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This Sabbath:
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Speaker:
Pastor Charles A. Tapp
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In 1990 while serving as the secretary of the British union, the Union president and I attended a meeting in the city of Manchester, home of Manchester United soccer team, to work with the conference officers in addressing a problem that had arisen in the church there. The meeting ended at about 11:00 p.m. and I decided that I would drive the hundred and sixty miles home that night. That was a stupid decision because I was tired even before I started the journey home. My wife had previously urged me not to embark on such journeys late at night but the thought of sleeping in a hotel that night was unappealing.

It didn’t take me long to get out of the city to the M6 Motorway. For the first half hour I felt somewhat alert, in control of myself and in control of my Rover Vitesse car. Then the tiredness got the better of me. I employed all the tricks that I knew to keep awake — opening the car windows, singing, shouting, turning the radio up to full volume, slapping my face and the back of my neck, but nothing seemed to work. One “trick” I didn’t try was stopping and taking a nap.

I recalled passing the exit for Stoke and Trent, which is famous for the Wedgewood and Royal Doulton pottery companies. In fact, I had turned on my high beam at that juncture because that section of the motorway was not lit, but was poised to go back to low beam as soon as a car approached on the opposite side of the carriageway. That was the last conscious cranial activity of mine before I awoke about fifty-five miles further along the motorway. My high beam was still on, despite the fact that hundreds of cars went by me in the opposite direction. I made the rest of the journey home shaken but grateful to be alive. It was several weeks before I plucked up the courage to tell my wife what had happened that night.

Of course, some scientists have an explanation for “sleepdriving.” They see the phenomenon as being similar to sleepwalking and provide evidence that sleepwalkers often drive a car in their unconscious state. Well, I do not sleepwalk, so the only other explanation for what happened to me is that hands other than my own took charge of the steering wheel that night and guided my car while I was sound asleep at the wheel and traveling at over seventy miles an hour. I often feel that I did not deserve such grace. In fact, I used to feel guilty that my life was spared in such circumstances while others lost their lives in circumstances less perilous. However, at the same time I am profoundly grateful that God manifested His protective care in such a dramatic manner. Psalm 91:11&12 for me is not just a lovely idea; it’s been my experience: “For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.” (NKJV)

(by Don W. McFarlane)

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Sligo SDA is praying for

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School may be out but our prayer commitment continues. With our children having more discretionary time at their disposal, the need for prayer coverage increases.

- We pray that the summer will bring them opportunities for learning in different ways.
- We pray for those who are without material means find places where they can build good memories.
- We pray that their moments of fun be guarded by protective care.
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As I have mentioned in several other articles, the Disabilities Action Team (DAT) is joining forces with the Youth Department to give our youth opportunities to serve. Teams Sligo youth will be matched up with those who have some sort of limitation and they could use some sort of help. Who can use this service? Sligo youth will be happy to help anyone who may need these services. For example, maybe you’ve recently had some sort of surgery and could really use a little help. Or maybe you have a child who has a disability and you could really use some help with the child so that you could get some things done. Finally—maybe your just lonely and would really enjoy the company of some young people for an hour or two. Here’s how it works: once a month—usually on a Sunday—our youth will go to Sligo members and help them with light chores, yard work, shopping etc. But here’s the thing: we can’t help if we don’t know where the needs are.

Please stop by the Welcome Desk and give us your information below and we will be in contact with you. All you need to do is fill out the form to request these services. But be forewarned: these kids have energy and a passion for service!

So enjoy the blessings of summer. And let’s give our youth the blessing of serving others!

(by Kathy Roy Johnson)