Dear Lexie,

"Home Sweet Home"

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Alexandra Browning,
Vocalist
Wintley Phipps,
Soloist

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I pray that this is the feeling that our members experience each time they return to Sligo Church. But when you think about it, what creates that feeling within the hearts of our members is more than just the worship that we experience each week, although that may be part of it. What I believe is the main contributor to this feeling is the community that is formed here. There is something about the community that is Sligo that you just can’t seem to get anywhere else in the world. If you remember, the main reason why we created this celebration is because of the many “Sligonians” around the world that for whatever reason just can’t seem to let go of their membership, even though many of them have been gone for over twenty years. No matter where they are or how long they’ve been there, they still long for their days here at Sligo.

As we prepare to celebrate our fourth Annual Homecoming here at Sligo, I pray that the longing for “home” will in some way create a longing for the home that Jesus has gone to prepare for each and every one of His children. But before we can be ready to take up residence with Him in our heavenly home, we must first be willing to allow him to take up residence in our hearts.
Homecoming 2013

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Schedule and Speakers
Hope Amidst Chaos Q&A, Part 3

In the past three weeks, we have had some amazing young people walk through our doors and deeply study Biblical topics with us, including salvation, the sanctuary, the Commandments, and eternity. The energy and response was incredible, and it has been encouraging to see the Holy Spirit work on the hearts of our attendees. This weekend will be the conclusion of our series. This Sabbath, we are joyfully baptizing three young people, and after the series, we will be starting Bible studies with 20+ people and incorporating others into our ministries. We ask our church to welcome these new members with open hearts, and to walk with all of us as we continue our spiritual journey.

Last week we discussed many heavy topics, and there were many questions! Here are a few, answered by Young Adult Leader Marcus Robinson and Pastor Pranitha Fielder.

**Does time exist for those who are dead?**

The dead don’t know anything (Ecclesiastes 9:5.) The Bible describes death as sleep where no time passes.

**Did God create Jesus too, or was He just there like God?**

No, Jesus was alive and always there. He was the one who created the Earth — John 1  "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.”

**So if hell is only a temporary/one time event, where do Satan and his angels go? They have existed from the moment God made them ‘til now, they don’t die like humans?**

Hell is temporary because evil people and things will burn until they are consumed and no longer exist. That means that the devil and his angels will no longer exist. That is what it means by eternal fire— the destruction caused by the fire is final, and there will be no resurrection of the evil things. 2 Peter 3:10 says, “But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.”

**Jesus came to show us how to live and that through him we can overcome temptation. So at what point must we become sinless?**

We do not become sinless on our own. We all are sinful creatures . Even the “right” things we do don’t make us righteous. We become sinless when we accept God’s gift of grace. Romans 3:23 says, “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” Romans 6:23 says, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

With God’s help through the Holy Spirit, we will live lives that are pleasing to God. There are sins we will overcome through the Holy Spirit and there are other things we may continue to struggle with for some time. This is a lifelong process which we call the work of sanctification. In this process there are ups and downs, but God is with us each step, helping us and guiding us.