

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

**Welcome to Merrimack Valley Church!** As you worship here today, we pray that the power and presence of the Holy Spirit will bless you.

### Church Events This Coming Week

|         |          |                                |
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| Today   | 9:45 am  | Prayer Breakfast               |
|         | 2:30 pm  | Adventurer Club Meeting        |
|         | 4:30 pm  | Adventurer Staff Meeting       |
| Sunday  | 3:00 pm  | Pathfinder Meeting             |
|         | 5:30 pm  | Pathfinder Staff Meeting       |
| Sabbath | 10:00 am | Sabbath School                 |
|         | 11:30 am | Worship Service – Phil Vasseur |
|         | 1:00 pm  | Fellowship Dinner              |
|         | 2:00 pm  | Woman's Ministry Bible Study   |
|         | 2:30 pm  | Men's Ministry Study           |

### Announcements

**February 9th fellowship dinner menu:** lasagna, green beans, salad, garlic bread, desserts and drink. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please bring enough for your family and extra to share with visitors.

**Women's Ministry Study Group** meets next Sabbath at 2:00 p.m. following potluck. The study of Lee Venden's *To Know Him* will continue with chapters 4 through 6.

**Valentine's Dinner:** February 10 at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to go please sign up today! It promises to be an evening of fun, fellowship and good food!

**Sunset Tonight 4:57**

**Next Friday 5:05**

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church  
February 2, 2008

# Worship Celebration

## Dealing With Discouragement

### Gathering to Worship

|                          |                 |
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| Prelude                  | Marianne Wiacek |
| Worship Host's Greetings | Dale Jacobson   |
| Call to Worship          |                 |

### Praising His Name

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| Praise Songs               | Jovanie & Maxwell |
| <i>More About Jesus</i>    | Whyte             |
| <i>Come Thou Fount</i>     |                   |
| <i>Take my Life</i>        |                   |
| Congregational Prayer      | Ron Holiman       |
| Gifts of Worship           | Jim Reiss         |
| <i>Local Church Budget</i> |                   |
| Offertory                  | Marianne Wiacek   |

### Proclaiming the Word

|                                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Children's Corner                     | Warren Saxton        |
| Scripture Lesson                      | Cassidy Connelly     |
| <i>2 Corinthians 4:7-9</i>            |                      |
| Worship in Song                       | Michael Mergenthaler |
| Sabbath Message                       | Steve Dovich         |
| <i>When Your Season Isn't Perfect</i> |                      |

### Dedicating Our Lives

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Hymn of Dedication          | #608            |
| <i>Faith is the Victory</i> |                 |
| Prayer of Dedication        | Steve Dovich    |
| Worship Host's Benediction  | Dale Jacobson   |
| Postlude                    | Marianne Wiacek |

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

## Future Church Events

|           |                               |
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| Feb 9     | “Friendship” Sabbath          |
| Feb 9     | Fellowship Dinner             |
| Feb 9     | Woman’s Ministry Bible Study  |
|           | Men’s Ministry Bible Study    |
| 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                    | \$2,473.00      | \$3,500.00     |
| Building Fund                    | \$3,733.00      | \$3,250.00     |
| <b>Special Offerings To-Date</b> | <b>Received</b> | <b>Needed</b>  |
| Tables and Chairs                | \$2,089.00      | \$2,245.00     |
| Evangelism                       | \$200.00        | \$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

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| 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.

**Prayer Warriors:** The Prayer Warrior Team will meet in the library (the room behind the piano) immediately following the church service today.

**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 today at 3:00 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 7:00 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 \$156.00 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:** "Under the Holy Spirit's working even the weakest, by exercising faith in God, learned to improve their entrusted powers and become sanctified, refined, and ennobled." Ellen G. White, *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 49, 50.

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| <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  |