Greetings!

This morning before I got too far into my day I decided to spend some time in my flower garden. As I have mentioned many times from the pulpit, my garden is one of the places where I love to "hang out." There is something about being close to nature and holding it in my hands that is very therapeutic for me. Whenever I have a lot on my mind I can always go to my garden and find the refuge and peace for which my heart longs.

Well, you can imagine how distraught I was when I discovered that weeds had invaded my garden in what seemed like overnight. The first thought that came to my mind was, "where did these weeds come from? I didn't plant them." And that's what so strange about weeds. You don't have to plant them in order for them to take root in your garden; they just show up like an uninvited guest at a party. As a matter of fact, I don't know of anyone that has ever gone to a garden store and asked for a package of weeds so that they could plant them in their garden. And why would they? Weeds tend to choke out the life of your plants as well as take the nourishment that is needed for them to grow and become healthy and strong.

But just as there are weeds growing in our gardens, there are weeds that tend to sprout up in the gardens of our lives as well. And just as they can choke out the life in our plants they can do the same with the life that God desires to have with his children. There are the weeds of jealousy and deception and the weeds of selfishness and discontent. All of these, if allowed to remain in the soil of our lives, will eventually choke out our life with the Lord. And just as I need to spend time each day pulling out the
weeds out of my garden, each of us needs to spend time daily ridding our 

lives of these weeds as well. But what I discovered while working in my 
garden this morning was that if I wet the soil first, I was able to pull those 

pesky weeds out by the root with very little effort. Think about it for a 
moment. If we allow our lives to experience a daily watering with the word 
of God, just imagine how much easier it will be to rid our spiritual gardens 
of these unwanted guests as well.

As I close, I leave you with the words from one of my favorite hymns. I 
pray that they will be as water to your sin-parched soul.

I come to the garden alone 
While the dew is still on the roses 
And the voice I hear falling on my ear 
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain
And He walks with me, and He talks with me, 
And He tells me I am His own; 
And the joy we share as we tarry there, 
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice, 
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing, 
And the melody that He gave to me 
Within my heart is ringing.

Pastor Charles A. Tapp
Senior Pastor

Project Top Grade
At the Church Business Meeting on Tuesday, 
May 3, Sligo Church voted for Sligo Adventist 
School (SAS) and Sligo Seventh-day 
Adventist Church to partner with the 
Commonweal Foundation and the Potomac 
Conference in donating funds to update Sligo 
School’s physical facilities and improve the 
overall educational experience. As a result of 
the generous gifts of over a million dollars 
from Commonweal Foundation and the 
Potomac Conference, funds will be made 
available for a new HVAC, fire alarm system, 
fire doors, new windows and other needed 
repairs, plus provide professional 
development for teachers and special 
tutoring for students. Our part is to provide scholarships for needy 
students. SAS and Sligo Church will be expected to raise $350,000 to be 
placed in a special scholarship fund for students who otherwise would not 
be able to afford a Christian education.

We invite you to be a part of this investment in our children by placing 
your funds in the Giving Envelope, and marking it Project "TOP GRADE," 
which stands for Project Takoma Park: Guaranteeing Revitalized 
Adventist Education. For more information about this project, please call 
Principal Larry Rich at (240) 464-7054.
Sligo Homecoming Weekend

Save the date! Sligo's Homecoming Weekend will be back again this summer August 5 & 6 with another opportunity to catch up with old friends and find inspiration for the future.

Dr. Benjamin Carson, M.D., Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins University, will be our guest speaker on Sabbath, August 6.

Invite a friend to join you, or if you haven't been to Sligo in awhile, we hope you can make plans to be here for this exciting weekend!

More details coming soon!

Vacation Bible School is coming back!

Summer is for kids—and Vacation Bible School is the time kids get to have fun learning about God's love.

This year, be ready for a wild celebration of God's unconditional love! At PandaMania VBS, kids will discover that God has a purpose and a plan for everyone and that he crafted each of us with His own loving hands.

PandaMania VBS
July 17-22
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!
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