Dear Lexie,

Sharing and Growing

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Peace on Earth
Advent Month

JOIN SLIGO CHURCH FAMILY This Holiday Season. Peace on Earth is the theme for this year's advent month, we pray that you may join as we celebrate the reason for the season together.

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Whether it is a status update, tweet, friend request, or pintrest, people want to share their thoughts, their passions, their causes, their annoyances, their irritations, their joys, and their pains. While social networking sites are a new phenomenon they address an old and shared need: the need to share.

In Acts 2:42-47 we find a community of early Christians sharing everything in common, both their physical and spiritual needs.

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."

It is not a surprise that this sharing community was also a growing community? Sharing strengthens the community and the individuals in the community. By sharing our life in God with each other we have the opportunity to uplift, connect, support, witness, and grow.

Join us this week as the Sligo community does some sharing and growing. You will hear the testimonies of Kevin Knight and Troy Campbell as they share God’s activity in their lives. We will spend time sharing our joys and concerns through prayer. We will spend time growing through mutual encouragement and fellowship.
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GROWING GREAT KIDS WISHING WELL

By pesposito On December 20, 2012 • Add Comment • In Children's Ministry

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“What is that?” you wonder. Closer inspection leads to an aqua-colored object designed to spiral coins in ever-deeping swirls into its throat. “Clunk” goes a quarter, a penny close behind. This is Sligo's Wishing Well, often surrounded by its children. “Can I have some monies, Mom?” asks my grandson, Colin, as he emerges from Sabbath School. My heavy purse lightens a bit as the week’s cache of change slides down launching platforms into the Wishing Well. “Me, too, Auntie!” squeal Brandon and Brianna. Whirr, whirr, whirr.

The contents of the Wishing Well are counted after Sabbath and their value posted in Sligo Bulletin for the next week. Between $800 and $1000 worth of coins (and a few bills) slide into the Wishing Well each week. Wishing Well funds helped pay off Sligo's Organ Sanctuary Renovation.

Beyond the monetary value of Sligo’s Wishing Well, though, is its effect on dime-whirling children. The Wishing Well makes giving a kind of play. Our youngest children look forward to Sabbath, to getting “monies” for the Wishing Well and sending them spiraling away. The Wishing Well teaches our children to be cheerful givers. Thank you, Stewardship Committee, for bringing the Wishing Well to Sligo.

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Charles Tapp, Saturday, November 24, 2012

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Young Adults Bible Study
When: Friday, December 28, 2012 from 7:15 PM to 9:30 PM
Where: Discipleship Room
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Worship At 8:45 a.m.
When: Saturday, December 29, 2012 from 8:45 AM to 10:00 AM
Where: Sanctuary
This service is the most 1 [...] 

Sabbath School
When: Saturday, December 29, 2012 from 10:00 AM to 11:45 AM
Where: Sanctuary
The 10 o'clock hour [...]
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After several months I stopped by to call on them. As I was leaving the house after our visit, the man said, "It's been a long time since I've given anything to the church. But I want to get right with the Lord." Then he handed me a piece of paper, folded in two, which I stuck into my shirt pocket. I had enough class not to gawk at something like that in his presence, so I drove down the road a little bit. When I stopped and pulled that piece of paper out of my pocket, I saw that it was a check—for $28,000. I've been handed lots of checks in my lifetime, but never one for that much. That's why it sticks in my mind.

From that day on that man and his wife became active members of the Seventh-day Adventist church in that community. I left for another assignment not long after that, but that couple continued to be active; in fact, they were the nucleus that kept that church together.

We invest in God's kingdom when we support His church with our tithe, our offerings, and our influence. The more we invest, and the greater our level of involvement, the greater is our reward as we work with others to build up God's kingdom.

This happened more than 20 years ago, and I haven't been back to that church in years. In fact, I'm not sure that couple is still alive. But I know that their investment in the Lord's work brought them joy and satisfaction and benefited the church more than they could have imagined.

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