June 30, 2011
Sligo e-weekend Newsletter
Show or tell?

Dear Lexie,

I’m sure by now most of you are aware that I have a passion for the game of tennis. I guess you could say that it is more than a passion, it is one of my all-time loves. I became interested in tennis as a youth, after seeing one of its greats, Arthur Ashe defeat Jimmy Connors in the 1975 finals of Wimbledon. In case you are not that familiar with the sport, Wimbledon is held in England and it is tennis’ most prestigious and sought after prize. Wimbledon is to tennis what the World Series is to baseball. Ashe, by the way, was the first African American man to ever win this coveted title and there has never been another since.

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I’m sure that you are probably curious as to why I am taking the time to share my love of tennis in this edition of eWeekend. Well, because Wimbledon is taking place as we speak and I am writing this eWeekend from my hotel room in London, England. No, I’m not here to be a part of the frenzy that is Wimbledon, but I have been able to watch it from my hotel, on television. And yes, I am still saddened over the fact that Federer lost yesterday. Oh well, there’s always next year.

I am in England because I have been invited to speak for the constituency session of the British Union. Their theme for this
session is "That the World May Know..." Since they have given me the luxury of filling in the blanks, I have chosen "The Love of God" as a subtext. I decided to make this my focus because I believe that this is the reason that we as the church exist. What better way for God to share His message of love to the world than through people who have experienced this firsthand? As I have said to you on many occasions, the world doesn't care how much we know, until they know how much we care. The reason that this is so important is because this is how we demonstrate to our world that God loves them.

When you think about it, this is an awesome responsibility that God has placed within the hands of His church. My prayer is that we will faithfully live up to this responsibility by reminding ourselves each day of just how much God has demonstrated this unconditional love to us. So the next time you are tempted to "tell" someone how much God loves them, pause for a moment and "show" them instead. Who knows? It might be the very thing that changes their world forever.

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 weeks' 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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