

APK'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

Believe it or not, I'm back to the normal format for *APK's Attic*. January is almost over, and I'm finally finding time to put together this month's edition. After the busyness of the holidays, it's nice to be able to sit down and consider myself at home.

After months of prayer (and I must admit, a bit of worrying), my new roommate just paid me his first month's rent, so I handed over a key. God's timing is perfect. I was just about to give up in order to consider other options. There's always a risk in letting someone move in to your house the day after you meet him, so please continue to pray that Charles will be a good roommate. Also pray that God would provide a second roommate in His time. Also, Charles will only be here for one semester, thus I continually have to plan for the summer and beyond.

For those of you who do not receive the *Attic* online, I realized that it has been a while since I explained the

name of this newsletter. The number of people supporting me both financially and through prayer has changed dramatically since I began the program, so I thought I would begin the new year with a reminder of what *APK's Attic* is all about:

In his book *The Poetics of Space*, Gaston Bachelard describes the attic as the place in the house where memories are stored. (I read this book back in my architecture days.) Since I live in a trailer with very limited storage, I have chosen to share my memories and concerns with you, my prayer and financial partners in ministry.

Please continue to pray for me, my ministry, and my financial support as I continue in the Lakeview Seminary Internship Program. Also, Please feel free to contact me with prayer requests and any other concerns you may have!

Heartwork: Pastoral Internship Responsibilities

Over the next 2-3 months, Brian Payne and I will be interning under John Dale Rector, the Minister of Congregational Care. JD oversees the benevolence ministries of the church, as well as visiting shut-ins, the hospitals, and so much more. JD is uniquely gifted for this ministry, so I look forward to serving under him and learning from him. However, John Dale has some health problems that may impede his ministry over the next couple months, so pray for his strength and health.

In addition to my internship under JD, I have many other responsibilities in the church over the next few months. February 16-18, I will be leading a Venture team with the college ministry, and the following weekend, February 23-25, I will be leading a Disciple Now team with the youth. Both weekends are a retreat spent in small groups in the homes of

Lakeview church members in order to focus on a specific topic, to grow together, and instill Biblical principles in the lives of young people. Please pray as I prepare for these weekends.



Also, sometime during the spring, I John Dale Rector will be reorganizing some of the material for the *EMIM Discovery* workshop so I can teach it during the *LIFE* hour on Sunday evenings at 5pm.

My discipleship group with Matt and Luke is also going to be a challenge this semester. We finished the basic d-group book last semester, so we're going to study through *The Pursuit of Holiness*, by Jerry Bridges, this semester. I'm confident that we'll all come out of this book as changed men!

Gone Mental: Seminary Course Work

The reason why *APK's Attic* is late this month is because we were in Louisville, KY, last week for a one-week marathon in *Systematic Theology 1* with Dr. Daniel Akin, Dean of the School of Theology at SBTS. After reading approximately 1200 pages and cramming 31 lectures into five days, we're all a little dizzy. I still have a 10 page paper due this next week in order to finish of the requirements for the class.

The second semester of *Greek* will begin Friday, January 26, with Clete Sipes. Other classes this spring semester are: *Sermon Delivery*, with Bro Al (which means we will be preaching to an empty worship center on Wednesday afternoons . . . if you live in Auburn, feel free to come hear us!) *Church Growth*, with Dr. Thom Rainer, and *Church Planting*, with Dr. Charles Chaney (preparing for Boston this summer!)

The grades I received for my classes last semester were the best grades I have gotten since being in seminary. However, I'm still not pleased with the grade I got in one class. Pray that I can continue to be diligent to study this spring.

Also, please pray for the seminary accreditation team that will be visiting sometime this spring, that they will be pleased to see the quality experience and education that we are receiving here at Lakeview. Our project in Boston this summer may depend on it.

Et Moi: Personal Comments

This Christmas break was probably one of the more memorable holidays I've had. Thank you for your prayers. Nothing spectacular happened, but there were many little events and conversations that I can reflect on in time to come. I was able to visit with my family for a full two weeks—without any real responsibilities to keep me from spending time with them. In the past, my visits have not been so simple. I feel as though I know my family and they know me again. (That was a joke, you can laugh now.)

After being home for the break, I finally feel free to put one of my largest prayer requests before all of you: my brother, Dan, lives in Boston and is not a Christian. In fact, he absolutely refuses to go to church. Please pray that God would prepare his heart

Ephesians 1:16: Thanksgiving and Prayer

Thank you:

Several friends, family members, church members, and others sent special gifts in December that were an extra-special blessing! Your faithfulness to prayerfully support me allowed me to pass blessings on to others, as well as buy a few articles of clothing to complete a few coat-and-tie outfits I can use for preaching.

One special thank-you must be extended to a supporter who paid one of my bills at the last minute while I was between roommates!

Prayers:

Although the urgency of needing roommates has passed, I still have one empty room. As long as I have an empty room, I must depend on my support to remain consistent!

The father of one of my supporters died over the holidays, so please pray for him and his family.

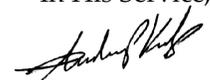
My former roommate, Jonathan, is now serving with the North American Mission Board in New Orleans. He will be working with a youth ministry there for the next six months.

My fellow intern, Judson Blackstock is now married to his childhood sweetheart, Amy. Pray for them as they begin a life together.

and break through the barriers . . . Keep in mind that I will be in Boston this summer! Pray for my father, Newton, as well. He knows the Truth, and will profess it verbally when asked, but I've never been entirely sure of its validity and impact in his life.

There's so much more going on in my life, but I seem to be out of space. I will close with a verse: "*It is right for me to feel this way about you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me.*" *Philippians 1:7*

In His Service,



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(See *Philippians 1:3-11*)