Sermon: "No Place for God"

Text: Genesis 4:17-26 (page 4 in the pew Bible)

I. Preliminary considerations:

A. Where did Cain get his wife?

B. How does the chronology/time line for all this fit together?

C. World population: have you done the math?

Avg. lifespan: 800 years!

Couple "A" – bear a child every 5 years from age 150-250 = 20 children

10 Couples –bear a child every 5 years from age 150-250 = 200 children

100 Couples – bear a child every 5 years from age 150-250= 2,000 children

1,000 Couples – bear a child every 5 years from age 150-250 = 20,000 children!

AND – Couple "A" would still be between 800-900 years old.

"God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth." Genesis 1:28

II. History of downward depravity

A. A poorly purposed polygamy

Verse 19 "And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah, ("ornament") and the name of the other Zillah ("sweet voice")."

Proverbs 31:30 "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised."

B. A pathetically pompous perpetrator

Verse 23 "I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me."

III. A commentary on empty achievement

Cities (vs. 20); Livestock, ranching (vs. 20); culture - the arts and music (vs. 21); mining, metallurgy, tool casting, (vs. 22)

IV. A testimony of lasting significance

Vs. 26 "To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to *call upon the name of the LORD.*"

Matthew 6:33 "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

I Corinthians 10:31 "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."