

Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builder is use less. 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**

In just over one year, I will be writing the last edition of *APK's Attic* as an intern at Lakeview. Lord willing, I will be informing you of what the next chapter in my life holds.

Two years ago, I was finishing up my architectural thesis project and beginning the process of recruiting each of you to join me in my ministry through prayer and financial support. My how my life has changed in just two short years!

One year ago, I was reporting to you the vast array of activities I would be doing over the summer, including a trip overseas to Ghana. My energy level was high and I was a little frustrated by my fellow interns in their yearnings for a break.

This year, I'm worn out. I don't think I've ever been in greater need of a change of pace and change of scenery. The trip to Maryland will be far from a

vacation, but the opportunity of doing anything but seminary work will be a welcome change.

I'm still two weeks from finishing everything off for this semester, so please pray earnestly that I can persevere to the end, work diligently, and stay focused.

To add to my current lack of energy, I thank God that so many of you have been so consistent in supporting my ministry here at Lakeview. However, the bottom dropped out last month. My last two paychecks together did not total a full paycheck. I thank God for friends and a roommate who have helped me stay fed and able to do the work before me.

Please pray about how God wants you to support my ministry in the coming year. New commitment cards will be coming soon! –ALSO, please continue to send support throughout the summer!

### **Gone Mental: Seminary Course Work**

My sermon on Psalm 8 came together extremely well. I was able to repeat the sermon for the youth one Wednesday night a couple weeks ago. My heart yearns for a day when passionate worship of the Lord God Almighty is the norm instead of the exception in Christian churches. I long for a day when our worship is so passionate that unbelievers fall before God for want of the joy and passion they see in us.

I have two more sermons remaining for sermon delivery class. The one on May 16 will be at the normal time, between 1pm and 3:30pm. On May 23, all seven of us will be preaching sometime between 11am and 4:30pm. Please pray for our diligence and preparation.

May 16 1 Samuel 3:1-21 - *Hearing God's Voice*

May 23 Topical - *Secular Humanism*

We presented our findings from the church analysis in our Church Growth class. Again, we found that all the basic church-growth principles are either in place or up-and-coming. However, the results will be greatly limited, because the church fails to have a fully authoritative view on the Bible. All the work suddenly seems futile.

Our Old Testament class continues to press along. We are about halfway through now, with a mid-term and two more meetings to go. I've enjoyed the extensive discussions related to the prophets and their message.

Bro Al is in charge of the class credit we get for our ours spent working at the church. In addition to the work we've done, he has asked us to read several books this semester, which we will discuss before the end of the semester.

## **Heartwork:** *Pastoral Internship Responsibilities*

I continue to serve under Steve Flippo in the youth department. Steve has a great heart for youth ministry, not only here at Lakeview, but beyond, as well. He has taken time out of his busy schedule to sit down and discuss with us some of the unique issues that youth pastors have to deal with. Although none of us are sensing that we will be youth ministers, Steve's insight will be helpful to us when we are on staff at a church and are looking for God's man for the church to lead the youth group.

I am encouraged by Steve's heart, and I know that he is doing a great job dealing with the youth in our chaotic culture. I greatly appreciate Steve's work with us, and with the youth at Lakeview.

I preached to the youth on two Wednesday nights. I chose a theme of worship. The first sermon was the sermon from Psalm 8 I had prepared for class, but I worked with the praise team to transform the evening into a concentrated time of worship.

The second sermon I preached to the youth was about how to live a life of worship from day to day, from Romans 12. Both sermons were very well received, and I was encouraged to see many of the youth genuinely paying attention and absorbing what I was sharing with them.

This Sunday, I will be teaching the final session of the *Discovery Class* for this semester. After working through the material in detail, with extensive discussions in class, I have made some revisions to the material, while explaining in more detail how the elements work into the individual's life to prepare them for a specific ministry.

In my last newsletter, I reported that I would be serving in Welcome, MD, this summer. Since that report, I have been shifted to 3 different cities. On Wednesday morning, I received a call from a pastor in Urbana, MD, it appears I will be serving there.

The church in Urbana was planted in only 8 weeks, with its first meeting on Easter Sunday. The pastor has a vision to plant more soon. As a result, our team (Judson, Amy, Eric, and myself) will have a two-fold responsibility this summer.

First, we will be helping the pastor establish this new

church by getting members involved in ministry and outreach. The *Discovery Class* material will be helpful in this task. Second, we will be helping with preliminary work toward additional church plants. We are in for a busy summer, but this project seems to be what God has for us, and I'm excited to see what He has in store for me.

## **Ephesians 1:16: *Thanksgiving and Prayer***

### **Thank you:**

CK-encouragement and help.

### **Prayers:**

Lakeview mission teams around the world. BJK-new directions? SK-job situation. JDK-salvation. KS-CoOp job? TW-finish strong.

Roommate situations. Continued support. Concentration and consistency. Sermon preparation.

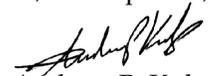
## **Et Moi: *Personal Comments***

What an interesting month. My roommate, Charles, forgot to pay a traffic ticket, so I ended up bailing him out of jail. While I was gathering the money to do that, a new roommate, Billy moved in. It looks like Billy will be staying here until I graduate next year. Charles moves out to go on CoOp this week. I still need a commitment for a second roommate in the fall.

God unexpectedly gave me the opportunity to reconcile some relationship issues last week, which was a wonderful blessing. God has not gifted me for mercy-related ministries. However, I consider showing mercy to be a spiritual discipline. These and other situations this month have been a learning experience for me.

Lakeview is currently involved in 21 days of prayer, seeking God's face about paying off our remaining building debt. I have to be at the church at 6am each morning for prayer. What a joy to join with godly people to seek God's will in such matters! I am also being reminded of how much more you can get accomplished in a day when you get up early.

Onward, Outward, and Upward,



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