

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

Welcome to the Merrimack Valley Church! As we worship and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, we will lead lives that truly matter.

**Forty Days of Purpose Starts in Two Weeks**



Our **Forty Days of Purpose** spiritual growth campaign will start just two weeks from today. During this six-week campaign, we will worship, read daily devotionals, and meet in small groups to watch a theme-related video Bible studies and to discuss practical applications to our lives.

For the next two weeks you can choose which small group you wish study with during the *40 Days of Purpose*. Please use the sign-up card in your bulletin to make your choice. Just fill in the form on the back of the card, and place it in the offering plate. If you need further information please contact the Pastor or Ingrid Mergenthaler or you may stop by Grand Central in the lobby.

Special e-mail daily devotionals have also been prepared for you. If you want to receive this daily encouragement; you may use the sign up card to give us your e-mail address.

**Church Events This Coming Week**

Today	1:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner
	2:15 pm	Small Group Host Orientation Session
Sabbath	10:00 am	Sabbath School
Sabbath	11:30 am	Worship Celebration
		Pastor's Message: <i>The Purpose Driven Life</i>

**Giving Hearts: January Report**

Offerings	Received	Monthly Budget
Church Budget	\$1,116.00	\$2,942.00
Building/Organ Fund	\$1,590.00	\$3,725.00

**Announcements**

**Visit Grand Central --** This is the place where you can pick up resource materials related to the Forty Days of Purpose campaign and sign up for a small group.

**Warm Coats,** mittens, hats, and gloves are needed for local community services contacts. All donations should be clean and in good repair. Donations can be left in the foyer basket.

**2005 Devotional Books** can be ordered at the foyer table. Sale prices are good through January. For more information contact Joanie Reiss.

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church  
January 8, 2005

# Worship Celebration

A Life That Matters

**Gathering to Worship**

Prelude  
Worship Host Greetings

Ingrid Mergenthaler  
Gustav Mergenthaler

**Praising His Name**

Praise Songs  
*The Steadfast Love of the Lord*  
*I Am Thine, O Lord*  
*Take the World, But Give Me Jesus*

Congregational Prayer  
Church Alive  
Gifts of Worship  
Conference Budget  
Offertory

Louise Ford & Jean McKillop  
Gustav Mergenthaler  
Bob McCall  
Gustav Mergenthaler

**Proclaiming the Word**

Children's Corner  
Scripture Lesson  
Ephesians 5:15-17  
Worship in Song  
*Take My Life*  
Sabbath Message  
*Don't Waste Your Life*

Warren Saxton  
Warren Saxton  
Ingrid Mergenthaler  
Blanche Castle

**Dedicating Our Lives**

Hymn of Dedication  
*As the Deer*  
Prayer of Dedication  
Worship Host's Benediction  
Postlude

Blanche Castle  
Gustav Mergenthaler  
Ingrid Mergenthaler

**February 1** is the deadline for early application discounts for the 2005/2006 school year at Greater Boston Academy/Edgewood Elementary. For application and information, please visit the school website at [www.greaterbostonacademy.com](http://www.greaterbostonacademy.com) or call 781-438-4253.

**The Elegant Dinner**, GBA/EW's premier fund raising event, will be held on February 13 at 5:00 pm. To purchase tickets call 781-438-4253.

**Ellen G. White Books** are being collected to send to Nigeria. If you have extra copies of any titles that you would like to donate, please give them to the Pastor in the next few weeks.

**Tsunami Story:** Pathfinder leaders in Thailand recently planed a camporee on the beach at Phuket. As the time for the comporee approached, it was decided to move it to the mainland. As a result, 2,000 Pathfinders escaped the tsunami.

**Sunset Tonight 4:28**

**Next Friday 4:35**

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## **The Steadfast Love**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.  
His mercies never come to an end.  
They are new every morning, new every morning.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord. Great is Thy faithfulness.

(Repeat)

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## **I Am Thine , O Lord #306**

I am Thine O Lord; I have heard Thy voice,  
And it told Thy love to me.  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,  
And be closer drawn to Thee.

**Chorus:**

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord.  
To Thy precious bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service Lord,  
By the power of grace divine.  
May my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
And my will be lost in Thine.

Oh the pure delight of a single hour  
That before Thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer and with Thee my God,  
I commune as friend with friend!

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## **Take My Life and Let It Be #330**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love,  
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;  
Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King,  
Always, only for my King.

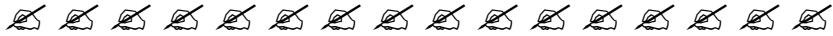
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee;  
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold,  
Not a mite would I withhold.

*Over >*

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine,  
Take my heart, it is Thine own! It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasurer store;  
Take myself, and I will be, ever only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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## **As The Deer**

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

### **Chorus:**

You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone, may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joygiver and the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and You are my brother, even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.

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