Dear Lexie,

In just two weeks Sligo Church will be celebrating its Homecoming Weekend. For those of you who might be new to our fellowship, this will be our second opportunity to celebrate this occasion. And as with any homecoming celebration, our goal is to reach out, reclaim as well as reconnect with those from our past. I continue to find it amazing that no matter where my travels take me, more than you might think, I am always approached by those who will tell me that they have been associated with Sligo over the years in one way or another. And what is even more interesting is that, although they may no longer be a part of our local congregation, they take pride in letting me know that in many cases their membership is still here. And if not their membership, their hearts will forever remain with us. In essence they were saying, "Home is where the heart is."

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love they have for this church to continue to burn brightly. It is this spirit that my wife and I brag about wherever and whenever we have the opportunity to share the story that is Sligo. Although we don't take time to say it to you often, we thank God for you and what you have become in our lives.

As you know, in preparation for this reunion on August 5-6, we have designated Homecoming Sabbath as one of our OSR (Organ Sanctuary Renovation) Days of Sacrificial Giving. Because of the diligent work by Dr. James Gulley and the stewardship Committee, along with your faithfulness, we are well on our way to realizing our goal, which as you know, will allow us to support many other ministries in our church and community, such as the Health Fair that will take place in Langley Park the Sabbath afternoon of Homecoming celebration. We are so excited about this opportunity to serve our neighbors in a very tangible way. Pastor Brillhart and the Health Team here at Sligo, in conjunction with Washington Adventist Hospital and Washington Adventist University, will be taking a message to our neighbors that Jesus cares about them. That's what I call a powerful demonstration of God's love and grace.

In closing, I leave with you this statement from the book Ministry of Healing pg. 143 as we continue to reflect on our purpose and mission here at Sligo. Here Ellen White states:

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me."

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!*

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**Vacation Bible School Starts This Sunday!**

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

*To register please visit [www.sligochurch.org/vbs](http://www.sligochurch.org/vbs)!*

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**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.

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!