

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

A new year of *APK's Attic* has arrived. It's hard to believe that by the time the next year begins, I will be in a new place, as a seminary graduate. The past two years have flown by, and the blessings are uncountable. I look over my expansive list of people who have supported my ministry in numerous ways, from financial gifts, to buying food and meals, to a cellular phone, to auto repairs, to much more humble, but no less important things such as a word of encouragement or a meaningful conversation. But above all this, I am humbled by the amount of prayer that continually flows before God on my behalf.

In the wake of the recent tragedies in our nation, let us not forget the simple blessings each day. No matter what the circumstances we deal with, we can know without a doubt that others in this nation have much greater burdens to carry. It's times like this that we realize just how often the second set of footprints has disappeared from the sand, as the loving Jesus carries us on.

Heartwork: Pastoral Internship Responsibilities

I mentioned in the last edition of *APK's Attic* that I was working in the college department under Cliff Knight for the fall semester. As anticipated, the added responsibilities with Cliff have been minimal, since I spend so much time helping in his ministry, anyway. I have greatly missed the fellowship with the Young Professional Singles.

I will be attending my first-ever collegiate fall retreat with Lakeview this coming weekend. I've attended a number of retreats with various groups, but many students have made comments about how special Lakeview's fall retreat is to them each year. Please pray that this year is not an exception. The theme is "Spiritual Adventure," and will be taught by former Lakeview Intern, Vic Doss.

Gone Mental: Seminary Course Work

Thank you for your abundant prayers in regard to my studies. I struggled to get back into the swing of things as classes started. History has never been one of my stronger subjects, so diving into this semester with Church History was not easy. It has taken me a little while to get myself into gear, but I can honestly say I'm on track now and eager to continue learning.

The Church History classes will still be a challenge for me. One weekend of classes had to be rescheduled this week due to the national tragedy. While this will make October more difficult, it gave me time to get caught up now that I'm on track with my studying.

When I say October will be difficult, I mean it. Unless something in our schedule changes, we only get 1 free day the entire month of October—including weekends. Considering that the entire semester of Hebrew will be contained in 5 weeks, those two days will probably be spent studying.

We began *Life and Work of the Pastor* this week with Bro Al, which will require a lot of reading, but may be the most practical class we've taken in seminary.

The 6th training level in the FAITH program is a small class, but we are watching a set of videos that could be described as "Systematic Theology for Laypeople." This level of training is an excellent continuation of the apologetics level that Judson teaches.

Please pray for my faith team that we would all be greatly encouraged in sharing our faith on Tuesdays, as well as gain ability and desire to share our faith throughout the week.

The *Find Your Place* class is off to an excellent start. Although a small class, the discussion has already surpassed any of the times I have taught the material in the past.

Cliff Knight



BuildingChurch: Planting, Growth, & Health

In the last edition of *APK's Attic*, I mentioned that I was beginning to shape a vision for a church plant somewhere between Washington, DC, and Philadelphia, PA. A few questions have arisen in answer to my confidence in this calling.

First, someone suggested I consider staying in the south. I know how the southern culture works in relation to the church and the Gospel. However, the great need for more churches in the northeast draws me to use my creativity to find ways to communicate the Gospel to a needy people. My northern roots strengthen my resolve and help develop my thoughts.

So why not go farther north? I'm not entirely sure. I do know what area God has laid on my heart, and I can only be obedient with what I know. As I pray about other areas, my interest quickly wanes.

Next, based on the experience of the other interns this past summer, there has been some concern about the churches that the North American Mission Board is planting—specifically in relation to the belief in the sufficiency of Scripture. I can think of no better way to answer this concern than to plant a church that speaks to the culture, but clearly relies on the sufficient saving power of the Word of God.

Finally, some have hinted at concerns related to me not being married and how that will affect my abilities in church planting. Paul said, "I wish that all men were as I am" (1 Cor 7:7). If anything, singleness is an advantage, for "an unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs" (v 32). This does not mean I plan on staying single forever, but that it is not of great concern to me.

I don't plan on going alone. As I began to shape a vision *Worship Community*, I started a prayer journal to see the vision to fruition. I am making a list of people that I am praying about being a part of a layperson team to go with me wherever I go. Please join me in praying for the formation of this team.

BuildingChurch.net is going to be my continuing update center for the growing vision of *Worship Community*. If you would like more information about what *Worship Community* is about, and also how the vision is progressing, go to *BuildingChurch.net* and click on "Church Planting Vision."

Ephesians 1:16: Thanksgiving and Prayer

Thank you:

Financial Supporters—consistency.

Prayers:

Please be praying for my financial support over the next couple of months. My support has been strong enough lately that I felt like I could finally afford some health insurance, which I'm sure will put many of you at ease. However, it will add to my financial burden—especially through December. Pray that God will supply my needs, and I will be a wise steward of what He supplies.

GWBush and other leaders—wisdom in the wake of tragedy. *NorthStar*—effects related to Pentagon tragedy. KW—witness opportunities. CS—direction. TW, CO, MK—jobs. JD—church searching. JDK, TJ, Keith, Wes—Salvation.

Et Moi: Personal Comments

Bro Al's sermon tonight was about how to answer questions related to the recent national tragedies. Two of the questions related to God's judgement and the impending return of Jesus. After some contemplation, I was amazed at the implications that the primary answer delivers: "Only God knows."

As Christians, we can find comfort in these words. God is in control. He is not surprised by anything. He will always be in control. No matter if this situation is a form of judgement or not, if we humble ourselves before God and rely solely on Him, he will heal our land beyond our imagination. Furthermore, we can find great joy in the knowledge that one day Christ Jesus *will* return. Maybe tomorrow, maybe 1000 years from now—but he *will* return.

No matter what, in relation to unbelievers, this IS a sound of judgement. Consider it a stern warning—a wake-up call. You are not guaranteed tomorrow. Other than the hijackers themselves, everyone who was killed figured on a normal day at work, or a normal plane ride, etc. Their lives were tragically and unexpectedly cut short. Are you ready?

Watching and Waiting,



Andrew P. Kulp