

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*

Welcome to the May edition of APK's Attic. I hope you enjoyed your Easter season! Lakeview was greatly blessed by being led in worship by the Celebration Choir and Orchestra on Easter evening followed by an incredible home concert given by the Collegiate Singers the following week.

April giving was able to fulfill my current financial needs, however, if monthly giving increases by approximately \$200 per month, I will be able to pay for health insurance, as I am currently uninsured.

Gone Mental: *Seminary Course Work*

All of our class work for this semester is now complete, with only tests and papers remaining. The Southern Baptist Convention class is considered part of a summer semester and has a stack of books for me to read in the next week. I now have my passport, which leaves me waiting for visa's and immunations for the Ghana trip. The following is an approximate travel schedule for the next few months:

- May 15-18 Staff Planning Retreat, Gatlinburg, TN
- June 1-2 Billy Graham Crusade, Nashville, TN
- June 10-17 Southern Baptist Convention, Orlando, FL
- June 19-? Youth Camp, Pensacola, FL
- June 28-July 12 Church Planting, Ghana, West Africa
- July 22-30 Tentative Support-Raising in Florida
- Aug 11-18 Carpenter's For Christ Mission, Ohio

That pretty much sums up my "relaxing" summer . . . and then we start all over again with a new year of seminary classes and ministry at Lakeview!

Ephesians 1:16: *Thanksgiving and Prayer*

I continue to thank all of you for your gifts and prayer support. It is an incredible blessing to see how God is working in each of your lives as you support my ministry.

Thank you:

Thank you friend for helping me get this newsletter out. Thank you sis for stopping in for an encouraging visit and sharing some insight. DB, for continuing to pass on God's blessings to you. DAC women for the care package.

Prayers:

Continued prayer for numerous supporters dealing with family breakups and marital struggles. Prayer for supporter leaving home for college and adjustment to new community (and for God to fill in that hole in my financial support); "Auburn Parents" in setting priorities for places of ministry; many prayer supporters graduating from college and seeking new careers; supporters in search of new church homes; prayer supporter struggling with burn-out.

Heartwork: *Pastoral Internship Responsibilities*

After over a month of serving under Mrs. Patty in the children's department I have had an opportunity to observe almost every areas of her ministry. I have missed prayer meeting greatly, but I have been observing the children's ministries on Wednesday night. I have been greatly impressed by the job some of the college students have been doing teaching the girls. I realize there is a great need for this kind of leadership teaching the boys. Also, I have seen Mrs. Patty's incredible leadership job on Sunday mornings. Since going to two Sunday schools Patty has been short on teachers but is still doing a wonderful job.

On April 30, I gave my testimony during both morning services. It was difficult to abbreviate to fit the allotted time, but I feel like it was a great opportunity to for the church to get to know me. Part of my testimony includes the inadequate teaching as a small child. Mrs. Patty has used this important factor to help her to try and recruit more Sunday school teachers.

This next week the Equipping Staff will be in Gatlinburg, TN, for a planning retreat.

Et Moi: *Personal Comments*

Well, as for me, I'm dealing with some issues I haven't had to deal with for a long time. God is using this time to draw me closer to Him than I have ever been before. It's incredible to realize how God uses fellow Christians to draw you into His Word and into closer fellowship with Him.

The writer of Hebrews admonishes us in Hebrews 10:23-25:

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Two elements from my classes this semester stand above all else. One is how often we have an erred vocalization of what it takes to be saved. The other is through Bro Al's class on church dynamics. I have become convinced that Christians today do not understand the dynamic that God set in place through the institution of the Church. I have truly realized the value of the local church, and strongly encourage all believers to find their place of ministry within a local congregation.

Awaiting the Bridegroom!

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