

The Church at Study

The 10 o'clock hour provides opportunities throughout the complex to study God's word in small groups, to reflect on the meaning of faith, and to fellowship with one another.

ADULTS, Sanctuary. *Discipleship for Everyday Believers*: Small classes for Bible Study (lesson), discussion and life application.

Gather around the colored banners for study:

- BLUE** (front right) Evans/Christman Team
- RED** (front left) Brillhart/Candelaria Team
- BROWN** (back right) Wesley Team
- FUSCIA** (back left) Women's Ministries Team "Women & the Word"
- DARK GREEN** (center right back) Satelmajer Team "Wanderers"
- PURPLE** (center left back) Vedamuthu Team
- SILVER** (front center) Battle-Brooks / Johnson Team

BELIEVERS AND DOUBTERS, Balcony Level, Room 44.

The class is studying *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense* by Anglican bishop and New Testament scholar N.T. Wright.

BRANSON / ORTNER CLASS, Fellowship Room A. Conversations on Scripture and current issues.

LOGOS COLLEGIATE SABBATH SCHOOL: Richards Hall chapel. An alternative Sabbath experience.

MIZO BIBLE STUDY, Church Office Building. Sabbath School lesson taught in Mizo.

WORDS TO LIVE BY, First Level Conference Room, Church Office Building. Sabbath School lesson study for one hour.

DISCOVER BIBLE SCHOOL, Disciple Room. Adventist beliefs for new members and people considering membership.

THE WAY, Fellowship Room B. Spiritual growth for 20-somethings.

Children's & Youth Sabbath Schools

Beginners (ages 0-2)	Level 1
Little Friends (ages 3-4)	Level 1
Kindergarten (ages 4-5)	Level 1
Primary I (1st and 2nd graders)	Level 1
Primary II (3rd and 4th graders)	Level 3
Juniors (5th and 6th graders)	Level 3
Earliteens (7th and 8th graders)	Level 1, Memorial Chapel
Youth (high school)	Level 1, Youth Room

Church Directory

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SLIGO

Sabbath Celebration

DECEMBER 2, 2006

8:45 & 11:15 A.M.

First Week of Advent

Prelude

Est ist ein' Ros' entsprungen / Brahms
+ *Pastorale* / J.S. Bach

Welcome & Church Life

Pastor Pete Garza

+Choral Call to Worship

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent / Picardy

*Call to Worship

Pastor Pete Garza

Leader: In our worship of the baby today may we see the King coming tomorrow! Let us know the reality of your regal presence among us, the grace of the Baby's goodness in us.

All: At this season we celebrate your First Advent, but we long for your Second Coming.

Leader: Fill us today with the gladness that the Wise Men felt to see the star and that Anna felt to see the Baby. Fill us as well with awe and reverence as we see the Savior on the Cross.

All: At this season we celebrate your First Advent with candles and poinsettias and trees. Let us long for your Second Coming with expectation and joy.

*Hymn of Praise

As With Gladness Men of Old / No. 123

*Invocation

Pastor Pete Garza

Anthem

Oh Had I Jubal's Lyre / Handel
+ *Joy to the World* / arr. Rutter

†Call to Prayer

+ *Of the Father's Love Begotten* / Divinum Mysterium

Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church

7700 Carroll Avenue Takoma Park MD 20912
301-270-6777

Sabbath Celebration

8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

✠ **Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Otis Coutsoumpos, Jr.

+ **Children's Story** Dawn Reynolds

Invitation to Give Stephen Chavez

Offertory

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme / J. S. Bach
+ *This Christmastide* / Fraser

Lighting of the Advent Candle Elmer Carreno
John 1:1-4, 14

Music for Meditation

Pie Jesu / Faure

Sermon Pastor Terry Johnsonson
My Redeemer

Music for Reflection

My Redeemer Is Faithful and True / Chapman

*Hymn of Response

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing / No. 122

* **Benediction** Pastor Terry Johnsonson

*Benediction Response

+ *Christ, to Thee* / Divinum Mysterium

+Postlude

Concerto for Trumpet / Tartini

Sylvan Coke & Juanitta Leigh, *deacon & deaconess on duty*

Jihee Kim, *soprano*

Jacqueline Sanchez, *alto*

+Columbia Collegiate Chorale
Dr. James Bingham, *director*
Kenniecia Grant, *mezzo-soprano*

+New England Youth Ensemble
Dr. Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse, *director*
Jose Oviedo, *trumpet*

+Mark DiPinto, *piano*

Lerie Dellosa, *organist*

+ 11:15 service only
* congregation is standing
✠ congregation is kneeling



Sabbath School

Discipleship for Everyday Believers
10 a.m.

Song Service Dan Pabon

Theme Song

Is This a Day of New Beginnings? / No. 342

Welcome

Dan Pabon

Scripture Reading

Psalms 147: 1-5

Amara Pabon

Musical Selection

Ladies Ensemble

Mission Report

Quenching Their Thirst

Bible Study

Beginnings and Belongings: The Triumph of Faith

Class Leaders

Benediction

Class Leaders

Sarah Bath, *pianist*

Footnotes

Dawn Reynolds has been a member for more than five years.

Stephen Chavez and his wife, Linda, have been members for 11 years. Stephen serves as an elder and as the chair of the Administrative Board.

Dr. Elmer Carreno, a member for more than 30 years, serves on the Health Action Team and is a member of the Sligo Choir.

Jihee Kim is a first year master's degree student at the Peabody Conservatory of Music.

Jacqueline Sanchez is a sophomore at Columbia Union College where she is majoring in theology. She is helping start the new young adult ministry.

Thank you, **Dr. James Bingham** and **Dr. Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse** and all of the students taking part in worship today. The Columbia Collegiate Chorale and New England Youth Ensemble are distinguished musical groups and have performed in many prominent venues around the world. Each year, they help bring music to the Advent season here at Sligo.



Church & Community

Children & Youth

Got a sweet tooth? Truffles are back just in time for holiday gift giving. The Pathfinders are making candy again and have added four new flavors. If you or a family member love fine chocolates and candies or if you know somebody who would appreciate a unique gourmet gift, check out the samples in the Atrium following the 11:15 worship service today.

Youth Sabbath School is a great way to stay tuned to God and is also a great a place to fellowship and grow with other youth. This month's topic is problem solving. Join in every Sabbath morning in the Youth Room, 10 a.m.

Hour of Hope is held every Wednesday night. This is a youth prayer meeting for the youth and by the youth. Memorial Chapel, 7 p.m. Come and invite all of your high school friends!

The youth will go laser tagging December 16. If you are a high-school-age youth, you don't want to miss it! Call the Youth Office, ext. 137, or sign up in the Youth Room.

Youth Outreach Events: This afternoon the youth will be visiting the elderly at Sligo Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. The group will meet in the Youth Room at 2:30 p.m.

December 15 the youth will be carolling in the community. If you want to help spread Christmas spirit, come and join in. Contact the Youth Office for more information, ext. 137.

Sligo Adventist School

Everyone is invited to the SAS Christmas Concert on Thursday in the Sanctuary, 7 p.m. Come hear what your support has made possible. The bands, choirs, and handbells will be presenting a variety of Christmas carols and other Christmas favorites. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Come early for good seats. The concert is free, but donations are always appreciated.

Navel oranges and pink grapefruit will be available for the month of December. Fruit order deadline: Friday, December 8. Order pickup: Sunday, December 17, noon - 4 p.m., and Monday, December 18, 3:30 - 6 p.m. Call 301-434-1417 ext. 203 or email fruit@sligoadventistschool.org.

Columbia Union College

Celebrate the season as the Columbia Concert Winds perform Christmas carols on Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Also, attend Sligo Church next Sabbath to hear the Winds play during 11:15 worship service.

Takoma Academy

The TA Christmas Program is Friday night in the Sanctuary at 7 p.m. Music and drama will portray the birth of Christ.



Calendar

December 3, Sunday

Pathfinder meeting, Pathfinder Room, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

December 4, Monday

First Monday presents *Star of Wonder*, Fellowship Hall, Light supper, 7 p.m. Presentation, 7:30 p.m. Regeneration, Disciple Room, 7:30 p.m.

December 5, Tuesday

Men's Ministry, Disciple Room, 6 p.m. Prayer Gathering, *Attitude of Gratitude*, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

December 6, Wednesday

CUC's Convocation featuring the Columbia Concert Winds, Sanctuary, 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday Night Out

Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Hour of Hope (youth), Youth Room, 7 p.m.

Sligo Church Bells, Sligo Adventist School, 7 - 8 p.m.

December 7, Thursday

Sligo School Christmas Program, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

December 8, Friday

Takoma Academy Christmas Program, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

December 9, Sabbath

Information & Membership, Fellowship Room B, 9 a.m.

Looking Ahead

December 10

55+ Club, Fellowship A, 10 a.m.

December 15

Vespers Concert featuring Brass Mosaic, and organists Micky Terry, Van Knauss, Evelyn Simpson Curenton, and Lerie Dellosa, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

Worship Schedule

	8:45 and 11:15 a.m.
December 9	<i>Second Week of Advent</i> Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.
December 16	<i>Third Week of Advent</i> Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr. Budget Booster Sabbath
December 23	<i>Fourth Week of Advent</i> Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr. Lessons & Carols

New Community Fellowship

Services held in the Sligo Church Sanctuary, 6 p.m.

December 2	Pastor Terry Johnsson
December 9	Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.
December 16	Beatriz Taylor
December 23	Christmas Concert

<p><i>Sunset</i> <i>Tonight:</i> 4:47 <i>December 8:</i> 4:46</p>

Welcome to Sligo Church

Welcome today as we begin the Advent Season at Sligo. We pray that today's worship service will show you the baby in the manger, the infant in the temple, the Christ on the cross, and the returning Lord.

Please take advantage of the Advent programs at Sligo Church. Special events each Friday evening throughout the season.

Stop by the Information & Membership Desks in the Narthex and Atrium. Our representatives will be happy to assist you with changing membership data, transferring in, and exploring ministry opportunities.

Members are always welcomed at the Hospitality Dinner following church; please bring food for yourself or your family, plus extra to share with our guests.

Prayer Support: Betty Mugerwa, Louise Whitmore, Walter Rhodius, Jacquie Keels, Stella Blomquist, Florence Tilkens, and Jeba Vedamuthu for renewed health, the Brillhart, Lopez, and Madgwick families for comfort; requests brought to Tuesday evening's Prayer Gathering.

Sligo Church is joining with thousands of other communities of faith December 8 - 10 to pray for peace in Darfur. Pray throughout this week for the hundreds of thousands of people suffering in western Sudan.

Join in for the new Seasons of Prayer theme: *Warmth for the Winter*. Experience the patchwork artistry of God in prayers for uniting and comfort. Prayer Gathering meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

PROFILE OF GIVING

The countdown continues. Our Church Budget supports our ministry to children and youth, our outreach to the community, and our worship in the Sanctuary. The countdown will help us chart our progress toward reaching the \$640,000 Church Budget goal for the year – and going way past it.

“Budget Booster” Sabbath is December 16. Plan your special gift for Sligo and let's make December 16 a great Sabbath of joy and celebration of God's goodness. Budget Booster is the way many members go above and beyond their normal giving to make sacrificial gifts for Sligo Church. It happens every year, and we're counting on it again this year.

Needed by December 31:	\$640,000
Received through October 31:	\$452,806.71
Received November 4:	\$ 12,423.37
Received November 11:	\$ 8,501.61
Received November 18:	\$ 7,438.93
Received November 25:	\$10,861.66
Still Needed:	\$147,967.72

Church & Community

Women's Ministries presents *Star of Wonder*, a celestial cookie swap and crafts, Monday, December 4. Women of all ages are invited to this gathering in the Fellowship Hall. Come and bring a friend! Light supper: 7 p.m. Feature presentation: 7:30 p.m.

How do you look in the new Sligo Church Pictorial Directory? Visit one of the Information and Membership Desks today to pick up your copy. Free to new members and to families who had their pictures taken for the book; \$5 donation requested for other members. Plan to update your membership information at the same time.

Give Sligo music this Christmas. Music Minister Lloyd Mallory has collected the best of Sligo Church's music on two CDs – a great idea for you to give friends for Christmas. Just \$10 each. Order forms are available at the Information & Membership Desks.

Do you have New Year's Eve celebration plans yet? Think about joining Sligo Church in our Gala Celebration with New York Metropolitan Opera star Angela M. Brown. Early-bird tickets are just \$35. Tickets can be reserved in the Atrium after church. You can also purchase tickets at the Church Office or the Potomac Adventist Book and Health Food Store.

Sligo Church hosts an “Alzheimer's Caregivers' Support Group” the second Thursday of each month during the lunch hour. For information call Buffy Halvorsen, 202-486-2605.

Women's Ministries Book Club meets the second Monday of each month in the Conference Room on the first floor of the Church Office, 7 p.m.

December 11: *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

January 8: *Unbearable Weight* by Susan Bordo

Lost and Found items include Bibles, glasses, keys, clothes, umbrellas – even strollers. Please visit the Deacons Room behind the rostrum to see if they have your missing item.

Nursing mothers have a private space at Sligo Church, Room 43 upstairs on the baptistery side from the Narthex.

Pedestrian Safety Event on Wednesday, December 13, 1 - 3 p.m. Come join the group as they distribute pedestrian safety literature about the importance of crossing the street safely and using crosswalks. High school students may be able to use this toward service hours. Contact Gretchen Hilburger at the Takoma Park Police Department for more information, 301-439-0972 or GretchenH@takomagov.org.

To sponsor flowers for future worship services contact Flor Balay at the church office, 301-270-6777 ext. 114 or florbalay@sligochurch.org.

Bulletin Information Deadline: Monday evening. Email bulletin information to theresa@sligochurch.org, or fax it to the church office.

