Dear Lexie,

If you know anything about the Amish people, then you know that they are a very tight knit community of Christian fellowships that form a subgroup of the Mennonite Churches. But what the Amish are probably best known for is the simple lifestyle they have adopted, which includes their plain way of dressing as well as a reluctance to adopt many of the modern conveniences that are so readily available to them. In her book titled, Amish Values for Your family: What We Can Learn from the Simple Life, author Suzanne Woods Fischer describes the Amish as a people that maintain one of the strongest family systems in America. Unlike many American families whose time spent together has declined rapidly in recent years due to internet use and the rise of social networking, the Amish have developed a lifestyle based on a set of values that in many ways has shielded them from the social and moral decline that has been experienced by most American families.

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"A Lesson from the Amish"

Now, the author is not suggesting that we become Amish and neither am I, but I am suggesting that we can learn from the values as well as the traditions they hold dear. One of the time honored Amish traditions that I find quite impressive is called barn raising, also referred to as "raising the roof." Basically, barn raising or raising the roof happens when members of the Amish community are in need of a barn being erected on their property, either as a replacement where the original was destroyed by fire or when it's being erected for the very first time. The way that it works is that a notice is sent out to the surrounding area that an Amish family is in need of a barn and in response the entire community comes together to make it happen. Some donate labor while others donate materials, but everyone pulls together to make sure that at the end of the day, the roof is raised.

As I am about to enter my fifth year of being your senior pastor, I have been impressed that it is high time for the Sligo community to come together to "raise the roof!" No I'm saying that we need to build another structure on our property, but what I am saying is that it is high time for this community to come together and do what God has commissioned us to do. It's time for us to pull together our gifts and our talents and our other resources to raise the roof for the kingdom of God. Please join us this Sabbath as I will be sharing the message, "Raising the Roof." It is a message whose time, I believe, has finally come.

Charles A. Tapp
Senior Pastor
8:45 & 11:15 a.m.
Lael Caesar

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First Service - 8:45am
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Sabbath Celebration - 11:15am

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