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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

Much of this week was spent at the Alabama Baptist State Convention. Monday was filled with great preaching. Tuesday put us to sleep. Wednesday was a joy as Alabamians affirmed the Baptist Faith and Message 2000.

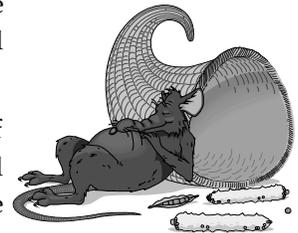
Wow. It's almost Thanksgiving. In fact, some of you may not get this edition of the *Attic* until the holiday has come and gone. Although this holiday is a time when most Americans spend their day stuffing their bellies and watching football, we shouldn't forget the original intent of the holiday.

George Washington originally declared a national day of Thanksgiving as a time for the nation to pause

and thank God for the many blessings he provides. Jefferson discontinued the national practice, but many states continued the holiday. Abraham Lincoln is responsible for making the day a national holiday.

As 2000 begins to wind down, don't forget to pause and thank God for all the things He has done and continues to do.

I'm forever grateful to all of you, my prayer and financial supporters, for holding me up and having faith in me as God develops His ministry in me. Please continue to be faithful in the coming year.



Gone Mental: Seminary Course Work

Further details regarding the accreditation process for the seminary, and especially our specialized program here at Lakeview are still not available. The accreditation team will visit us sometime in the spring and more details will come then.

In the mean time, Greek continues. I'm really struggling with staying focused on my work, which is taking a toll on my Greek studies, as they require constant attention.



As you read this, I'm working hard over the holiday week. Our internship responsibilities are minimal this week, and we don't have any classes scheduled, but we have about 100 pages of papers to write.

Our final for Evangelism is a lengthy paper defining our personal theology of Evangelism. The class was greatly rewarding and I look forward to thinking back through the lectures and readings to piece them all together into a developed theology.

We also have a 15+ page book review due for Communications, a book review and 2 sermon manuscripts due for Sermon Prep, and a short Greek word study. Please pray for diligence as we finish up the semester.

As this semester ends, we will have 600 pages to read and a 30 page paper to write over Christmas in preparation for Systematic Theology during J-Term in Louisville.

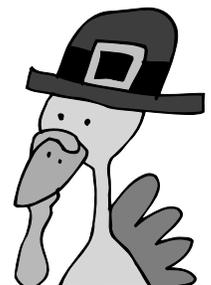
Ephesians 1:16: Thanksgiving and Prayer

Thank you:

Local Friends for pushing me during a busy month and providing various meals. KW—for sermon tapes to keep me learning while driving. JDJ—for encouragement.

Prayers:

I'm still searching for 2 new roommates beginning in January, as both Jonathan and Phil are moving. CC—friendships and family visits.



Heartwork: Pastoral Internship Responsibilities

The *EMIM Discovery Seminar* occurred on November 4. Approximately 50 people attended in order to find out how to develop their *Personal Ministry Profile*, which will help them plug-in to a specific ministry in the church. The spiritual gifts portion of the seminar, *Gifted2Serve*, is now online at Lakeview's website, <http://www.lakeviewbaptist.org>. The seminar was an excellent opportunity for me to teach some of God's people about a subject that I have studied extensively and have a great passion for.

I appreciate the great number of thank-you's and compliments I received following the seminar, but even more than that, I am greatly blessed to know that 2 attendees have volunteered to be Sunday School teachers as a result of the seminar, and others

have volunteered for other ministries in the church. Nothing is a greater encouragement than investing in a task and seeing it accomplish the desired result.

I continue to work in the Preschool department as needed, and as I have time. The three-year-olds have gotten to know me quite well, and I enjoy teaching and spending time with them.

About every other week this fall I've had the opportunity to substitute in a Sunday School class, which gives me an opportunity to prepare a lesson and speak to groups in the church. It's occasionally hard to jump in and out of classes like this, but since the entire adult division of the church is studying through the book of Acts, I simply keep my personal study up-to-date with the lessons, so I am prepared to jump in when and where I'm needed.

Et Moi: Personal Comments

Just for your information, when you send financial support to my ministry at Lakeview, it is a tax-deductible gift. Therefore, as you begin planning your year-end gifts, don't forget about my ministry here in Auburn.

God has used each of you to bless my ministry this year. He has been faithful to provide for my every need. I have plenty to be thankful for. I have great friends to encourage me, and countless other people literally around the world praying for me as my ministry grows.

As Thanksgiving comes and goes this coming week, the beginning of the Christmas season arrives. There are moments when the thought of Christmas excites me, as it is the one time during the year that both my brother and myself return to Florida to be with our family. I also enjoy the fact that this is the time of year when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ . . . the most influential figure in history. However, there are also so many things about this time of year that truly disturb my soul.

Auburn now has a Super Wal-Mart, which had been playing Christmas music since before Halloween. This is just a



small demonstration of the commercial and secular emphasis of such a wonderful holiday.

I want to remind each of you, well in advance, to make this Christmas season special. Don't forget the one who is the creator of everything, who stepped into His creation in order to redeem it back to Himself. Don't forget the one man who fulfilled hundreds of prophecies given centuries before hand recorded for us in the Old Testament—an absolute impossibility apart from the miraculous. Don't forget that first Christmas gift . . . the gift of God's own son, born of a young virgin, in a stable, so long ago.

As you spend time with family and friends this holiday season, I challenge you to take special care in taking time to reflect on the true meanings that formed these holidays, but have been lost in our increasingly secular society.

Think of those family members who try to minimize the truth of this season or do not even know about the truth. Make a special effort to inform them of the glorious news of a redeeming savior.

In His Service,

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