

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

Welcome to the Merrimack Valley Church! As we wrap up the old year and launch into the new, let us be propelled by the promises of God.

The Ladies Chorus will meet for practice immediately following the Worship service today.

Start the New Year with a Communion Celebration and Agape Feast. This New Year's Eve event will take place at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Next Sabbath the Pastor will share a New Year's message, *Beginning Again*, from Philippians 3:12-14

Tithes and Offerings to be receipted for 2003 need to be placed in the offering plate or given to the church treasurer today.

A Church Business Meeting will be held on Sunday morning, January 4, at 10:00. Breakfast will be served at 9:00. Agenda items include: The 2004 Church Budget, a report on the SCRIP Program, selection of a church sign, and a review of our Phase I Special Projects list. All members are urged to attend.

Membership Transfer Recommendation: Brian, Danelle, Denee, Tyler, and Melissa Setterlund to the Billerica Church. Second Reading.

A Junior Baptismal Class for 10 - 14 year olds will be taught by the Pastor beginning in January. Interested individuals can sign up by contacting the Pastor.

Church Sign: \$3,728.00 has been raised toward the installation of a permanent church sign. Thank you for your support in this important ministry.

From My Heart: Some day you and I will each take our turn standing at the judgment bar of God and He will say--What did you do with the gifts and abilities I gave you? What did you do with the financial resources I entrusted to you? What did you do with your time? Did you use all these things to help others? What have you done with it all? DBM

Sunset Tonight 4:18

Next Friday 4:22



Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church
December 27, 2003

Worship Celebration

Standing on the Promises

Gathering to Worship

Prelude Marianne Wiacek
Worship Host Greetings Steven Dovich

Praising His Name

Praise Songs Linda Martella & Ingrid Mergenthaler
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
The Joy of the Lord
Day By Day
Congregational Prayer JoAnn Artis
Church Alive Shirley Babienko
Gifts of Worship Steven Dovich
Conference Advance/Elementary Education
Offertory Mark Babienko & Jeff Martella

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner Linda Martella
Worship in Song Jose Mortimer
Scripture Lesson Steven Dovich
Hebrews 6:11,12
Worship in Song Elizabeth Cady-Bryner
Sabbath Message Earle Andrews
Inherit the Promises!

Dedicating Our Lives

Song of Dedication #518
Standing on the Promises
Prayer of Dedication Earle Andrews
Worship Host Benediction Steven Dovich
Postlude Marianne Wiacek

Spiritual Renewal Retreat for MVC members and their friends at Camp Winnekeag January 30 - February 1. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above;
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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The Joy Of The Lord

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

He heals the broken hearted and they cry no more,
He heals the broken hearted and they cry no more,
He heals the broken hearted and they cry 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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Day By Day

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure,
Give unto each day what He deems best;
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Ev'ry day the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me,
He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.
The protection of His child and treasure,
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then in ev'ry tribulation,
So to trust Your promises, O Lord;
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation,
Offered me within Your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a Father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land.