Dear Lexie,

This week, I had the privilege of speaking to the faculty, staff and students at the campus of Washington Adventist University for their annual WISE or Week In Spiritual Emphasis. It is always an honor and a challenge to address such a large group of individuals who are seeking a closer walk with the Lord: especially when the vast majority of the audience is comprised of college students.

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In other words, God has a journey for me that is uniquely mine and the same goes for you as well. If we are going to run this race successfully, it means that we must be willing to "STAY IN OUR LANES!" Just as crossing over into someone else's lane in the world of track can potentially disqualify you from the race, the same can be said for the race that God has called each of us to run.

It was Albert Einstein that said, "God doesn't play dice." And when it comes to our lives, neither should we. Our job should be to discover the plan that God has for OUR lives, and then be content to run that race and not occupy our thoughts with running someone else's race. Remember, the key to life is staying in YOUR lane.

Pastor Charles A. Tapp
Senior Pastor

Sligo/WAU Unity Day

On Saturday, September 17, 2011, during the 11:15 a.m. worship service, 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.
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!