Dear Lexie,

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This Sabbath:
February 7, 2015

Speaker:
Pastor Charles A. Tapp
"The Church on Trial, Part I: Upon This Rock"

Special Musical Guests:
Chelsea Green
Sheri Jackson

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This Sabbath at Sligo I begin a sermon series titled, The Church on Trial, in which over the next several weeks we will be taking an in depth look at the Church as we examine its guilt or innocence based on the claims that it has made for itself. And when I speak of the Church, I’m not referring simply to an institution as much as I am to those who make up this institution. Someone once asked the question that if charges were brought against them for being a Christian would there really be enough evidence to convict them?

One of my goals for this year, a resolution if you please, is to read even more than I did the year before. Recently I read a book that reinforced with me the idiom that says things come in small packages. Although small in size, this book has some very “big” ideas.” The book is titled, I Am a Church Member. Its author, Thom Rainer, also co-author of the best seller, Simple Church, addresses without apology the roles and responsibilities of those who have of their own volition become a member of this thing we call the church. In I Am a Church Member Rainer challenges his readers to come to grips with what it really means to be a member of the body of Christ in very practical and real ways. And that’s what I hope to accomplish with this sermon series – that we, Sligo Church, will begin to see ourselves not just as a group that meets once or twice a week to keep ourselves busy, but instead as a dynamic force that Jesus has called to transform the world. And yes, it is my hope to one day hear the words of Jesus, “Well done thou good and faithful servant!” Or, in other words, “Guilty as charged!”
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Pastor for Media and Outreach Ministries
The Sligo Church Board on Monday evening, January 12, voted unanimously to invite Richard Castillo, Communications Director for the Oklahoma Conference, to serve as Media and Outreach pastor at Sligo Church. This position has been vacant since the departure of Pastor Paolo Esposito to Andrews Theological Seminary in June 2014.

Richard comes to Sligo with his wife, Kara and their two daughters, Makayla and Maya. He also comes with a passion for lost souls, a commitment to the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 15 years of corporate and church media experience, proficiency in photography, videography, graphic design and website design.

Please join the Castillo family in praying for a smooth transition from Oklahoma to the DMV. Richard is expected to commence work at Sligo Church on March 1, 2015.

Pastor for Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Pastor Charles Tapp, Sligo Church’s senior pastor, announced on Monday evening, January 12, that Joseph Khabbaz, currently serving as Associate Youth Director in the South Queensland Conference in Australia, with responsibility for Tertiary Students and Young Adults, has accepted a call to serve as Youth and Young Adult pastor at Sligo.

Joseph is an ordained minister, with extensive experience in mentoring and coaching young people, many of whom have been led to know Christ in a personal way as a result of his ministry. He obtained a Masters of Divinity degree from Andrews Theological Seminary in 2008. Prior to responding to God’s call to full time gospel ministry, Joseph worked as senior accountant, having qualified as a Chartered Accountant (CPA’s equivalent). Joseph is married to former Sligo member, Christina (Tina) Zaiback. Joseph and Tina plan to arrive at Sligo in March 2015. Please pray that they too will have a smooth and uneventful transition.
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You can still register for this event on the Potomac Conference website or by calling their pastoral ministries office on 540 886 0771. Alternatively you can just walk in on Sabbath afternoon. Plan to be there by 3:00 for registration.

Details:

What: Equip Ministry and Discipleship Training

Where: Sligo Adventist Church, 7700 Carroll Ave., MD

When: Sabbath, February 7, 3:30 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.

Registration: Register here: http://www.pcsda.org/equip

Meal: Box dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Child Care: Child-care will be provided for children, potty-trained – 10 Years old. Please register your child/children at the same time you register for your seminars if you anticipate this need.
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(by Joan Francis, Sligo Women’s Ministries Director)