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"Power Dependent"

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Homecoming 2013

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This Sabbath:
August 17, 2013

Speaker:
Pr. Debbie Eisele
"Stirred, not Shaken"

Special Musical
Guests:
Judy Vandeman,
Soprano
Charmaine Ferbish,
Soprano

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Testimonies & Blessings

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Truth be told, we live not only in a power hungry world, but we are totally and utterly dependent on it. And this dependency on power has led us to discover and unleash a great number of power sources. Here are a few that come to mind:

But you see, although we discovered all these power sources, and even unleashed the power of an atom and thus have brought the possibility of destroying our own planet, man has not yet discovered the power to change his own heart. But there is good news, because through the study of the Bible we see how God’s power has changed and continues to transform the hearts of people, even now. This power was demonstrated in the Old Testament through men and women that surrendered all to God and allowed His power to be manifested in their lives. They were men and women like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Esther, or men and women like Pricilla, John, Paul, Peter. They discovered that connected to THE source of power and strength, their feebleness and weaknesses was transformed into strength.

As you may know, a group of Sligo members are working together in going out into the community to share the Hope that we have. Yet we realize that we can’t do anything unless we are connected to heaven’s power source. We are taking time this week to pray for the Holy Spirit, to pray for the fulfillment of that promise which we find in Acts 1:7-8:

“‘And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”’

Will you join us as we pray for the anointing of God’s Spirit? He is wanting and waiting to do great things; He is just waiting for us to be Power Hungry and Power Dependant… Are you Power hungry today?

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We’ve Only Just Begun

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Homecoming 2013, with the theme, “We’ve Only Just Begun,” commenced with Family Worship on Friday evening, led by Gerry Lopez, Children and Family Ministries pastor, and his family. Those in attendance celebrated the advent of the Sabbath and spoke of the various ways in which they welcome the Sabbath at home. The experience was enhanced with Challah and Kiddush, borrowed from the Jewish tradition of celebrating the arrival of the Sabbath.

Teaching a class of hundreds can be challenging but Dr Gaspar Colon made it look and feel like a fireside chat as he skillfully and thoughtfully led the discussion of the lesson on ‘The Fruit of Revival.’ Pastor Pranitha Fielder gave the mission feature, which focused on the female pastors who have served Sligo Church over the years and the immense contribution that these women have made to making Sligo the compassionate, accepting and serving community that it is today. On a day when the speaker for the worship services was a female pastor and one who previously served at Sligo, the mission feature could not have been more appropriate.

A highlight of each year’s Homecoming is the international luncheon, which this year was held at Sligo School. Close to one thousand members and guests feasted on dishes from the Americas, the Orient, Africa, Europe, the Caribbean and other parts of the world. “The food is great,” said one very happy member as she savored a samosa, “and the fellowship is even better.”

To cap an unforgettable weekend, over 12 hundred joined Pastor Wintley Phipps on Sabbath evening for a time of worship in songs. The congregation launched into “Shall We Gather at the River” and other hymns with a fervor that suggested that they were in the mood for worship. Even, those who are not usually keen on singing traditional hymns joined in the spirit of worship and lent their voices to singing these songs of the Christian faith and experience. The enthusiasm and passion of the congregation in songs was matched by the melodious and appealing voice of Pastor Phipps as he premiered his newest album, Near the Cross, which features some of Fanny Crosby’s great hymns, backed by the City of Prague Philharmonic Orchestra. This program was billed as a concert but was anything but a typical concert. Pastor Phipps and others ensured that it was an evening of worship and admiration of the One who loved us to the extent that He was prepared to die on a cross for us.

More than 3000 attended the weekend events, including those who joined on line. A number of information cards were filled out by guests, inviting the church to keep in touch with them or provide them with additional information about the church and its services.

Senior pastor, Charles Tapp, was pleased with the success of the weekend and believes that the objectives of Homecoming, which are, to restore, to reconnect and to revive our relationships with God and former members and our community at large, were realized.

We are already thinking of Homecoming 2014 but the homecoming that looms largest in our consciousness and our expectations is that when our Lord comes again and takes us to the place He has gone to prepare for us.

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Pastor Wintley Phipps in Concert

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One young adult heard about the “Hope Amidst Chaos” series through family members, friends, and the flyers she saw. She came to the series to draw closer to God. She thought the series was inspiring and helped her understand more about God. She was also impressed with the music and the message because she felt a connection with God during those moments. It has guided her to take baby steps with her relationship with God. After meeting with the pastor she was paired up with a spiritual mentor to help her as she continues to grow in Christ. They pray together over the phone every morning before they start their day and plan to meet at least once a month to encourage and support each other. This gave the leadership team the idea to create long-term spiritual mentoring relationships for any youth and young adults who are looking to grow spiritually. Currently 14 youth and young adults are being paired up with older members of the church to foster these spiritual relationships.

Nine youth asked for baptism during the series and three of them were baptized on Sabbath July 27. One of the three attended Sligo only a few times before the evangelism series. Her mother is Buddhist and father converted to Buddhism from Catholicism but found herself searching for something else. Once the series started she attended every session and during the last week felt she was ready and compelled to surrender her life to Jesus through baptism. She was introduced to Sligo’s Friday night Vespers through her friend, and came to the evangelistic series because she wanted to meet new people. She has met many friends and the Friend above all friends.

“From the Ground Up” – Hope Amidst Chaos series addressed a need many youth and young adults felt; 39 people recommitted to Jesus as their Salvation. 31 people requested Bible Studies and have been placed in small groups throughout the DMV area, 17 people requested to get involved with ministry, and 10 people decided to become members of Sligo.

On the last day of the series, Pastor Fielder revealed that before the series even started she felt impressed not to end the series in July as planned but to turn it into a weekly service for youth and young adults. She prayed that if this was the direction God wanted for the department God would have Pastor Charles Tapp approach her about a weekly service. Pastor Fielder didn’t reveal her impression to anyone except her husband. However, a week into the series Pastor Tapp approached her about the very same thing. He too felt impressed that the series should turn into a weekly youth and young adult church services. This series turned into much more than a four week evangelism series; it is molding the future of youth and young adult ministry at Sligo Church.

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Going to spend the weekend in Ocean City, MD? Need a place to Worship? Well you're in luck! From June 29th to September 28th 2013 you can join our Sligo family on your vacation too!

Join us for Sligo by the Sea
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St. Peter's Lutheran Church
10301 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD, 410-524-7474
Sabbath School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m.

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