

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

Well, it's time for the annual "I can't wait for this semester to end" fun-filled Thanksgiving edition of *APK's Attic*! Yes, I know you barely finished reading the abbreviated October edition, and here comes another one!



Even over these past couple of weeks since the October edition, my life is moving forward with incredible speed as God continues to work in new and amazing ways.

Heartwork: Pastoral Internship Responsibilities

My first sermon in front of the church has now past. My sermon was an extensive exposition of 1 Corinthians 13, entitled "Ministry That Works: What's Love Got to Do With It?" I was honestly surprised at how well the sermon went in the midst of such a busy seminary class schedule. I spent significantly more time on this sermon than I ordinarily would on a single sermon, and I believe the investment paid off. Tapes of the sermon are available from Lakeview upon request.

I continue to work under Cliff in the College Department at Lakeview. I thoroughly enjoy working with the college students, building relationships with them, and helping them build their relationship with God in new and exciting ways.



Cliff Knight

Spending this much time with the college students has reminded me of how exciting and fun college life was for myself. It has also reminded me of the spiritual depth of some of the relationships I built during my college years. This time has strengthened my resolve to help other people get beyond the surface conversations of everyday life to the true heart issues of spiritual life.

Gone Mental: Seminary Course Work

Hebrew is over. Bro Al's Pastoral Ministry class has become a little bit of an adventure, as he has been in India for a couple of weeks, so several of the other Lakeview Staff members has been sharing on their area of expertise as it relates to the course material.

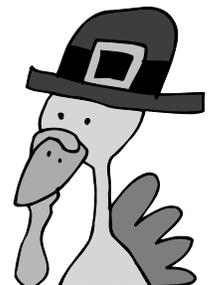
Church History continues to wear me down. Dr. Nettles amazes me with the information he has inside his head. The amount of reading, writing, and studying we have to do for his classes is astounding. Thanksgiving break will be spent studying.

BuildingChurch: Planting, Growth, & Health

In the midst of sermon preparation, studying Hebrew and Church History, ministering to the college students, and building relationships with people, I haven't had much time to spend on expanding my vision for church planting. Since the last time I updated the web site, several issues have arisen that may shift some of the aspects of my planting vision. Additionally, new ideas come to me all the time.

Much of the planting vision is strongly reliant on knowing some specifics as to what churches I will be working with, where the church plant will take place, and who the members of the church planting team will be. Due to the fact that none of these key points have been set in stone, much of my visioning process at this point is little more than spinning wheels, waiting for a go-ahead.

Somewhere along the line I will have to undergo "Church Planter Assessment," an evaluation by key leaders as to whether or not I am fit to be a church planter, and to confirm my call to such an awesome task. I do not know when this meeting will take place, so I merely mention it as a matter of long-term prayer.



Ephesians 1:16: Thanksgiving and Prayer**Thank you:**

Supporters, for your prayers and financial gifts. Especially your prayers over the past month, as God is doing a new work in my life and ministry—and I believe it showed in my sermon Sunday night.

Friends, for your “little encouragements” of all kinds: notes, conversations, letters, hugs, and so much more!

Praises:

CS—“fall” wasn't too serious.

Sermon went well.

Family member of supporter—marriage saved!

Prayers:

Many friends and family traveling throughout the holiday season.

Continuation of progress on church planting vision.

“Leaving a legacy”—what happens when I am gone?

Wisdom for our country's leaders, and for the salvation of our enemies.

Sympathy:

Jeanette Hewitt and family in the death of her husband, Robert.

Et Moi: Personal Comments

Our country is at war. This is a war like no other war in history. This is a war against anti-government, rather than a vicious government. This is a war against an enemy who can lose all their battles, but still win the war. How can this be?

We have been told that as powerful as our government is, there is a good chance that they will not stop all of the attempted terrorist attacks. However, even if we do manage to stop every single attack in the future, the enemy can still win the war.

In this war, the enemy's primary weapon is not bullets, missiles, or bombs. The enemy's primary weapon is not even the commercial airliners they used to launch the war, or biochemicals sent through the mail. This enemy's primary weapon is quite simple: perpetuate terror in the minds of people.

Why is this such a powerful weapon? Our society is founded upon and dependent upon the optimistic and creative minds of its people. If you can cripple the American spirit, you cripple America. As long as the terrorists can continue to prevent Americans from going about their lives without limits of fear, the terrorists are winning the war.

I watch the news and see airliners continuing to fly partially empty. I see rubber gloves and hurting lives. We are a people under attack, and I make no effort to minimize the realities we face. I suddenly realize that we have been complacent, but are suddenly awakened. “. . . *The complacency of fools will destroy them; but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm.*” – Proverbs 1:32-33

It is only right that we take wise and necessary precautions, but our leaders encouraged us once before, and I extend the exhortation again: continue our lives.

So how is it that we can overcome the fear that is holding back the American spirit? Only by the indwelling confidence in the grace of God.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.” – 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

I leave you with some Scriptures that will encourage you to be confident and to press on:

“The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?” – Psalm 27:1

“Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.” – Proverbs 29:25

“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.” – 1 John 4:18

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” – Psalm 23:4

At Peace in His Arms,


Andrew P. Kulp