Dear Lexie,

When The Word Becomes Flesh

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Our Prayer Pilgrimage Continues

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This Sabbath:
September 26, 2015

Speaker:
Pastor Charles Tapp
"Part I: Why I...Believe in God"

Special Musical Guest:
National Christian Choir

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Upcoming Events

Future events include:

- **Children's Choir** will be meeting after services on Sabbath at 1:15 in the Choir room. We will meet briefly for registration and to distribute the 2015-2016 choir schedule. If you'd like your children to be a part of this great ministry please have them to the choir room on time.

- **Friends and Family Day** is October 3rd. Invite all your friends, family, and neighbors to come and join us as we celebrate Sabbath and fellowship together.

- **GLOW** is the new Young Adult Sabbath School meeting in the Memorial Chapel every Sabbath Morning at 9:30am. It stands for God Lighting Our World. There will be refreshments served for Young Adults and a program designed to bring our young adults closer to Christ. Follow the Young Adults on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

- **Sabbath School Training** will be held on September 19th at 8:45am in Fellowship B. A special speaker will be on hand to deliver inspiration and training for our Sabbath School teachers and leadership. Please make plans to be there.
• **CONCERT LINE-UP!**: We have a line-up of great concerts for you to invite your friends and family to at Sligo Church: National Christian Choir Sept 26, Jaime Jorge Oct 10, Sandi Patty Nov 15!

• **Prayer Gathering** (every Wednesday night @ 7PM)

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In a description of the incarnation of Christ, we see a defining reminder of the relationship between the intellectual and the physical, the intangible and the visible. John reminds us that Jesus is the Word, infinite, eternal, divine and transcendent. But the Word eternal also became Christ visible, He became, “…flesh and dwelt among us,” John 1:14. In fact the very name Immanuel means ‘God with us’ [Matthew 1:23]. I believe this connection is essential in our own lives and with those we seek to help. The intangible reading of the Word must become the tangible workings of grace in our lives.

I have the privilege of visiting a number of young adults on university campuses and at Sligo Church. It does not take long to realize that to this generation, words mean very little. This generation has been described as “one that listens with their eyes and thinks with their feelings,” by noted Christian Apologist Dr. Ravi Zacharias. Such a way of thinking by young adults is easy to arrive at. They have been hurt by a world where leaders have polished creeds and corrupt deeds, where financial institutions promise security while defaulting on personal funds and where Christianity is frequently professed and rarely possessed.

A former young-adult Christian turned Atheist told ‘The Atlantic’ magazine the reason for his change in worldview. “Christianity is something that if you really believed it, it would change your life and you would want to change [the lives] of others. I haven’t seen too much of that.” How can the church respond to this generation?

I believe the life of Jesus speaks loudly to those jaded by the silence of incarnational Christianity. Jesus showed us the character of God not only by words, but by deeds. Jesus had faith that was not only heard but seen, not only defended but lived. This generation has high expectations of Christianity. They expect to see lives transformed when people say they believe in Jesus, that the Word will actually become flesh through people's lives.

A couple of Sabbath’s after receiving that email I saw a young lady in church I had never seen before. She was bright, happy and laughing with a group of young adults. I was later introduced to her and it was none other than the student from Hong Kong. I had forwarded her details to a young adult who contacted her and took the initiative by forming a relationship and taking the new student under her wing. This young adult chose to not only have a faith that was merely heard, but seen. By God’s grace and Christ-like care, change took place in this student’s life.

In the book Christ's Object Lessons, a picture of God’s people is painted just before He returns, “The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love.”[2] May the Word that speaks to our head also transform our hearts. May the Word truly become flesh through the lives we live.

Joseph Khabbaz

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Colleges

- Strayer University
- Washington Adventist University
- Montgomery College (Takoma Park Campus)

High Schools

- Montgomery Blair High School
- Takoma Academy

Middle & Elementary Schools

- Beltsville Adventist School
George E. Peters Adventist School
John Nevins Andrews Adventist School
Sligo Adventist School
Eastern Middle School
Takoma Park Middle School
Adelphi E.S.
Carole Highlands E.S.
Cool Spring E.S.
Montgomery Knolls E.S.
New Hampshire Estates E.S.
Oak View E.S.
Piney Branch E.S.
Rolling Terrace E.S.
Takoma Park E.S.

In future posts, each school will be profiled with special needs highlighted. If you have not signed up to pray for any school, call the church office: 301.270.6777, and leave your name and contact information so that we can sign you up to be part of the prayer team for our schools.

May all of our community children have a daily presence in our hearts through our community prayer season.

(by Chris Daley & Dawn Reynolds)

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