

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

Not only has God extended me enough grace to persevere through the busy schedule I have had over the past month (as if it was unusual), He has also allowed me to accomplish several extra tasks that I had not anticipated.

As many of you already know, one of the servers that has hosted a portion of my web site has made some changes in policy that I considered unacceptable to the goals of my ministry. Therefore, I felt it was necessary to relocate the information that was contained on that server. I also decided to take advantage of the situation by creating a second web site to separate some portions of my web site. There will be some overlap, but my goal is to have personal information located at *Andrew.Kulp.com*, while placing broader ministry-related information on the new site.

In creating the new site, I asked several people for ideas for a name for the site. I want the name to be

descriptive of my ministry, while containing common words in hopes that non-Christians would stumble into an encounter with God on my site. Although several suggestions were made, I came up with the new name on my own. The new name comes directly from my call to ministry—where I have been in the past, and where I believe God is taking me in the future.

BuildingChurch.net officially came online late Monday night. I am putting a couple hours each day into developing the new site while updating *Andrew.Kulp.com* accordingly. I encourage you to check out the exciting things God is doing in my ministry around the world through these sites. Recently I've gotten hits from California, Europe, Africa, and a few from a time zone in Asia that contains no countries that are open to the Gospel!

Heartwork: Pastoral Internship Responsibilities

Since the February edition of the *Attic*, The youth retreat, *Disciple Now* has taken place, the church has had Jim Wilson preach an evangelistic crusade called *The Millenium Survival Conference*, I have been teaching the *EMIM Discovery* curriculum at 5pm each Sunday evening (although I have had only one student), I have been helping Judson teach the *FAITH Discipleship* training on Tuesday nights (teaching topics not contained in the provided material).

The *Disciple Now* went well. I had 5 eighth-grade boys to teach for the weekend. As expected, I had a couple that were truly interested in learning, and a some that were more on the fringe. I was exhausted by the end of the weekend, but I pray that the rewards in the boys' lives would be worth the effort.

The *EMIM Discovery* class has been enjoyable with

only one student. I have taken advantage of this by revising some of the material. I will complete this class at the end of March. After taking a week off, I will begin teaching the curriculum again on April 8 for any new members of Lakeview that are interested in seeing how the church works and how they can become involved.

Also beginning April 1, I will no longer be serving under John Dale Rector, but I will be shifting over to the youth department under Steve Flippo. I have enjoyed serving under JD. Not only have I been blessed through visiting the hospital and our shut-ins, I have had some opportunities to see how our ministries to the needy work, as well. The Bible tells us not to let our left hand know what our right hand is doing in these matters (Matt 6:1-4). It's been a learning experience to be the other hand for a while.

Gone Mental: Seminary Course Work

Well, things change. The entire group of interns is beginning to understand what Paul felt like when he longed to go one place but always seemed to end up someplace else. I announced in my last newsletter that our plans for Boston were underway. I found out this week that those plans no longer exist. Instead of spending the summer in Boston, I will be working with church planters in Maryland.

The church planting course has been replaced with the second-half of Old Testament Survey, taught by George Martin. This class will begin in late April.

Meanwhile, we began the class on Church Growth, taught by Thom Rainer, who is the Dean of the Billy Graham School at Southern Seminary, and is a prolific writer on church growth with a solid theological foundation. As part of this course, I will be going to another church on April 1 to analyze the health of the particular church and its ministries.

Our sermon delivery course is also now underway. Three interns and Cliff preached in class this past Wednesday. The other three of us will begin this week. We will alternate weeks preaching from now until the end of the semester. Please feel free to come hear us, as preaching to an empty room is not easy.

Et Moi: Personal Comments

My possible new roommate has decided to put off moving in until August, which means I still need another roommate. Additionally, I have not been getting many "special gifts" over the past few months, which has left my financial support a little low. Once again, I am left to be humble before God and trust Him to supply my needs. He has never let me down, and never will.

On the matters of trust, prayer, and being humble before God, I recently revisited a study from a few years ago. James 6:16b reads: "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." The writer begins in 6:13 by stating that if anyone is in need, he should pray and seek the prayers of others. As I continue to live on financial support, my prayers and the prayers of others are constantly necessary.

However, we must not forget verses 15b-16a: "If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess

Since I run the sound system for the class, I have to schedule a time for someone to be there while I am preaching. This week, I will be preaching sometime between 2-3:30pm. My preaching schedule will be:

- March 21 1 Cor 1:18-31 - *Our Message: The Answer!*
- April 4 Luke 21:1-4 - *Excess or Everything?*
- April 18 Psalm 8 - *The One Worthy of Worship*
- May 16 1 Samuel 3:1-21 - *Hearing God's Voice*
- May 23 Topical - *Secular Humanism*

Ephesians 1:16: Thanksgiving and Prayer

Thank you:

Monthly supporters for your consistency. JM for a few nice "hand-me-down" shirts. YPS folks for encouragement and excitement. JDK for "toys" for my house.

Prayers:

Increased "special gifts" or additional monthly supporters. Additional roommate. Friendship issues. D-Group-keeping up!

BJK-has a severely disruptive student. CS1-health issues. "Friends"-trust, truthfulness, and forgiveness.

your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." This statement is the condition of righteousness.

The sin nature amazes me. People try to cover their sins in order to "save face." And yet, when someone truly repents and seeks forgiveness for sin, others' opinion of them often becomes stronger, not weaker.

Unless we are faithful to keep short accounts with God and with each other, our prayers may be hindered. Our sacrificial worship of God depends on righteous behavior. Matt. 5:23-24 instructs us to make things right with others in order to come humbly before God in worship.

Living and Learning,



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