able to teach others; but some are! God requires that we know

ourselves and get about the business of serving others.

**Third, all members can pray for one another and speak words of encouragement.**

A saint confined to a wheelchair might think, "What am I worth to the body?" Be a warrior in prayer for the church! Fight the good fight and mail notes of encouragement. Call folks on the phone and tell them how much they mean to you. Every saint can become a Barnabas (Acts 4:36)!

A brother was talking with a friend who fell away from the Lord. He asked, "What do you do on Sundays?" The fallen brother said, "My wife and I take walks on Sundays and we pray together." The faithful brother asked: "So, how does that help me, brother?" A "finger" lying severed on the ground is dead and useless to the body to which it once belonged! It can no longer "care" for the members with whom it once shared a living union. Remember that God has given us "only each other!" 📖

**AM Sermon: The Greatest Commandment—Matt. 22:34ff.  
PM Sermon: PM Service Cancelled Until Further Notice**

# Prayer



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***“Prayer is frequently unnerving because it is the activity we engage in between catastrophe and deliverance. But if we pray truth...we will find it not only reaches God but anchors us.”***

**—Dale Ralph Davis**

***“Praying is the best school in which to learn to pray, prayer the best dictionary to define the art and the nature of praying.”*** —E. M. Bounds

***“I have lived to thank God that all my prayers have not been answered.”***

**—Jean Ingelow**

## Westside Family News... (send news to [durhamchuk@aol.com](mailto: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:

Continue praying for **Marc & Taryn Parker's** grandsons and family. Our trust is in the Lord and not men (Psa. 118:9). Also, please pray for Marc's brother, **Robert Parker**, who has contracted the Covid19 virus. He lives in Georgia.

Pray fervently for **JR Hart**, the nephew of **Ryan Davis**. The doctors have discovered a mass on his spine which will require three surgeries to remove. The first surgery is **Wednesday, June 3**. The second surgery will follow 3-5 days later and is the most risky of the three. JR will require months of recovery and rehab. The family is reeling from this news. We give our love to the Davis family.

**2020 May Graduates:** Several of our College students graduated this month. Congratulations to **Tabitha Hudspeth; Joe Oliver; Riley Parker; Shelby Sprott; Kory Snodgrass** and **Melissa Stanton**. Also, congratu-

lations 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 Live-stream the 9 a.m. service on our Facebook page. 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 **June 3**, please read **Gen. chs. 43-45**. Questions will be sent to your Directory email address on Sunday PM.