Dear Lexie,

In 1998, then democratic presidential hopeful, Jesse Jackson, gave what many referred to as one of the most electrifying political speeches they had ever heard. Jackson's call to bring an end to what he referred to as, "economic violence," resonated throughout the Atlanta Convention Center as well as in the hearts and minds of many skeptics throughout the nation. I too was witness to that speech. No, not from the convention center there in Atlanta, but from Queens, New York, as I like many others watched from the comfort of our homes. Although I recognized at the time that Jackson had no chance of winning, his words, nevertheless, were still a penetrating force with which to be reckoned.

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"Keep Hope Alive"...

The most memorable part of Jackson's speech for many that evening came as he was nearing the end of his presentation. They are words that Jackson himself still uses as he continues to give speeches wherever his travels take him. They are three simple words, "Keep Hope Alive." Like any good preacher, Jackson ended his speech in Atlanta by repeating these words over and over again, as he solicited his audience to join in with him. Jackson's message in a nutshell was, "Today, tomorrow and beyond, we can win, if we keep hope alive!"
This too was the message of the Apostle Paul in his words to the church at Corinth as he encouraged them to place their confidence in the resurrection of Christ. Paul began by reminding the believers that there was no hope for them unless Christ had truly been raised from the dead. Paul says, "And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty." (1 Cor. 15:14). You see, Paul was simply presenting the "what if" argument. However, before one ounce of discouragement could take root in their hearts, he quickly assured them that indeed Christ had risen from the grave. (1 Cor. 15:20).

Although Paul may have begun with presenting the argument of the "what if," like Jesse, he too ends with a rainbow of hope. And because Paul's hope was in the knowledge of the risen Christ, then we as believers some two thousand years later; today, tomorrow and forever, can win, if we "keep this hope alive." May this hope be renewed in our hearts this weekend at Sligo as we celebrate the risen Lord.

Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive! Keep hope alive! Today, tomorrow and beyond, keep hope alive!

Pr. Charles A. Tapp
Senior Pastor
April 21
(Growing Great Kids Sabbath)
Pr. Gerry Lopez

Worship Services every Saturday:
First Service - 8:45am
Sabbath School - 10:00am
Sabbath Celebration - 11:15am

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Thursday, April 5
Holy Communion: “Less Is More”
Sacred Chamber Music featuring the Tomenko and Di Finto Families
Sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 6
Drama by Steven Mosely: “Likely Suspects — The Whole Bible in One Mystery”
Sanctuary, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 7
The Church at Worship: “The Cost”
Sanctuary, 8:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Speaker: Charles A. Tapp, Senior Pastor
Music by Sligo Sanctuary Choir & Children’s Choir

Sunday, April 8
Resurrection Celebration: “Not A Fan”
Sanctuary, 11 a.m.
Speaker: Charles A. Tapp, Senior Pastor
Music by Christian recording artist Angela Bryant-Brown
Drama — “God’s Chisel”
Reception to follow, Sligo Atrium
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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!