

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 centuries 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*

The past couple of weeks have been incredibly busy, but the semester is now over and my internship responsibilities are wrapping up until the next millennium. The Auburn University students have gone home, and Auburn is almost a ghost town.

This week is my week for catching up on stuff I've been meaning to do for a while . . . this newsletter being the first of those things. In the midst of writing papers, studying for finals, finishing up books, and finishing internship responsibilities, APK's attic got a little lost in the shuffle.

If at all possible, several recent issues of APK's Attic will be available at <http://Andrew.Kulp.com/attic.htm> by January via Adobe Acrobat format. In order to save time and money, I will be trimming the number of newsletters I send out significantly in January. Please take notice of the enclosed slip as to your status in this matter.

Gone Mental: *Seminary Course Work*

The first semester of seminary is now over! Can you believe it? I am 1/6 of the way through! Time flies when you're having fun. I haven't gotten any grades back yet, but I am confident I passed all of the classes. My only real concern was Philosophy, because I did very poorly on the first test. However, I got a 94 on the paper, and think I improved greatly on the second test. I am confident that I did quite well in all of the other classes, but won't know for sure until grades come in.

The first week in January will be spent in Louisville, KY, cramming the entire Hermeneutics (Biblical interpretation) course into five days. I have 3 books to read in preparation for the class, so my holiday isn't going to slow down much.

The next semester of classes will not begin until February, but I will have several papers to write for the Hermeneutics class throughout the month of January.

Your Part:

Please remember me in your prayers throughout this holiday season. While my support has greatly improved, my monthly commitments are still far short of full support, and continue to strain my budget. I continue to trim edges to make ends meet, but I'm running out of edges. A special thank you to those who have given special gifts and continue in monthly support.

Please take notice as to whether or not you will continue to receive APK's Attic in the future and respond accordingly!

This semester of the FAITH Evangelism program winds up with a test on December 14. Please pray for me as I will become a group leader next quarter. I need to find two team members to train next semester. Begin praying now for a fresh and abundant harvest with the new team!

Heartwork: *Pastoral Internship Responsibilities*

As I reflect on the first quarter of internship, I realize how blessed I was to serve under John West for the first term. His two ministry areas, Missions and Administration, are the two areas of ministry that have a direct relationship with every other ministry at Lakeview. I will be able to take the things I've learned this first term and apply them and review them while serving under each of the other staff members. I look forward to serving under David Burdeshaw in the music ministries beginning in January.

I stayed up all night in order to see a team of college students leave for a short-term project in India. Please pray for Cliff, our college minister, and the rest of the team as they present the Gospel at colleges in India. They will return on December 21st.

Et Moi: *Personal Stuff*

I will be traveling to Florida for Christmas to visit friends and family there, and possibly on to South Carolina to visit more family and to see the addition on my uncle's house.

Yes, it's the Christmas season! This time of year has become a season of spending time with family and friends, giving gifts, and looking forward to a new year and fresh starts. But please! In the midst of all the hustle and bustle, take plenty of time to remember the little baby boy who split time. Take time with your family and friends to review the Christmas story and reflect on the awesome implications it brings.

God himself, loved you and I so much that He himself became a man . . . a baby . . . born of a young peasant girl . . . in a crowded stable late one night. God chose to announce this birth not to kings or religious rulers, but the lowly shepherds in the fields nearby. But why would God choose to do all this? How does this reflect God's love? God wants to have a close, personal relationship with each one of us. Our sin kept all of mankind from having this relationship since Adam and Eve were cast from the garden. That little baby Jesus came for the distinct purpose of making that relationship possible once again.

That baby was Jesus, Emmanuel, God With Us. That baby would grow up to become the Lamb of God that was slain. That baby now sits at the right hand of God the Father, interceding for us. That baby sends his Holy Spirit to counsel us, and to lead us, and to guide us through all of life's trials.

What a mighty miracle was the birth of Jesus! How humbling it is to even begin to fathom the depth of God's love in this one single act. What an awesome God He is! Hallelujah!

In the name of that baby, Jesus, God bless you all throughout this holiday season!

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