

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

**Welcome to Merrimack Valley Church!** Worship is an experience. We pray you'll experience the renewing of Christ today!

### Church Events This Coming Week

Sabbath	10:00 am	Sabbath School
	11:30 am	Worship Service – Pathfinder Sabbath
	1:00 pm	Pathfinder Potluck
	1:30 pm	Nursing Home Ministry
	2:00 pm	Museum of Science Trip

### Announcements

**In Memory** – Randall Castle, father of Blanche Castle, died Sunday, January 6th in Florida. A burial of his remains will be in March at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. He was in the United States Army and a recipient of the Silver Star and Purple Heart. Our sympathies continue to be with Blanche and her family and friends.

**Synai** is a musical group which started as a quartet in about 1992. Over the years the group has evolved and now is comprised of 3 guys and 5 girls and sing mostly A cappella. They love to praise the Lord and thank him for allowing them to worship with us today.

**Prayer Warriors** for the New Beginnings Seminar will meet in the Library (the room behind the piano) immediately following the Worship service for a short season of prayer.

**NOTICE:** Please contact Blanche Castle, Function Coordinator at (978) 368-1134 or email her at [blcastle@gmail.com](mailto:blcastle@gmail.com) to request use of the church for events or meetings

**Newsletter for January/February 2008** electronic version has been posted to: <http://www.mvsda.org/newsletters/janfeb2008.pdf>  
If you are unable to access the web to download the newsletter, please let Cindy Harris, [cinlee4@comcast.net](mailto:cinlee4@comcast.net), know so she can make other arrangements.

**Sunset Tonight 4:40**

**Next Friday 4:47**

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church  
January 19, 2008

# Worship Celebration

How Little Things Can  
Make a Big Difference

## Gathering to Worship

Prelude	Ingrid Mergenthaler
Worship Host's Greetings	Jennifer Voight
Call to Worship	

## Praising His Name

Praise Songs	Chali Davis & Family
<i>Come Thou Fount</i>	
<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	
<i>Pass It On</i>	
<i>We are His Hands</i>	
Congregational Prayer	Jennifer Voight
Church Alive	Phil Vasseur
Gifts of Worship	Gilda Newell
<i>Local Church Budget</i>	
Offertory	Ingrid Mergenthaler

## Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner	D.O.G. Puppets
Scripture Lesson	Vivian Irrgang
<i>Matthew 7:21-23</i>	
Worship in Song	Synai
Sabbath Message	Phil Vasseur
<i>The Tipping Point</i>	

## Dedicating Our Lives

Hymn of Dedication	(see insert)
<i>Lord, Be Glorified</i>	
Prayer of Dedication	Phil Vasseur
Worship Host's Benediction	Jennifer Voight
Postlude	Ingrid Mergenthaler

Thank you for reverencing God's house.  
Hushed voices and muted phones enhance our worship experience.

## Future Church Events

Jan 19	Community Table Outreach
Jan 26	Pathfinder Sabbath
Feb 2	Prayer Breakfast – Jack Mentges
Feb 9	“Friendship” Sabbath
Feb 10	Valentine Banquet
Mar 1	Adventurer Sabbath
Apr 11-19	<i>New Beginnings Seminar</i>
May 23-25	Adventurer Spring Escape

Please visit our web site for additional calendar information:

<http://www.mvsda.org/Calendar/>

## Giving Hearts: January- to-date Report

Offerings	Received	Monthly budget
Church Budget	\$1,145.00	\$3,500.00
Building Fund	\$2,483.00	\$3,250.00
Special Offerings To-Date	Received	Needed
Tables and Chairs	\$1,914.00	\$2,245.00
Evangelism		\$5,200.00

**Bulletin information** should be sent to Vivian Irrgang (e-mail: [bulletin@mvsda.org](mailto:bulletin@mvsda.org); phone: 978/683-1319. Items submitted each week by 7p.m. Tuesday evening will be considered for inclusion in the bulletin.

## Here to Serve

Audio/Visual: .....	Andreas Goelzer.....	603/821-1041
Community Services .....	Karen McClendon.....	978/658-2893
Deacon: .....	Gary Patch.....	978/663-4544
Deaconess:.....	Juanita Ortiz .....	978/683-1319
Elder: .....	Steven Dovich .....	978/621-4925
Membership Clerk: .....	Joan Reiss .....	978/256-1671
Pastor: .....	Phil Vasseur .....	603/429-2410
Recording Clerk:.....	Sue Markin .....	978/957-6384
Sabbath School: .....	Alice Jacobson .....	603/898-4075
Treasurer:.....	Marge Patch .....	978/663-4544

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**Prayer Warrior Group:** The Prayer Warrior group for the New Beginnings Seminar is looking for your specific prayer requests for those you would like to see attend these meetings or other prayer concerns for those you love and care about. We will pray for specific requests or general requests as we receive them. We are also looking for answers to your prayer requests. Please contact Rita McCall with your requests either in person, by e-mail at [rita\\_mccall@verizon.net](mailto:rita_mccall@verizon.net), by phone at 978-808-1415 or put your request in an envelope and mark the outside New Beginnings Prayer Request and put it in the basket in the church foyer marked New Beginnings Prayer Request.

**Friendship Sabbath—Geared for Guests** - Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> is Friendship Sabbath. Friendship Sabbath is a worship service designed with the non-church goer in mind. If you have any friends that don't usually attend church, Friendship Sabbath, is a great opportunity for you to deepen your connection with them and their connection with Christ!

**Pathfinder Bible Achievement:** The area level Pathfinder Bible Achievement (PBA) will take place on February 9, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at Greater Boston Academy (Edgewood School) in Stoneham. The Merrimack Valley King's Kids will be participating in this round of achievement. We encourage church, family and friends to come and support our young people in this endeavor. Abigail Santana, Ayzlynn Crowley, & Nathalie Crowley will be representing our club. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Rock Climbing invitation** - The Pathfinders will be returning to Boulder Morty's for some rock climbing on Sunday morning February 10 at 11:00 a.m. If you would like to join us please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the church hall. Prices are posted on the signup sheet or you may visit the website: <http://www.bouldermortys.org/prices.html> Contact Rita McCall at [rita\\_mccall@verizon.net](mailto:rita_mccall@verizon.net) or call 978-808-1415 with any questions.

**New Beginnings Seminar** - It doesn't matter if you're a veteran Christian, a beginner, or a seeker, we all need help from time to time with this thing we call life. *New Beginnings Seminar* will provide you, your family and friends with practical instruction for your life! Nightly topics will include: Facing the Future Unafraid, Battle for the Throne, Millions Fooled by a Myth, The Great Escape and much more. *New Beginnings* will start, Friday, April 11, at 7 p.m. and will continue each night through, Saturday, April 19. Be part of the experience!

**Evangelism funds needed:** now that the tables and chairs project is almost complete, we need to turn our attention to our next project - Evangelism. We will need an additional \$5,200.00 to fund the *New Beginnings* evangelism seminar in April. This works out to approximately \$240.00 per year per family or \$20.00 per month. May God's blessings abound as we look forward to sharing Christ's love with our community.

**New Tables:** we only need another \$381.00 to finish the new chairs and tables project. Thanks for helping to complete this project.

**Old Chairs \$5 each** - Contact Gary Patch 978-663-4544

**Prayer Request:**

Brenda Bones – Ortiz/Irrgang family member brain tumor  
Georgette- Joanie Reiss's stepmother-gall bladder problems  
Jim Reiss- prayer for healing

**Thought Spot:** The Bible is replete with action oriented faith. Jesus places a premium on our deeds when He says "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?" A man's (and woman's) actions speak so loudly we can't hear what he's saying. It's true. Actions do speak louder than words!

<b>Southern New England Conference Events</b>
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Feb 1-3	AU Collegiate/Young Adults <i>God Encounters</i> Weekend Camp Winnekeag. For more information contact Dalia Castellanos at (978)368-8333 or email <a href="mailto:decastellanos@atlanticunion.org">decastellanos@atlanticunion.org</a>
Feb 8-10	Marriage Retreat <i>Grace and Marriage</i> at Camp Winnekeag with Mike and Lynn Ortel. For more information contact SNEC Family Ministries
Feb 14-17	NAD Leadership Summit for Youth, Pathfinder, Adventurer & Camp Staff. For more information go to <a href="http://www.adventistyouthministries.org">www.adventistyouthministries.org</a> or call (800)732-7587
Feb 29- Mar 2	SNEC Teen Prayer Conference in Camp Winnekeag
Mar 9	Vacation Bible School workshop
Mar 14-16	Elders Retreat
Jun 20-28	Camp Meeting, South Lancaster, MA