Dear Lexie,

In the last few weeks, we have endured several storms that have greatly impacted our lives. There have been storms that have rained down hail out of the skies as well as those storms that have tossed us to and fro. There have been those storms that have shaken us up a bit, and then there have been those that have come in like a flood. It seems that we barely escape the attacks of one storm, and find ourselves being plummeted by yet another.

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As catastrophic as these natural disasters can be, in many ways, they are not all that different from the storms of life that confront us on a daily basis. They can be the storms that we experience as the result of the loss of a loved one, or the loss of a job that provided income we counted on for years, or even the tragic loss of a marriage that has simply begun to fall apart at the seams.

Whether your storm is the result of some natural disaster or simply the result of dramatic changes in the circumstances of your life, God's desire is that we experience peace in the midst of our storms. One of the many passages that continue to be a source of great comfort and strength for my family during these tumultuous times is what the Apostle Paul said to the believers at Philippi. In Philippians 4:6-7, he says: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present
your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

I believe the peace that God desires for His children to experience is not merely that which will come to us in the midst of a storm, but it is the peace that can be ours long before there is a storm on the horizon. It is the peace that comes when we are willing to present our concerns and worries to Him each and every day, trusting that our cares, as well as our lives, have been placed in good hands.

Pastor Charles A. Tapp
Senior Pastor

Sligo/WAU Unity Day

On Saturday, September 17, 2011, during the 8:45 & 11:15 a.m. worship services, our guest speaker will be Barry C. Black, the 62nd Chaplain of the United States Senate. He was elected to this position on June 27, 2003, becoming the first African-American, the first Seventh-day Adventist, and the first military chaplain to hold the office of chaplain to the United States Senate. He previously served for over 27 years as a chaplain in the United States Navy, rising to the rank of Rear Admiral (UH) and ending his career as the Chief of Navy Chaplains, commanding the United States Navy Chaplain Corps. He officially retired from the Navy on August 15, 2003. In addition to opening the Senate each day in prayer, Chaplain Black provides counseling and spiritual care for Senators, their families, and staff - a combined constituency of over seven thousand people. We hope you can join us!

Chaplain Black is the best-selling author of his autobiography entitled From the Hood to the Hill, as well as The Blessing of Adversity. Both of these books are available at Potomac Adventist Book & Health Food Store.

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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 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!