

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/Ram Team
- RED** (front left) 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 Team

BELIEVERS AND DOUBTERS, Balcony Level, Room 44.

The class is studying Karen Armstrong's *The Great Transformation: The Beginning of Our Religious Traditions*.

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

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.

Children, Youth & Young Adult 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 3, Behind Balcony
Youth (high school)	Level 1, Youth Room
Young Adults (18 to 35)	Memorial Chapel

Church Directory

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 Young Adults: www.sligoyoungadults.com

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DECEMBER 22, 2007

8:45 & 11:15 A.M.

Fourth Week of Advent

UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN!

Prelude

+Introit

Happy Birthday, Jesus / arr. Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir

Welcome & Church Life Pastor Rebecca Brillhart

+Celebration of Ministry Stephen Chavez
 Pastor Appreciation

*Hymn of Praise

Angels We Have Heard on High / No. 142

***Invocation** Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.

Anthem

Joy to the World / traditional
 +*Christmas Canon* / Pachabel

Lighting of the Advent Candle Pastors Ron & Buffy Halvorsen
 Isaiah 60:1-3
 +Anastasia, Troy & Alexei Elliott

✠ **Prayer** Pastor Rebecca Brillhart

Invitation to Give Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.

Offertory

+*Ring Around the World* / Ernie Rettino

+Music for Meditation

Joy to the World / traditional

Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church

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

Sabbath Celebration

8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

Scripture George Smith
Luke 2:4-7

Sermon Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.

***Hymn of Response**
The First Noel / No. 118

***Benediction** Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.

***Benediction Response**

+Postlude

Blair Peace & Rebecca Ratana, *deacon & deaconess on duty*

Edwina Flynn, *soprano*

+The Continuum Brass Quintet
Brandon Almagro, *trumpet*
Kevin McKee, *trumpet*
Mark Wakefield, *french horn*
James Kent, *trombone*
Dan Pendley, *bass trombone & tuba*

+Children's Choir Charrisse Sullivan Mensah, *director*
+Jon Gilbertson, *piano/ chorister*

+Summerwood Strings Evonne Baasch, *coordinator*

Fred Weber, *first service organist*
Joy Leilani Garbutt, *second service organist*

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

Sabbath School

Discipleship for Everyday Believers
10 a.m.

Song Service Roland Halstead

Opening Song
If You But Trust in God to Guide You / No. 510

Scripture & Prayer Judy & Cassandra Codling

Welcome Harrison John

Special Music

Christmas Special Kindergarten Children

Bible Study Class Leaders
Dying Like a Seed

Benediction Class Leaders

Fred Weber, *organist*

Footnotes

Stephen Chavez is an ordained minister who works as managing editor of the *Adventist Review*, the church's weekly magazine of news and inspiration. In addition to his responsibilities as the Administrative Board lay chair, he serves as an elder and leader of the Earliteen Sabbath School for more than 30 seventh and eighth graders.

Anastasia Elliott came to United States in the fall of 2000 from Russia to study. She graduated from Columbia Union College in 2005 with bachelor's degrees in business administration and in music. She will graduate from CUC this month with a MBA degree. Her husband, **Troy Elliott**, went to the University of Maryland and graduated this year with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Anastasia and Troy are proud parents of their firstborn, **Alexei Maximillian**.

George Smith, a member for more than 20 years, serves as one of our elders. He and his wife, Gustavia, are members of Pastor Brillhart's Wednesday morning Disciple class.

Edwina Flynn, a member for 20 years, is a member of the music ministry team. She frequently travels in music ministry. Edwina holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the Julliard School of Music in New York.



Church & Community

Children & Youth

Earliteen Sabbath School, with New Community Fellowship, has organized a homeless feeding in downtown Washington this afternoon. Please be at the church by 3:30 p.m. to help pack lunches. The group will return by 6 p.m. Contact Sam Raj, 240-893-2827, for information.

Youth Sabbath School is a great time to learn about God and interact with others. Youth are invited to come out to all Sabbath Schools this year! This month's topic is "problem solving." Join in Sabbath mornings in the Youth Room, 10 a.m., for fellowship and growth through the topics and discussions

Hour of Hope will not be held this week. The Sligo Youth leaders wish you a merry Christmas!

Dynamic Praise is held every fourth Friday of the month and features local guests specialized in different music styles. Join in and invite friends this week for a vibrant, moving worship in the Youth room at 7 p.m.

Young Adults

The Way Sabbath School is a time of learning and fellowship for young adults. Young adults (18 - 35) are invited to join every Sabbath morning in the Memorial Chapel at 9:30 a.m. for *The Way Cafe* and Sabbath School immediately afterwards. This month's theme is family. You do not want to miss today's special **Christmas Program**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Hosts are needed: The young adult group is looking for people who are willing to offer their homes, big or small, to host a Friday Night Out program where young adults can fellowship and prepare for the Sabbath. If interested, please leave a message for Jackie Sanchez at the Church Office.

Sligo Adventist School

Fruit Order Deadline: January 18. Red grapefruit and navel oranges available this month. For more information, email fruit@sligoadventistschool.org or call the school.

If you are looking for quality education, look no further! Sligo Adventist School is the place to be. Case in point: all of the students who graduated from SAS and are currently enrolled in Takoma Academy are on the honor roll, academic honor roll or principal's list. For application information please visit www.sligoadventistschool.org or call the principal, Larry Rich, at 240-464-7054.

Adventist Community Services

Sligo Church works through ACS in the community to help families in times of need. The ACS Center on Sligo Avenue helps people learn English, provides emergency food and clothing, and helps people gain job skills. If you want to know how to help, call 301-585-6556.



Calendar

December 24, Monday

Church Office closed
Regeneration, Disciple Room, 7:30 p.m.

December 25, Tuesday

Merry Christmas! Church Office closed

December 28, Friday

Dynamic Praise (youth), Youth Room, 7 p.m.

Looking Ahead...

January 5

Elders Breakfast, Fellowship Room B, 8:30 a.m.

Communion, Sanctuary, 8:45 & 11:15 a.m. services.

Ordination Service for elders, deacons and deaconesses, Sanctuary, 11:15 a.m. service

January 12

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

Farewell Reception for the Halvorsens in the Atrium following the 11:15 worship service.

January 17

Finance Committee, Senior Pastor's Office, 7 p.m.

January 19

Discipleship Action Team Meeting, Junior Room, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

January 24

Administrative Board, Fellowship Room A, 7 p.m.

Worship Schedule

8:45 and 11:15 a.m.

December 22	Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.
December 29	Pastor Terry Johnsson
January 5	Communion
	Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.
January 12	Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.

New Community Fellowship

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

December 22 Christmas Play

December 29 New Year's Concert

<p><i>Sunset</i> <i>Tonight:</i> 4:49 <i>December 28:</i> 4:47</p>
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Welcome to Sligo Church

May the Lord bless you as you worship with us today. We welcome our guests and visitors! To write the pastors a note, to make a prayer request, or to join Sligo Church, please use a card from the hymnal rack.

Involve yourself in Sligo's mission! Visit the Information & Membership Desk to learn how your gifts can bless Sligo and our community.

Flowers today are given by Wilson & Preeti Guria in celebration of their new daughter, Abigail Pranita Guria. Abigail was born December 6 at Holy Cross Hospital.

Prayer Support: Henry Marpaung, Nikolaus Satelmajer, and Michael Smith for recovery, the Olayinka and Devairakkam families for comfort, Suresh Rajendran for help obtaining passports for his family, and peace on earth and healing for the hurting; requests brought to Tuesday evening's Prayer Gathering.

Prayer Gathering will not meet December 25. Have a wonderful Christmas and plan to join in for a new series in the new year! Tuesdays in the Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

PROFILE OF GIVING as of December 15, 2007

Church Budget: This offering pays for outreach and nurture ministries of the church and the church school, along with necessary expenses like utilities and upkeep of the church building.

Received Last Week:	\$ 20,076.78
Received YTD:	\$580,837.01
Budget YTD:	\$692,308.00
Shortfall:	\$111,470.99

Sanctuary Restoration Payment: This covers our monthly payment of \$16,500 for our church's restoration mortgage payment.

Received Last Week:	\$ 57,266.00
Received YTD:	\$266,762.01
Budget YTD:	\$191,400.00
Over Budget:	\$ 75,362.01

Please remember, that to be considered a tax-deductible gift in 2007, all gifts of cash, checks or by credit card must be postmarked or received by Sligo Church by midnight, December 31. Envelopes not placed in the regular offering on December 29, may be placed in the mail slot at the Sligo Church Office Building.

Thank you for your support!

Church & Community

Did you know. . . ? You can donate offerings to Sligo Church using your credit card on Sligo's website: www.sligochurch.org.

Adult Sabbath School quarterlies for January-March 2008, *Discipleship*, are now 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 at the desk on the organ side. 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>.

New Community Fellowship's outreach ministry has organized a homeless feeding in downtown Washington this afternoon. Please be at the church no later than 3:30 p.m. to help pack lunches. The group will return to the church by 6 p.m. Extra volunteers are needed this month to help sort the clothing. Contact Sam Raj, 240-893-2827, for additional information.

Lost & Found: Missing something? Maybe you will find it in our Lost & Found, located in the Deacons' Room. There are currently Bibles with the following names: Kenneth Austin, Kisslyn Bade, Stephanie Teeuwn, Ernie Shillingford, Arthur Padron, Emma Jones, Ember Wilson, Rita Prasad, Damique Samuelo, Sylvia Mack, Alex Eapen, Pradish Soman, Doreathy Beall, Elsie Barr, Denise Dyce, Ashlyn, Suzana Jacob, Lula Berhane, and David Joseph. There are also other books belonging to Prince Anbiah, Samuel Williams, and D. Byass.

Takoma Academy is calling all vehicles, running or not, to be donated to the TA Auto Donation Program. The school will tow the vehicle for free and send you a receipt. Remember, this is a year-round fundraiser. For more information call 301-439-8223 ext. 701.

Are you inching toward retirement? Already there? Then check out *Renewed and Ready*, the new magazine for Adventists 50 or older. Order from the Adventist Book Store, 301-572-0700, or visit www.renewedandready.com.

Membership Report (second reading):
Joining Sligo: Isaiah Augustin, Kuyuk-Abasi Bernard, Rommel DeGuzman, Craig McCorkle, Samuel McFarlane, Ray Minniefield, Lorelei Norberte, Iniese Umah, Chile Wigwe
Joining elsewhere: Nanci Brown, Sook Hopkins, Imad Madanat, and Hilda Nat

Bulletin Information Deadline: Monday, 5 p.m. E-mail bulletin information to theresa@sligochurch.org, or fax it to the church office, 301-270-3518.

