

Andrew Philip Kulp's Attic

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Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builder is useless. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good. It is useless for you to work so hard from early in the morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to His loved ones.

Psalm 127:1-2 (NLT)



Trinkets: *That Trunk in the Corner of the Attic*

My computer survived Y2K, as did the rest of the world. We serve a great, mighty, and sovereign God. He always shows himself faithful. He takes care of his children.

APK's Attic is now available to the world via *Adobe Acrobat* format on my web site. For a direct link to the Attic, go to <http://Andrew.Kulp.com/attic.htm>. By making my newsletters available online, I will greatly reduce the time of processing the mail-outs, as many people will receive email notifications of the newsletter's availability. Also, I encourage you to use this availability to share what God is doing in my life with other people.

Gone Mental: *Seminary Course Work*

I have returned from an intensive "one-week semester" course on Hermeneutics. Basically, hermeneutics means Biblical interpretation, but seminarians need to make up big words to sound like they know something, I guess. The class was taught by Robert Stein. Stein is incredibly knowledgeable and a truly gifted teacher. When trying to cram an entire semester course into one week, you often wonder how much you really learn. I left Louisville confident that the class had impacted my study of God's Word for a lifetime. I have a few short papers to write and a final exam to take in order to finish off this course.

Spring semester will kick off in February. The semester will include a church dynamics course taught by Bro Al, the second New Testament course taught by Jerry Henry, the second missions course, and another course yet to be determined. Pray for diligence as I read in preparation for these courses.

Your Part:

Thank you to all of you who gave special gifts in the month of December! December was the first month since my internship began that I reached my support goal. Please continue to consider supporting my ministry on an ongoing basis, as most of this support was through special gifts.

While I continue to encourage you to support my ministry financially through the church, there are countless other ways you can support me in the coming months. One Sunday School class gave me a Christmas gift that I used as a down payment for auto insurance. I am also due for both dentist and eye exams in the very near future. These are necessities that are currently outside my support budget, unless I continue to receive full support. There are many other creative options that people are doing with the other interns, so feel free to contact me if you have an idea and would like to help.

The FAITH evangelism program kicks off next week. I am still in the process of forming my new team, so pray that I will have a great team and that we will see a great harvest this semester.

Heartwork: *Pastoral Internship Responsibilities*

With the coming of the new year, a new term in my pastoral internship has begun. I greatly look forward to the next 3 months of serving under David Burdeshaw, the Minister of Music. Of all the things that I've been involved with throughout my life, two things stand out as constants from before I even began grade school: Jesus Christ and music. There's nothing I adore more than worshipping our risen Savior through music. I'm looking forward to this quarter with great joy.



David Burdeshaw

Brian Payne is also interning under David. The primary responsibilities David will have for us will be to attend practices for each of the choirs (including children) and the orchestra. Those of you who are Lakeviewers can look forward to seeing Brian and I in the choir loft during at least one service each Sunday this winter quarter.

Et Moi: *Personal Stuff*

I hope God blessed you at least as much as He did me this past holiday season! I had great visits with friends and family in Florida and elsewhere. I was even able to visit Jim Harp, who is the pastor of a young church in Athens, GA. Each place I go, it is a joy to see God at work.

Last night, the International Mission Board held a missionary commissioning service at Lakeview. This was a tremendous opportunity, as this will probably never be held in Auburn again. Thirty-eight missionaries were appointed for service, as the Worship Center was filled with people praising God for the work He is doing around the globe. As I type, one of my former roommates is leaving for a 2-year term as a Journeyman to a very sensitive part of the world. Nothing gives me greater joy than seeing people I know and love giving their lives to the cause of the Great Commission.

The FAITH program has a banquet and clinic next week, followed by the return of Junior Hill for a revival to close out a busy January. Junior Hill is an extremely gifted evangelist—I look forward to his coming and pray for a great harvest!

I have been blessed beyond measure since beginning this intern program. There have been times when it has been incredibly difficult or frustrating, but perseverance has brought blessing and great joy. Some people consider the support-raising as a weakness in this program. I am positive that it is truly one of the program's greatest strengths. My faith grows every day as I see another bill paid, and am not always exactly sure how.

God is good.

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