

Friends helping friends  
become  
*Fully devoted followers*  
of **Christ**

**Welcome to the Merrimack Valley Church!** May every member and guest feel the healing touch of Jesus in their lives today!

**A Special Prayer Service** will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship celebration. The special prayer focus will be for the sick and hurting of our congregation.

**Church Newsletters** for March/April are available in the foyer.

**Let's Go Bowling Tonight** -- Meet at the church at 6:00 with money to cover your own expenses.

**The Pre-Nominating Committee** will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:00.

**Next Sabbath:**

- ✂ Jerry Gilkenson, the Principal from Greater Boston Academy/Edgewood Elementary School will be our speaker.
- ✂ The offering will be for the local church budget.
- ✂ The Sabbath School Council will meet for an important meeting following the worship service
- ✂ The Nursing Home Ministry will meet.
- ✂ The Junior Baptismal Class will meet at 4:00 pm.

**Our Sympathies** are with Bob Moynihan and his family as they mourn the death of his father, Robert Moynihan, Sr. Funeral services are being held this morning in Salem.

**Thank You:** Tim and I would like to thank all that sent us cards and telephone calls regarding the passing of Tim's Mom, Pauline McClendon. We went to the funeral services in Alabama and it was the most beautiful service I have ever been to. Tim's aunts, uncles, and cousins are very musical it was unbelievable to hear them. I sat there with my eyes closed a just listened. (I got a little taste of heaven). Once again thank you! --Karen McClendon

**A New Church Sign** will go in the church yard this Spring. \$4,997.83 has been raised for this project that is likely to cost \$6,000.00 - \$7,000.00. Let's quickly complete this project so that we can move on to the next one -- more chairs and tables for the Fellowship Hall.



**Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
February 28, 2004

# Worship Celebration

## Jesus' Healing Touch

### Gathering to Worship

Prelude  
Worship Host Greetings

Ingrid Mergenthaler  
Andreas Goelzer

### Praising His Name

Praise Songs  
*The Joy of the Lord*  
*Be Still and Know*  
*Under His Wings*  
*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

Rta McCall, Karen McClendon,  
& Marge Patch

Congregational Prayer  
Church Alive  
Gifts of Worship  
Conference Advance  
Offertory

Jay Wiacek  
Rita McCall  
Linda Neang  
Ingrid Mergenthaler

### Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner  
Scripture Lesson  
*Health and Healing* See Insert  
Worship in Song  
Sabbath Message  
*The Healing Power of Prayer*

Gustav Mergenthaler  
Andreas Goelzer  
Michael Mergenthaler  
Dan Martella

### Dedicating Our Lives

Song of Dedication  
*He Touched Me*  
Prayer of Dedication  
Worship Host Benediction  
Postlude

Dan Martella  
Andreas Goelzer  
Ingrid Mergenthaler

**Camp Meeting 2004 Speakers** will include Henry Feyereabend, founder of It Is Written/Canada, and Ruthie Jacobson, Prayer Ministries Coordinator for the North America Division.

**Greater Boston Academy E-Newsletters** are available for subscription by sending a blank e-mail to [rondi2655@yahoo.com](mailto:rondi2655@yahoo.com).

**Browning/South Lancaster Academy** is on the web! [www.sla-browning.org](http://www.sla-browning.org).

**Southern New England Literature Evangelists** had more than \$400,000 in sales during 2003. The SNEC LE program has 10 full time, 8 part time, and 11 occasional workers. Their ministry in the past year has resulted in 22 baptisms.

*Sunset Tonight 5:33*

*Next Friday 5:40*



## Here to Serve ...

Every Believer, Ministers .....	*****
Dan Martella, Pastor.....	978/851-4004
Steven Dovich, Head Elder .....	978/621-4925
Gary Patch, Head Deacon .....	978/663-4544
Jean McKillop, Head Deaconess .....	603/382-4673
Marge Patch, Treasurer .....	978/663-4544
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Ingrid Mergenthaler, Sabbath School Superintendent .....	603/894-7295
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Rita McCall, Pathfinders.....	978/667-6670
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## The Joy Of The Lord

The joy of the Lord is my strength.  
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He heals the broken hearted and they cry no more.  
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The joy of the Lord is my strength.

He gives living water and I thirst no more,  
He gives living water and I thirst no more,  
He gives living water and I thirst no more,  
The joy of the Lord is my strength.

Since you have His joy you may shout with it.  
Since you have His joy you may dance with it.  
Since you have His joy you may laugh with it.

The joy of the Lord is my strength.

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## Be Still and Know

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.  
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I am the Lord the healeth thee. I am the Lord the healeth thee.  
I am the Lord the healeth thee.

My boundless mercy shall endure. My boundless mercy shall endure. My boundless mercy shall endure.

I love you with a steadfast love. I love you with a steadfast love.  
I love you with a steadfast love.

In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust. In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust.  
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## Under His Wings

Under His wings I am safely abiding.  
Tho the night deepens and tempest are wild;  
Still I can trust Him I know He will keep me,  
He has redeemed me and I am His child.

**Chorus:**

Under His wings, under His wings, who from His love can sever?  
Under His wings my soul shall abide, safely abide forever.

Under His wings, what a refuge in sorrow!  
How the heart yearningly turns to His rest!  
Often when earth has no balm for my healing,  
There I find comfort and there I am blest.

Under His wings, O what precious enjoyment!  
There will I hide 'til life's trials are o'er!  
Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me,  
Resting in Jesus I'm safe evermore.

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## My Faith Has Found A Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place, not in device or creed;  
I trust the ever living One, His wounds for me shall plead.

**Chorus:**

I need no other argument, I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul, I come to Him, He'll never cast me out.

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God,  
Salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through His blood.

My great physician heals the sick, the lost He came to save;  
For me His precious blood He shed, for me His life He gave.

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## He Touched Me

Shackled by a heavy burden, 'neath a load of guilt and shame.  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.

**Chorus:**

He touched me, O, He touched me, and O, the joy that floods my soul.  
Something happened, and now I know, He touched me and made me whole.

Since I met this blessed Savior, since He cleansed and made me whole,  
I will never cease to praise Him, I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

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# Health and Healing

Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.

**Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body**

"If you listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you."

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.**

The sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.

**Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades.**

Here a great number of disabled people used to lie--the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.

**When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"**

"Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

**Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.**

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city.

**On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.**

No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

**He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.**

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits-who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's .**

3 John 2; 1 Corinthians 6:19,20; Exodus 15:26; Proverbs 3:5-8; Malachi 4:2; John 5:1-9; Revelation 22:1-5; Revelation 21:4; Psalm 103:1-5

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