Dear Lexie,

Conscientious Affirmation

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The Wonder of Worship

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Children's Church

Hide and Seek

Join us this Sabbath November 9, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Primary II Room (second floor) for Children's Sabbath. Welcoming kids 1-12 years old. We hope to see you there!

Festival of Praise!

Bring Family and Friends

Few services at Sligo are as joyous as our annual Festival of Praise and this is year we’ve stepped up a notch. We have a special programs all day long and we want you to invite your family and friends!

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Pr. Debbie Eisle – Congregational care Pastor

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Corporal Desmond T. Doss of Lynchburg, Virginia chose to defend even his enemies and save their lives. The enemies were not from another country; they were from within his own 77th Infantry Division. When Desmond was drafted into World War II in April of 1942, he registered as a conscientious objector, refusing to use or carry a weapon into combat. As a Seventh-day Adventist, he also dared to keep the Sabbath as a day of worship. For this, he was ridiculed and marginalized, even though he worked overtime during the rest of the week. His supervisors even tried to declare him unstable and discharge him as unsuitable.

Eventually Doss’ division was sent to the South Pacific and there he risked his life many times over to bring others to safety, including those who had made his life so miserable. Because the risks and the number of men saved were so high, he received the military’s highest award on October 12, 1945. He was the first conscientious objector in the history of the United States to receive the Medal of Honor.

In the same world war, another man made a conscientious choice about whom to choose as his mentor. Karl Brandt admired the work of Theologian Albert Schweitzer. Both men had grown up in Alsace-Lorraine, then a part of Germany, now in France, and both men were physicians. Brandt was considering the same missionary life that Schweitzer had chosen. During the war, Brandt had the opportunity to treat a German soldier who worked for Adolf Hitler. His work was so impressive that it caught the attention of Hitler. After a short period of time, Hitler asked Brandt to be his personal physician. Hitler and Schweitzer were on opposite poles concerning the highest affirmation of life, which means valuing the life of all.

In 1948, Brandt was executed for leading Hitler’s plan to euthanize the disabled, the weak, and the vulnerable. Four years later, Albert Schweitzer was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his philosophy of “Reverence for Life.”

Being a conscientious objector could be rephrased in more positive terms as being willing to give conscientious affirmation to the lives of others. Even those of us who are not called into combat make conscientious choices every day, in fact every minute and every hour, to be affirming or to ridicule, to value others or to demean them, to accept or to exclude, to listen or to ignore.

This Thanksgiving season, as we consider ways to bring food, clothing and assistance to our community, think beyond the day of celebration we call “Festival of Praise” and make a conscientious choice to be affirming: “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 2:5 (KJV)
“Get out!” These two words are considered pivotal in a relationship. They usually express disbelief that something is too good to be true, like “Get out, that is awesome!” or they express disdain when something is disliked or someone is angry, like “Get out, leave me alone!” When you are in a relationship and you hear the words “Get out” coming from your spouse or the person that you love, it usually signals there is trouble in paradise. We like the comforts that home and a happy relationship bring. When we are told to get out or leave home most times this order is not considered kind or beneficial. Who wants to obey and be thrown out? Usually, just the thought of leaving is painful. Most times this harsh order is followed by more hurtful words like, “Get out of my way,” “Get out of my house,” “Get out of my life!” We rarely think of leaving home as a blessing.

Yet, when God told Abraham to “Get out” He meant it for good. God threw Abraham out of his home to bless others. God told Abraham, “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great; and you will be a blessing” (Gen. 12:1-2 NKJV). When God told Abraham to get out He meant it as a blessing for everyone, even for us today. One of my favorite definitions of worship is, “Worship is extravagant love and extreme obedience.” Abraham learned to show his extravagant love for God through his extreme obedience to God. He obeyed and got out. When he did, Abraham’s worship practices changed the world!

Maybe it is time for us to get out. Maybe in our worship it is time for us to get out of our comfort zones. It is time for us to get out of the mindset that our church home is just for me, my family and friends. When we take our lifestyle of worship (an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ) and get out into the community, the results will be too good to be true. We will become a blessing. Getting out is God’s way of spreading the Gospel. Getting out is God’s way of making disciples. Why don’t you get out today? Let’s all be like Abraham. Let’s get out and be a blessing.
Children's Church Presents

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Sabbath, November 9
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 pm
Primary II Room, 2nd Floor

For Kids Ages 1–12 years old

SINGING • STORIES • PUPPETS • CRAFTS

For more information call
301–270–6777, Ext. 122 or 229
On Saturday November 23, 2013, you are invited to our annual Festival of Praise!

REGISTER TODAY!

We have a great day planned out for you. Join us for a day of celebration, praise and fun!

All activities will be held at:

*Sligo Seventh-Day Adventist Church*

7700 Carroll Ave.

Takoma Park, MD, 20912

**At 11:15 AM EST Join us for a special worship service.**

- With Music from:
  - Sligo Sanctuary Choir
  - Sligo Children’s Choir
  - Youth Choir
  - As well as worship from WAU Worship Team
- A powerful message will be delivered by Pastor Charles Tapp

**AT 12:30 AM EST Join us for our Food Drive.**

We encourage you to bring non-perishables goods. These items will be distributed to over 1000 families in need in the Greater Washington Area by Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington.*

**At 3:00 PM EST Join us for a family and parenting seminar.**

The seminars will be presented by Pastor Gerry Lopez and Paolo Esposito. The seminar is free and all are welcome to join whether you are a parent or not.

**At 7:00 PM EST we will close the day with a Barn Party!**
Join us for fun, family friendly, social event sponsored by the Sligo Youth Department. We will have:

- Music
- Games
- Food
- Winter and Fall photo booth**

**Admission is Free and we encourage you to invite your family, friends and neighbors to tag along too!!!

PLEASE REGISTER TODAY TO RECEIVE A FREE GIFT FROM US!

REGISTER

*Please bring any non-perishables with you on November 23. We will be sort, pack and prepare them for distribution on site.

**A photographer will be available to take family and personal holiday portraits, you can get a head start on your holiday greeting cards!!!