Greetings!

As many of you are aware one of the classes that I teach at Washington Adventist University is a course that I have developed on prayer. I created this course out of what I felt was a great need as well as my own personal interest in prayer that is the result of my mother's influence in my life at an early age...(read more below)

**True Revival**

Come learn about and experience true revival each Tuesday evening during our Prayer Gathering beginning February 8. Pastor Tapp will be going through the book *True Revival: The Church's Greatest Need* by Ellen G. White. We hope you can join us for this weekly inspiration.

**Prayer Practice**

Next to collecting quotes that I find on church signs, I love to collect books on the subject of prayer. If you were to have the opportunity to see my home library you would discover that I have devoted several shelves to books on this topic. Some of which I have had the pleasure of reading several times, while others I have yet to open. But regardless of how many books that I, or anyone else for that matter has read on this or any other topic, the fact remains that until we put what we have read into practice, it is of little value to us. Think about it for a moment. You didn't learn to swim by sitting on the edge of the pool merely being a spectator, and you didn't learn how to drive by simply reading a manual. Yes you may have picked up a few things about swimming from watching others do it. And yes you probably learned some vital information as it relates to driving from the manual, but until you actually dove into the water, or actually got behind the wheel of
a car and began to put into practice the things that you studied, you were merely acquiring information. Good information yes, but information nonetheless.

I was reading the other day that one of the most amazing things about the Jesus' prayer life was not how he prayed or even where he prayed, but it was the fact that he prayed. In other words, Jesus recognized that the true value of prayer is when it is put to use. Unlike most things in life that depreciate in value the more it is used, the value of prayer appreciates. If prayer is to be that vital force in our lives that connects us to the Creator of the universe, who by the way, only has our best interest at heart, shouldn't we be willing to do more than just read books on the topic? Not a sermon…but it should definitely be a thought!

May God bless us richly as we prepare our hearts and our lives to worship him in spirit and in truth.

Pastor Charles A. Tapp
Senior Pastor

The Tie That Binds
This Sabbath we continue our series on The Nature of Our Nurture with a message that I have titled, The Tie That Binds which is based on Colossians 3:12-17. What is the tie binds us together as believers? Is it the doctrine that we share or is it more than that?

Book club investigates what religion in America looks like today
In their book, "American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us" Robert D. Putnam and David E. Campbell delve into the chasms of a "new religious fault line" they say exists in America today and the polarization across denominations. They explain the recent history of religion in America and why our society looks the way it does today.

Through extensive research, they share their findings, but moreover, through stories, bring to light the things that bind us together as Christians and offer encouragement for the future.

Book Club
Meets every second Monday of the month--HOWEVER--this month's date has been changed to THIS Monday.

February 21
7:00-8:00pm
Disciple Room (Use Greenwood Ave. entrance)
Sounds of Steel
The Sounds of Steel orchestra, under the direction of David E. Campbell, will be presenting an evening of spiritual music with an island flavor this Saturday at 6pm in the sanctuary. This concert is presented by the Black Student Union of Washington Adventist University and Sligo Church as part of our celebration of African-American History. We hope you can plan to be there and invite a friend to join you for this special concert.

Sounds of Steel Concert
Saturday, February 19, 2011
6:00pm
Sligo Church Sanctuary

We hope you found this week's e-weekend newsletter helpful. If there is anything else you would like to see included, we appreciate your feedback. Just email us to sligo@sligochurch.org. We will continue to send this out on a weekly basis. Remember, you may choose to unsubscribe for any reason at any time, though, we hope you won't!

May God continue to richly bless you!