

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.sligo youngadults.com

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Sabbath Celebration

DECEMBER 29, 2007

8:45 & 11:15 A.M.

When God Speaks

Prelude

Welcome & Church Life Pastor Otis Coutsoumpos

+Baby Dedication Pastor Terry Johnsson
Aria Bliss Rachana Sukachevin

***Hymn of Praise**
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee / No. 12

***Invocation** Pastor Terry Johnsson

Anthem
I Know That my Redeemer Liveth / Handel

† Prayer Pastor Otis Coutsoumpos

Invitation to Give Enoch Thomas

Offertory
When Jesus Comes in Glory / Woods

Scripture Paul Copiz & Melanie Schimpf
I Kings 19:11-13

Sermon Pastor Terry Johnsson
When God Speaks

***Hymn of Response**
When We All Get to Heaven / No. 633

***Benediction** Pastor Terry Johnsson



Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church

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

Sabbath Celebration

8:45 & 11:15 a.m.

*Benediction Response

+ Postlude

Rose Bara, *deaconess on duty*

Christine Castillo, *soprano*

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

Sabbath School

Discipleship for Everyday Believers
10 a.m.

Song Service

Heather Griffin

Opening Song

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

Scripture & Prayer

Welcome

Lara Beaven

Special Music

Patrick Balay

Bible Study

Christ in the Crucible

Class Leaders

Benediction

Class Leaders

Jon Gilbertson, *piano*

Footnotes

Paul Copiz, a member for more than 40 years, serves as one of our elders and as an Adult Sabbath School Superintendent. Paul is a retired teacher of Takoma Academy. He and his wife, Heidi, give many hours in volunteer service to our church and community.

Melanie Schimpf, a member of Sligo Youth and a senior at Takoma Academy, was born in Argentina. She is Takoma Academy's yearbook editor. In her free time, Melanie enjoys writing poetry, writing in her journal, painting, and photography.

Enoch Thomas, a member for 40 years, serves as one of our elders and as an Adult Sabbath School teacher for the Purple Class. He is also a member of the Men's Action Team and the Social Action Team.

Christine Castillo, a native of Michigan, began her musical studies at the age of 5. She is currently pursuing a vocal performance degree at the University of Maryland. Recently she toured England and Wales with the University of Maryland Chamber Singers, culminating with performances at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.



Church & Community

Youth

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! Join in Sabbath mornings in the Youth Room, 10 a.m., for fellowship and growth through the topics and discussions

Hour of Hope is a Wednesday-night prayer meeting where youth come to worship in a friendly and fun environment. Hour of Hope is made by the youth for the youth. Come, join in this midweek gathering! Youth Room, 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.

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 31, Monday

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

January 1, Tuesday

Happy New Year! Church Office closed

January 2, Wednesday

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

January 5

Elders meeting, Fellowship Room B, 8:30 a.m.
Ordination Service for elders, deacons and deaconesses,
Sanctuary, 11:15 a.m.

Looking Ahead...

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.

January 5

Communion
Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.

January 12

Pastor Ron Halvorsen, Jr.

January 19

William Johnsson

January 26

Dr. Weymouth Spence

New Community Fellowship

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

December 29

New Year's Concert

January 5

Pastor Terry Johnsson

January 12

Farewell to the Halvorsens

January 19

Dane Nesbeth

Sunset
Tonight: 4:47
January 4: 4:58

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.

Dear Sligo Family, thank you so much for the pastor appreciation gifts you gave us last Sabbath. It means so much to receive a gift from the church family. Our hearts were warmed by your thoughtfulness. Thank you for being the wonderful church family that you are. It is an honor to be your pastors! Blessings to you.

The Pastoral Team of Sligo

New Community Fellowship thanks all those who gave winter clothing for our homeless drive. We were able to give clothes and food to more than 100 people.

NCF Leaders

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.

PROFILE OF GIVING as of December 22, 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:	\$ 48,133.67
Received YTD:	\$628,970.68
Budget YTD:	\$706,153.84
Shortfall:	\$ 77,183.16

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

Received Last Week:	\$ 21,631.15
Received YTD:	\$288,393.16
Budget YTD:	\$194,700.00
Over Budget:	\$ 93,693.16

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 today's regular offering may be placed in the mail slot at the Sligo Church Office Building.

Thank you for your support!

Church & Community

Did you know. . . ? Sligo School uses 60 desktop computers, all connected to a local area network.

Adult Sabbath School quarterlies for January-March 2008, *Discipleship*, are still available at the reception desks. A small supply of quarterlies is also 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>.

A scrapbook of notes from folks who have appreciated the ministry and leadership provided by Pastors Ron and Buffy Halvorsen will be presented to them on their last Sabbath, January 12. If you wish to have your note included, please place it in the offering today or next Sabbath.

There will be an ordination for elders, deacons, and deaconesses January 12 during the 11:15 worship service. Elders and deaconesses, please contact Theresa Beltran, theresa@sligochurch.org, if you have never been ordained. Deacons, please contact Allan Manuel or Pastor John Wagner.

Lost & Found: Missing something? Maybe you will find it in our Lost & Found, located in the Deacons' Room. There are currently Bibles, books, cell phones, glasses, and much more.

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.

The General Conference Women's Ministries Department collects books year round for their "Scholarshipping Our Sisters" book sales. This program is in its 15th year and has awarded almost 1300 scholarships. Your donation will help Adventist women in every division attend college. The department also collects videos, tapes, games, CDs, and DVDs. Call 301-680-6636 or visit <http://wm/gc/adventist.org> for scholarship information and the SOS newsletter.

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.

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.

