

The Church at Study

The 10 o'clock hour provides opportunities to study God's word in small groups throughout the complex, 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) Senior Pastor's Class
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
BEIGE (center front) Arabic Class

BELIEVERS AND DOUBTERS, Balcony Level, Room 44, Experience the presence of God in a secular world.

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

COLLEGIATE WORSHIP: Richards Hall chapel. An alternative Sabbath experience which uses God's Word to confront collegiate concerns.

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

POST COLLEGE / CAREER ADULT, Fellowship B.

Children's & Youth Sabbath School

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

Church Office Phone: 301-270-6777
Fax: 301-270-3518 E-Mail: postmaster@sligochurch.org
Web Site: www.sligochurch.org NCF: www.4fellowship.com
Youth Web: www.sligo youth.com
Emergency Pager: 301-617-7770

Senior Pastor	Peter Bath	ext. 121
Discipleship Pastor	Rebecca Brillhart	ext. 123
CUC Chaplain	Stan Dobias	301-891-4112
Worship Pastor	Debbie Eisele	ext. 127
Children's/Family Pastor	Ismael Gama	ext. 124
Youth/Young Adult	Terry Johnsson	ext. 119
Administrative Pastor	Kermit Netteburg	ext. 122
Head Elder	Maurice Battle	410-747-4088
Senior Ministries	Israel Castro	ext. 136
Administrative Officer	Karim Salim	ext. 112
Church Secretary	Flordeliza Balay	ext. 114
Church Secretary	Theresa J. Leahy	ext. 115
Organist		301-270-6777
Sanctuary Choir Director	Marianne Scriven	301-434-4841
Youth Choir Director	Pete Garza	ext. 133
Admin. Board Lay Chair	Allan Manuel	301-384-8220
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Columbia Union College	Randal Wisbey	301-891-4000
Adventist Comm Svcs	Ronald Wylie	301-585-6556



DECEMBER 18, 2004
8:45 & 11:15 A.M.

Music for Gathering

Welcome & Church Life Pastor Ismael Gama

Choral Call to Worship
Advent Message / How

Advent Candle Lighting Alka & Sudhir Pandit

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and The Word was with God and the Word was God.

All: Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in this morning.

Leader: The true Light which enlightens everyone was coming into the world. This is the Light which shines in the darkness, but the darkness has never overcome it.

All: As we light this advent candle, may we, the people of Sligo, joyously receive this heavenly Light and in doing so, usher in a new morning for our families, for our Church and for a world which so desperately needs this Light!

from John 1

*Hymn of Praise

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise / No. 21

*Invocation

Pastor Peter Bath

Anthem

Unto Us Is Born a Son / arr. Willcocks

✠ Call to Prayer

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord!*

Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Church & Community

Children & Youth

Special Christmas Sabbath School for the Youth, December 25. If you would like us to invite any high-school-age youth, please call the Youth department, ext. 133.

Youth trip to New York today. The Youth will be sight-seeing and visiting the Brooklyn Tabernacle for a special Christmas concert. We will return tomorrow at 11 p.m.

No Youth Events Christmas or New Year's Eve. Sligo Church, however, will be having programs on these days and we encourage you to come with your families.

Ski trip is coming up, January 15 - 16. Check the website for more details in January.

Parents, check our website for information on all events, for department updates, and to get to know your Sligo Youth Director (SYD). www.sligoyouth.com.

Sligo Adventist School

Sligo School Enrollment Booster: For all prospective students who are accepted by January 14, 2005, we will waive the \$50 testing fee. For each Sligo School family that refers a new student a \$300 tuition credit will be given.

Next Fruit Order Deadline is January 21. For more information call 301-434-1417 or email fruit@sligoadventistschool.org.

Wanted for the Art Department at Sligo School: Any knitting needles no longer in use and yarn for knitting. Please drop supplies off at the school office.

Columbia Union College

Thank you Sligo, for making it possible for 15 more Columbia Union College (CUC) students to attend the General Youth Conference in Sacramento. Keep the group in your prayers as they travel back from California tomorrow.

Are you interested in studying at CUC beginning in January? It's not too late to register! Call 301-891-4000 for more information.

Adventist Community Services Center

Campaign for Community touches the hurting in our local community by providing services through ACS: emergency financial and food assistance, community health services and basic educational programs. Please get involved in *Campaign for Community*. For more information, please call 301-585-6556.

English as a Second Language (ESOL) classes at Sligo Church will begin a new cycle in January. For more information, contact Mercedes at 301-585-6556.



Calendar

December 18, Sabbath

New Member Dinner, Fellowship Hall B, immediately after the 11:15 worship service

December 20, Monday

Regeneration, Disciple Room, 7:30 p.m.

November 21, Tuesday

Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

December 22, Wednesday

Wednesday Night Out

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

Sligo Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

December 24, Friday

International Christmas Concert, Atrium, 6 p.m.

Looking Ahead...

December 31, Friday

New Year's Eve Communion, Atrium, 7 p.m.

Worship Schedule

8:45 and 11:15 AM

December 25

Pastor Peter Bath

Lessons & Carols

January 1

Pastor Peter Bath

January 8

Pastor Terry Johnson

January 15

Pastor Stan Dobias

New Community Fellowship

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

December 18

Pete Garza

Sunset
Tonight: 4:48
December 24: 4:56

Sabbath Celebration

8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

✠ **Prayer** Pastor Ismael Gama

Children's Lesson Pastor Ismael Gama

Invitation to Give William & Noelene Johnsson

Offertory
Of the Father's Love Begotten / Chenoweth

Scripture Alka & Sudhir Pandit
Isaiah 9:6 - 7
Matthew 1:18 - 25

Sermon Pastor Peter Bath
The Babe Grew Up!

***Hymn of Response**
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne / No. 140

***Benediction** Pastor Peter Bath

***Benediction Response**
Come, Lord Jesus / How

Postlude

Frank Agard & Evelyn Wasli, *deacon & deaconess on duty*
Noelene Johnsson, *presiding elder*

Sligo Sanctuary Choir Marianne Scriven, *director*
+ Washington Community Brass David Workman, *director*

John Lintner, *organist*

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

Sabbath School

Discipleship for Everyday Believers
10 a.m.

Song Service Judy Upshaw

Opening Song
Joy to the World / No. 125

Scripture Ivybelle Roye
Psalms 105:1 - 5

Prayer Ivybelle Roye

Welcome Jey Vedamuthu

Musical Selection

Bible Study Class Leaders
Daniel: When Kings Go to War

Benediction Class Leaders

Norman Martin, *pianist*

FOOTNOTES

Thank you, **Charlene Milam**, for writing our Advent litanies. The generosity you show with your talent for words is truly a blessing.

Alka and **Sudhir Pandit** have been Sligo members for nearly 10 years. Both serve as greeters who warmly welcome guests and members with enthusiastic smiles. Alka works at the World Bank and is involved with homeless ministries. Sudhir is a surgical physician assistant at Washington Adventist Hospital and is involved with prison ministries. Alka and Sudhir have two sons, Sumesh and Amol.

William and **Noelene Johnsson**, Sligo members for nearly 23 years, have with a passion for ministry. They say, "We have seen the membership grow into this wonderfully diverse body while still retaining the tolerance and openness that attracted us here 24 years ago. But like any family, we all have to work at keeping it strong." Both William and Noelene are active in the church and Noelene is today's presiding elder.



Welcome to Sligo Church

May the Lord bless you as you worship with us today. We welcome our guests and visitors. Please fill out a green card from the hymnal rack and place it in the offering plate. To join Sligo Church, use a purple card and provide *all* information.

Stop by the Membership Booth in the Atrium.

Ivybelle Roye & Jasmin Hewit, Membership Team representatives, will be happy to assist you with changing membership data, transferring in, and church ministry opportunities.

Prayer Support: Paul Copiz, Morgan Fisher, and Oretha Griffin for healing; requests brought to Prayer Gathering Tuesday evening. Please remember our ministry of encouragement to one another.

The Gathering meets every Tuesday evening, 7 - 8 p.m., for prayer in the Sanctuary. Come, bring your family and friends, and experience God's loving embrace.

Senior pastor search process is moving forward. To see a summary of the process to date, check the bulletin board in the Atrium area. Continue to pray for the church board as it serves as the Search Committee.

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

Bulletin Information Deadline: Monday, 5 p.m. E-mail bulletin information to theresa@sligochurch.org, or fax it to the church office.

PROFILE OF GIVING

Church Budget as of December 4, 2004

	Received	Goal	(Short) / Over
Last week	\$7,407	\$18,758	(\$11,351)
Year to Date	\$468,995	\$577,485	(\$108,490)
Annual Church Budget:		\$615,000	

Please remember to support our church budget.

Organ/Sanctuary Renovation			
	Received	Pledges	(Short) / Over
Last Week	\$2,950		
Goal:	\$4,054,463		
Project to Date	\$2,189,179	\$352,094	(\$1,513,190)
Project Expenditure to Date:	\$4,055,282		
Giving Unit:	1016	47.0%	

Church & Community

Adult Sabbath School quarterlies for January-March 2005, *His Wondrous Cross: The Story of Our Redemption*, are available at the reception desks. A small supply of quarterlies will also be available at the Church Office. Large print quarterlies are a special order item. If you signed up for one last quarter, there will be a copy waiting for you. Please remember the extra expense for this material in your holiday giving. Remember, complete SS lessons with commentary are *always* available online for your convenience: <http://www.ssnet.org>.

It's still cold! We're sorry for the temperature but we have been experiencing difficulty with our source of heat generated from the college. CUC will have this fixed in the next few weeks.

International Christmas Eve Concert will be Friday, December 24, 6 p.m. in the Atrium. We invite you to bring international finger food or dessert.

Meals on Wheels is in need of volunteers who are willing to drive or deliver meals prepared by Washington Adventist Hospital. For more information call Audrey Messenger, 301-588-6023, or Paul Weir, 301-585-4065.

2005 Great Controversy Tour will be June 9 - 23, 2005, with Dr. Gerard Damsteegt, Andrews University. Discover prophetic roots of Adventism in Europe. Visit Rome, the Waldensian Valleys, Italy, Switzerland, Germany and France. Experience early Christianity, the Dark Ages, the Reformation, and the sites of 1260 years of persecution. For more information, call 269-471-5172 or e-mail laurel@andrews.edu.

Membership Transfers (second reading):

Joining Sligo: Michelle DeDeaux, Melissa Dobias, Stanley Dobias, and Irma Lee.

Joining elsewhere: Lawana Deas, Ann Edwards, and Rodney Robinson.

Nominating Committee (first reading):

Sligo Deaconess: Carmen Lynch

Sligo Deacons: Nitin Chopde, Bhagirathi Gope, DeWane Hill

Sligo Greeter: Pushpawati Borge

