Dear Lexie,

As I shared with you in the last edition of eWeekend, the Potomac Conference held its annual camp meeting recently on the campus of Shenandoah Valley Academy. What I did not share with you is that I had the privilege of conducting a three day workshop on the topic of prayer. As you know, one of the classes that I teach at Washington Adventist University is a class that I developed on the topic of prayer. I developed this class out of a personal desire that I have to help young and old alike make prayer an integral part of their daily lives.

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The title of my camp meeting presentation was, *When All You Can Do Is Pray: Studies On the Power and Purpose of Prayer*. The focus of this presentation was that as Christians, prayer should never be viewed as something that we merely engage in as a last resort, but instead it should be the daily, life-giving communication with God that it was meant to be.

One of my favorite authors on the topic of prayer that has...
greatly influenced my personal prayer life is E. M. Bounds. It has been said that since the time of the apostles, no man besides Bounds has left such a rich inheritance of biblical research into the life of prayer. Having personally read many, if not all of his writings on this topic, I must say that I am inclined to agree.

In staff meeting this week, I shared a statement that Bounds made as it relates to Jesus' words in the Lord's prayer which say, "Give us this day, our daily bread." In his book titled *The Necessity of Prayer* he has this to say: "We do not live for tomorrow, but for today. We do not look for tomorrow's grace or tomorrow's bread. Those who live in the present thrive best and get the most out of life. Those who pray best pray for today's, not tomorrow's needs. Our prayer for tomorrow's needs may be unnecessary because they may not exist at all!"

Oh if we could only live our lives in the moment of today instead of dragging all of the cares and fears of tomorrow, which by the way, most of which will never come to fruition, into our existence of today. If we could only take Jesus' words to heart when he said, "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

I challenge each of us to learn the lesson that God taught Israel via the *manna miracle*, in the wilderness, as they made their way from Egypt to the Land of Promise. It was the lesson of trusting in God daily to meet their needs for each day and not to become overly concerned about what they would need for tomorrow. May God help us to learn this lesson through His love and grace as we make it our goal to take one day at a time.

**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!