

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

**Welcome to the Merrimack Valley Church! We are thankful that you have come today to share in fellowship and worship.**

**We're Looking For Host Homes!**



Our church is planning a spiritual growth campaign called **Forty Days of Purpose**, from January 22 to March 5. During this six week campaign, we will meet in small groups in our homes and in our church to watch a theme-related

video Bible study and to discuss practical applications of the lessons to our lives. Currently, we have six hosts/leaders. We are looking for two more host homes and two more Sabbath morning hosts. If you are interested in being a host, please complete the host sign-up card in your bulletin. You can place it in the offering plate, give it to Ingrid Mergenthaler, or give it to the Pastor.

**Church Events This Coming Week**

Today	3:00 pm	Cambodian Mission Program
Sunday	10:00 am	Christmas Decorating of the Church/Nativity Setup
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Live Nativity Committee Meeting
Tuesday	7:30 pm	40 Days of Purpose Steering Committee Meeting
Thursday	7:30 pm	Elder Board Meeting
Sabbath	10:00 am	Sabbath School
Sabbath	11:30 am	Worship Celebration with GBA Students
Saturday	6:30 pm	Adult Christmas Party

**Giving Hearts: November Report**

Offerings	Received	Monthly Budget
Church Budget	\$2,839.00	\$3,033.00
Building/Organ Fund	\$2,512.00	\$3,725.00

**Announcements**

**A Cambodian Mission Program** by Judy Aitken will be shared this afternoon at 3:00. All are welcome.

**The Adult Christmas Party** sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Bring a wrapped used Christmas gift for the Yankee Swap and some holiday finger foods.

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church  
November 27, 2004

**Worship Celebration**  
God's Wonderful People

**Gathering to Worship**

Prelude Ingrid Mergenthaler  
Worship Host Greetings Steven Dovich

**Praising His Name**

Praise Songs Heidi & Linda Martella  
*God's Wonderful People*  
*Come Into His Presence*  
*Come Ye Thankful People, Come*  
*In His Time*

Congregational Prayer Louise Ford  
Church Alive Phyllis Nodoro  
Gifts of Worship Steven Dovich  
Atlantic Union College  
Offertory Jeff Martella

**Proclaiming the Word**

Children's Corner Sary Neang  
Scripture Lesson Juan Pinto  
Revelation 14:12  
Worship in Song Szykowski Family  
Sabbath Message Dan Martella  
*The Right Stuff*

**Dedicating Our Lives**

Song of Dedication  
*Let It Be Said of Us*  
Prayer of Dedication Dan Martella  
Worship Host's Benediction Steven Dovich  
Postlude Ingrid Mergenthaler

**Mission Trip:** Brenda Candelario is planning a mission trip to Venezuela during December and January. Donations to help with this venture can be marked "Brenda's Mission Trip."

**North American Division Membership** has passed the million mark--1,001,872 as of October 21, 2004. The total number of NAD church plants for 2000-2003 is 596, and the average number of baptisms per year is 30,000.

### Invite Your Family and Friends to These Christmas Events

**The Live Nativity** will be held Friday evening, December 10 from 6:00 to 9:00. Volunteers and refreshments are needed. Sign up at the bulletin board.

**The *Comfort and Joy Cantata*** will be performed in our church on December 11 during the worship celebration. A reception will follow.

***Sing a Song of Christmas*** will be performed by our children during the December 18 worship celebration.

**Christmas Carols** will be shared in a community Christmas Eve celebration on December 24. Steven Dovich is coordinating this event.

**A *Family Christmas*** will be enjoyed by all at the December 25 worship celebration. Marianne Wiacek is coordinating this event.

**Sunset Tonight 4:13**

**Next Friday 4:11**

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## God's Wonderful People

### Chorus

I love the thrill that I feel when I get together with God's wonderful people.  
Love the thrill that I feel when I get together with God's wonderful people.  
What a sight just to see all the happy faces praising God in heavenly places.  
What a thrill that I feel when I get together with God's wonderful people.

Oh, what joy His love affords when we meet in one accord,  
And we lift our hearts in praise unto the Lord.  
There's no place I'd rather be than with the ones who've been set free.  
I'm so glad I'm in God's great big family.

It can be just anywhere two or three are gathered there,  
That the Spirit of the Lord will be there too.  
There's no fellowship so sweet, there's no thrill that can compete  
With the thrill I feel whenever God's children meet.

On that great reunion day, when our Lord says, "Come away",  
And the saints from ev'ry land sweep through the gates  
Joining loved ones 'round the throne, at last we'll all be gathered home.  
That will be the greatest thrill we've ever known.

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## Come Into His Presence

Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart  
And give Him praise, and give Him praise;  
Come into His presence with thanksgiving in your heart,  
Your voices raise, your voices raise.  
Give glory and honor and power unto Him,  
Jesus, the name above all names.

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## Come, Ye Thankful People Come #557

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

We ourselves are God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.  
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;  
From His field shall purge away all that doth offend that day,  
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Then, thou church triumphant come, raise the song of harvest home;  
All are safely gathered in, free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There forever purified, in God's garner to abide.  
Come, ten thousand angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home.

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## **In His Time**

In His time, in His time, He makes all things beautiful in His time.  
Lord, please show me ev'ry day as You're teaching me Your way;  
That You do just what You say in Your time.

In Your time, in Your time, You make all things beautiful in Your time.  
Lord, my life to You I bring; May each song I have to sing  
Be to You a lovely thing in Your time.

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## **Let It Be Said Of Us**

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,  
That with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given.  
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course  
Knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

### ***Chorus***

Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,  
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.  
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song  
'Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known

Let it be said of us we were marked by forgiveness,  
We were known by our love and delighted in weakness  
We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call  
Joined as one body, that Christ would be seen in all.

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