

# 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. Currently studying *Meditating on the Psalms* by John Eaton.

**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.

**PATHWAYS BIBLE CLASS**, Fellowship Room B. Study of Adventist beliefs for new members and people considering membership.

## Children's & Youth Sabbath School

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

## Church Directory

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 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**

<b>Senior Pastor</b>	Ron Halvorsen, Jr.	ext. 121
<b>Discipleship Pastor</b>	Rebecca Brillhart	ext. 123
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<b>Worship Pastor</b>	Debbie Eisele	ext. 127
<b>Youth/Young Adult</b>	Terry Johnsson	ext. 119
<b>Associate Youth Pastor</b>	Pete Garza	ext. 133
<b>Administrative Pastor</b>	Kermit Netteburg	ext. 122
<b>Head Elder</b>	Lloyd Buddoo	301-384-3986
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<b>Administrative Officer</b>	Karim Salim	ext. 112
<b>Church Secretary</b>	Flordeliza Balay	ext. 114
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<b>Takoma Academy</b>	Dunbar Henri	301-434-4700
<b>Columbia Union College</b>	Randal Wisbey	301-891-4000
<b>Adventist Comm Svcs</b>	Ronald Wylie	301-585-6556



## Sabbath Celebration

DECEMBER 24, 2005  
 8:45 & 11:15 A.M.

## Fourth Week of Advent

**Prelude** Joy Garbutt, organ  
*Variations on Veni Veni Immanuel* / arr. Garbutt

**Welcome & Church Life** Pastor Kermit Netteburg

**Celebration of Ministry** Pastor Rebecca Brillhart

**Lighting of the Advent Candles** The Sahlin & Jackson families

**Children's Story** Sligo Youth

**\*Call to Worship** Pastor Kermit Netteburg

Leader: Into the bleakest winters of our souls, Lord, you tiptoe on tiny infant feet to find us.

**All: Lord, create in us the desire to let a small hand take ours.**

Leader: Into our frenetic season, Lord, remind us that you do not demand lavish celebrations and strobe-lit displays. You sent faith to a manger, meaning to a stable, wisdom to both shepherds and kings.

**All: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.**

**\*Hymn** Joy Garbutt, organ  
 Edwina Flynn, soprano  
*Once in Royal David's City* / No. 149  
*First verse, soprano solo, Edwina Flynn*  
*Second, Third, and Fourth verses, congregation*

**\*Prayer** Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.

**Homily** Pastor Rebecca Brillhart  
*Terrorism in Bethlehem*



## Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church

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

# Sabbath Celebration

8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

**Hymn** Joy Garbutt, organ  
*To God Be the Glory*/No. 341

**Homily** Pastor Kermit Netteburg  
*God Is on Our Side*

**Hymn** Joy Garbutt, organ  
Anthony Clark, trumpet  
*O Come, O Come, Immanuel*/No. 115  
*First verse, congregation*  
*Second verse, trumpet solo by Anthony Clark*  
*Third verse, congregation*

**Homily** Pastor Debbie Eisele  
*Half Full or Half Spent*

**Hymn** Joy Garbutt, organ  
Chris Zaidi, flute  
*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*/No. 131  
*Introduction, organ and flute duet*  
*First and Second verses, congregation*

**Homily** Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.  
*The Innkeeper Who Got It Right*

**Invitation to Give** Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.

**Offertory** Edwina Flynn, soprano  
*O Holy Night*/Clappeau

**Homily** Pastor Terry Johnsson  
*Are You Missing a Jesus?*

**\*Closing Hymn** Joy Garbutt, organ  
*Joy to the World*/No. 125

**\*Benediction** Pastor Debbie Eisele

**Postlude** Joy Garbutt, organist  
*Joy to the World*/Bock

Frank Agard & Juanita Leigh, *deacon & deaconess on duty*

\* congregation is standing

# Sabbath School

*Discipleship for Everyday Believers*  
10 a.m.

**Song Service** Judith Upshaw

**Theme Song**  
*In Christ There Is No East nor West*/No. 587

**Scripture & Prayer** Iyanrick & Shilpa John

**Opening Hymn**  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful*/No. 132

**Welcome** Harrison John

**Musical Selection** Jubilee String Players

**Mission Report**  
*Tell the World*

**Bible Study** Class Leaders  
*Ephesians: The Christian Armor*

**Benediction** Class Leaders

Norman Martin, *pianist*

## Footnotes

**Monte** and **Norma Sahlin** have been members of Sligo Church for almost 20 years. They currently lead the hospital-ministry, coordinating fellowship meals after church each week and occasional receptions. Their daughters, Stephanie and Melissa, attended Sligo Adventist School and Takoma Academy. Stephanie is married to Sam Jackson. The family reads our Advent passage this week and lights the candles.

**Edwina Flynn** joined Sligo in 1988 and has blessed the congregation ever since. Most known for her outstanding soprano voice, she is also loved for her ready smile, engaging laugh, and readiness to serve the church. She is married to Gawin, and together they serve as elders.

**Anthony Clark** and **Chris Zaidi** play the trumpet and flute today, respectively, through the invitation of our organist, Joy Garbutt. Anthony is a freshman at Cornell University and a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Rockville. Chris, a junior at Columbia Union College, is majoring in music performance. He is a member of the New England Youth Ensemble.



# Church & Community

## Children & Youth

**Earliteens Sabbath School** will be making a special Christmas Eve visit to our homeless friends downtown to distribute clothing and food items. Meet at the church by 3 p.m. and plan to return by 6 p.m.

**Do you need a spiritual revival** in the middle of the week? Join us for Hour of Hope each Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Memorial Chapel.

**Don't forget to sign up** for the Wizards game on January 7! This event is open to all high-school youth. Sign up at any youth event. If you have any questions call 301-270-6777 ext. 133.

**Youth Ski Trip, January 21-22.** Come for a fun-filled weekend. Sign up at Hour of Hope or Sabbath School by January 6. If you have any questions call 301-270-6777 ext. 133

**Sligo youth wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

## Sligo Adventist School

**Fruit Order Deadline:** January 20. Honeybell Tangelos, Navel Oranges, and Ruby Red Grapefruit will be available. Email [fruit@sligoadventistschool.org](mailto:fruit@sligoadventistschool.org) or call 301-434-1417.

**Charity Basketball Game** at Sligo Adventist School, Saturday, January 7, 7 - 10:30 p.m. Come see the basketball game and the 2006 Sligo Lions Cheerleader Teams. Refreshments will be available. The admission price is canned food for money to benefit the Adventist Community Service Center of Greater Washington. For more information call 301-434-1417, ext. 216.

**Buy groceries for your family** and help Sligo School and Takoma Academy. Safeway and Giant contribute a percentage of money received to schools that are designated by their customers. Visit [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) and select designate schools link, and [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click on "sign-up" for both Giant (Sligo ID: 00919 and TA ID: 00920) and Safeway (Sligo ID: 6630575 and TA ID: 6576175). Call Sligo School, 301-434-1417, or Trenise Gulley, 301-431-1355, for assistance.

## 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*. Please pick up a brochure from the reception desks today. For more information, call 301-585-6556.



# Calendar

## December 26, Monday

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

## December 27, Tuesday

Prayer Gathering, Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

## December 28, Wednesday

*Wednesday Night Out*  
*Hour of Hope (youth), Youth Room, 7 p.m.*  
*Sligo Church Bells, Sligo Adventist School, 7 - 8 p.m.*

## Looking Ahead . . .

### January 4

**Sligo Adventist School Belated Christmas Program**

### January 7

**Sligo Adventist School Charity Basketball Game.**

### January 9

**First Monday,** Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m.

### January 21 - 22

**Sligo Youth Ski Trip.** Youth may sign up during Hour of Hope or Sabbath School.

## Worship Schedule

**8:45 and 11:15 a.m.**

<b>December 31</b>	Communion Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.
<b>January 2006 - God Starts Fresh</b>	
<b>January 7</b>	Pastor Terry Johnsson
<b>January 14</b>	Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.
<b>January 21</b>	Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.
<b>January 28</b>	Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.

## New Community Fellowship

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

<b>December 24</b>	Special Christmas Concert <i>In Praise of the Baby</i>
<b>December 31</b>	New Year's Program <i>A Kind of Christmas</i>
<b>January 7</b>	Peter Garza
<b>January 14</b>	Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.
<b>January 21</b>	Pastor Terry Johnsson

<b>Sunset</b> <b>Tonight:</b> 4:51 <b>December 31:</b> 4:55
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# Welcome to Sligo Church

**Merry Christmas Eve.** We hope that you will find God's peace during this season of remembering the birth of Jesus. The manger and the cross on the rostrum this morning remind us of the two most significant events in earth's history.

**Our service today features brief homilies** from each of the five pastors at Sligo Church, plus the music of the season.

**A special welcome to our guests and visitors.** To write the pastors a note, to make a prayer request, or to join Sligo Church, please use a purple card from the hymnal rack.

**Former Sligo member, George Tatum,** passed away December 21 in Riverside, California. He worked at the Review & Herald for many years. Funeral arrangements are pending for burial in St. Petersburg, Florida.

**Stop by the Membership Booth in the Atrium.** Sandra Brown, a Membership Team representative, will be happy to assist you with changing membership data, transferring in, and exploring ministry opportunities.

**Thank you, Sligo Church.** The teddy bears and the notes mean so much. They have brightened our church members' lives beyond belief. Thank you, also, for your continual prayers.  
*Pastor Rodney Draggon,  
New Life SDA Church in New Orleans, Sligo's sister church*

**Prayer Support:** Sangi Vangchhia, Joy Drumheller, and Paulita Hutchinson for healing, Justin Kimura for safety in Iraq, and the family of George Tatum for comfort; requests brought to Prayer Gathering Tuesday evening.

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

## PROFILE OF GIVING

Church Giving as of December 17, 2005

December is the month when churches traditionally catch up with their budget. Sligo Church needs to receive \$100,000 or more this month for church budget. We call this special emphasis the "Budget Booster." Can you give an extra amount this month? If you can, let the pastors know that it's your special gift by putting it on the Budget Booster line on the tithe envelope. We also need to receive more than \$16,000 each month for the Organ and Sanctuary Restoration project. Where we stand to date:

	Last Week	This Month
<b>Tithe</b>	\$83,987	\$202,371
<b>Church Budget</b>	\$13,940	\$31,544
<b>OSR</b>	\$3,657	\$8,653

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**The church office will be closed** Monday, December 26, for the Christmas holiday, and Monday, January 2, for the New Year's holiday

**Adult Sabbath School quarterlies** for January-March 2006, *Families in the Family of God*, are available at the reception desks. A small supply of quarterlies will also be available at the Church Office. Please remember the extra expense for this material in your holiday giving.

**Complete Sabbath School lessons** with commentary are always available online: <http://www.ssnet.org>.

**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 reception desks.

**January starts a new series of worship events:** "God Starts Fresh." Plan to attend each week so that you can learn more about starting new in Jesus.

**First Monday will be the** second Monday in January, and well worth the week's wait. "All Things New" will be a candlelight communion service, starting at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy the Women's Ministry fellowship.

**Continue to pray for the members** of the New Life Church in New Orleans, except they are still not in New Orleans. Our sister congregation remains churchless, and many of the members are still living in temporary housing. Pray that 2006 will bring them home.

**Special devices to help** those with hearing deficits are available from the Audio-Visual booth in the balcony. If you have a hard time getting up to the balcony, contact a deacon.

**A room is provided** at the back of the Sanctuary for parents with young children.

**Membership Transfers** (second reading):

*Joining Sligo:* Lian Chhing Khuma, Karim Salim, Rebecca Salim, and Carol Silva

*Joining elsewhere:* Chikwendu Anyatonwu, Festa Anyatonwu, and Jacqueline McFarland.

**Nominating Report:**

Emergency Aid Committee: Arthur Bergman (first reading) and Milca Pabon (second reading)

**To sponsor flowers** for future worship services contact Flor Balay at the church office, 301-270-6777 ext. 114 or [florbalay@sligochurch.org](mailto:florbalay@sligochurch.org).

**Bulletin Information Deadline:** Monday evening.

Email bulletin information to [theresa@sligochurch.org](mailto:theresa@sligochurch.org), or fax it to the church office.

