Dear Lexie,

By the time you read this edition of the eWeekend, Maureen and I will be on our way back to the United States. I must say that our time spent here in the United Kingdom was a blessing in many ways. There is something about traveling outside the United States that helps to provide a better sense of perspective of just how big our God is. One of the blessings that we received was, to our surprise, we discovered that Sligo members Nick and Ruth Satlemeijer were in London as well, and that Nick would be giving the prayer for the Sabbath service. I guess you could say that was God's way of making us feel right at home.

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I recognize the theme of love in many cases has been reduced to mere sentimentality, but the love that Jesus speaks of here is much more than that. Jesus is making it clear, not only to those in His company, but to all who will become disciples in the future, that the identifying mark that distinguishes His followers from the rest of the world is the love that they possess one for the other. In John 17 we find Jesus even praying that His disciples, present as well as future, will one day be able to show the world that they truly know how to love the way that God loves.

Many times, as believers, we complain when our prayers seem to go unanswered. Well, when you think about it, doesn't Jesus have that right as well? Have we allowed His prayer to go unanswered in our lives? Have we developed the ability to love one another the way that God loves us, unconditionally? My prayer is that we won't have Christ wait in vain and that we will begin to allow His Spirit to transform us to become a church that is known for its love, more than it is for its doctrine. The words to one of my favorite songs puts it this way, "And they shall know we are Christians by our love, by our love. And they'll know we are Christians by our love." Who says Amen to that?

Pastor Charles A. Tapp
Senior Pastor

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!

Click the picture to find out more & to register!

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

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. Or give online here.
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!