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become  
*Fully devoted followers*  
of **Christ**

**Welcome to Merrimack Valley** Welcome to our worship service today. We're glad you're here!

### Church Events This Coming Week

Today	2:30 pm	Adventurer Meeting – Field Uniform
	4:30 pm	Adventurer Staff Meeting
Sunday	10:00 am	Family Fun Day & Church Yard Sale
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Church Board Meeting
Sabbath	10:00 am	Sabbath School
	11:30 am	Worship Service- Phil Vasseur
	1:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner

### Announcements

**Today** we welcome our speaker, Pastor Juan Borges, Southern New England Conference Executive Secretary.

**Transfer of Membership to Merrimack Valley – 2nd reading**  
Pedro Joaquin from Methuen Spanish Church in Methuen, MA

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Chali Davis, Taylor & Jodie Masotta to Manchester Church in Manchester, NH

**King's Kids Pathfinder Club Registration** for 2008-2009 is still being accepted. Pick up a form in the church foyer and plan to be at our first meeting on September 20 at 5:00 p.m. Bring your completed forms at that time. Contact [ritalmccall@gmail.com](mailto:ritalmccall@gmail.com) or 978-808-1415 with any questions.

**Little Lights Adventurer Club Registration** - Registration packets are available for children ages 4-9. We are also looking for volunteers to help in many aspects of the club. The registration packet is also available on-line at <http://www.mvsda.org/Adventurers>. Please contact Veronica Iria 603/673-4710 for more information.

**Sunset Tonight 7:14**

**Next Friday 7:03**

Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church  
September 6, 2008

# Worship Celebration

The Promises of God are always sure

## Gathering to Worship

Prelude	Sherri Dovich
Worship Host's Greetings	Benjamin Osei-Mensah
Call to Worship	

## Praising His Name

Praise Songs	Shirley Antoine and Jovanie Whyte
<i>There is None Like You</i>	
<i>Blessed be the Lord God Almighty</i>	
<i>The Lord is My Light</i>	
Congregational Prayer	Joanie Reiss
Gifts of Worship	Monte Nelson
<i>Local Church Budget</i>	
Offertory	Sherri Dovich

## Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner	Steven Dovich
Scripture Lesson	Jim Reiss
<i>Luke 11:9, 10</i>	
Worship in Song	William Carvajal
Sabbath Message	Juan Borges
<i>The Promises of God</i>	

## Dedicating Our Lives

Hymn of Dedication	# 518
<i>Standing on the Promises</i>	
Prayer of Dedication	Juan Borges
Worship Host's Benediction	Benjamin Osei-Mensah
Postlude	Sherri Dovich

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

## Future Church Events

Sept 7	Family Fun Day & Church Yard Sale
Sept 13	Fellowship Dinner
Sept 20	Prayer Breakfast – Pastor Phil Vasseur
Sept 20	Pathfinder Meeting
Sept 28	Adventurer Fall Fun Day – Mystic Aquarium, CT
Oct 3-5	Pathfinder Camporee – South Lancaster, MA
Oct 12	Topsfield Fair with Pathfinders and Adventurers
Oct 19	Fall Hay Ride
Nov 15	Adventurer Sabbath

Please visit our web site for additional calendar information:

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

## Giving Hearts: August Report

Offerings	Received	Monthly budget
Church Budget	\$3,873.00	\$3,500.00
Building Fund	\$4,136.00	\$3,250.00
Special Offerings To-Date	Received	Needed
Evangelism	\$5,419.00	\$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

Audio/Visual: .....	Andreas Goelzer.....	603/821-1041
Community Services .....	Karen McClendon.....	978/604-5818
Deacon: .....	Gary Patch.....	978/663-4544
Deaconess:.....	Jean McKillop .....	603/382-4673
Elder: .....	Dale Jacobson.....	603/898-4075
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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**The Prayer Warrior Team:** Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@mvsda.org](mailto:prayer@mvsda.org). The Prayer Team will add it to their list and present your petitions to God on a regular basis.

**Family Fun Day/Yard Sale – 10 am to 4 pm Sunday, Sept 7, 2008** will be a day filled with free activities for the Family at Merrimack Valley Church. Come and play field games, see a puppet show, face painting(fee), craft art, balloon art, and a volleyball game. Also a bouncy obstacle course for the kids. A big yard sale filled with treasures. Enjoy roasted corn (free while it lasts) and other food items such as homemade cookies, brownies, chips, etc. will be for sale. Call: 978-454-9226 for more information. Yard sale is open to public for \$10 per table. Call to make a reservation.

**Topsfield Fair:** Topsfield Fair discounted tickets are available by placing your order on the sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the church fellowship hall. The Pathfinders and Adventurers are planning to attend on Sunday October 12. You are welcomed to join us on that date or use your ticket for any other date during the fair. Order and payment deadline is September 17th. See the bulletin board for details or contact Rita McCall with any questions at [ritalmccall@gmail.com](mailto:ritalmccall@gmail.com) or 978-808-1415

**Pathfinder Fundraiser:** Bottles and cans with a MA (Massachusetts) deposit value! Did you know that Poland Springs Sparkling Water bottles can be returned for 5 cents? Do you hate to return those cans and bottles but feel guilty about throwing them away? The Pathfinders would like the opportunity to collect and return them to raise money for their trip to the Pathfinder Camporee in Wisconsin during the summer of 2009. Ask your relatives, friends and co-workers to give you anything that they would throw away. Place a container in your office. We will take the cans and bottles on a weekly basis. Please mark the bag "returnables for Pathfinders". You may leave them in the fellowship hall by the stage. If you prefer to cash them in yourself we would appreciate the help. You may then donate the money and mark it "Pathfinders Camporee donation" on the tithe envelope. Thanks in advance for all your support with this project.

**Church Treasurer Summer contact information:** Marge Patch: 603-859-5208 please mail any correspondence or offerings (checks only) that you do not get in the Sabbath collection to: 33 Cedergreen Rd. New Durham, NH 03855. Please don't mail offerings to the church as the mail is not checked daily

**Prayer Request:**

Jim Reiss- prayer for healing

Eliseo Hernandez (Veronica Iria's father) - prayer for healing

David Morris- heart problems

Brian Cassidy (Carol Cassidy's brother -in-law) - prayer for healing

Jean McKillop – recovery from shoulder surgery

Cindy Harris' Mom – recovering from surgery

**Thought Spot:** Promises are easy to make but harder to keep. We've all done it. We've made a promise and sincerely intended to keep it. But for whatever reason, we couldn't. Not true for God. He will always keep His promises. Always. Now that's something to think about. *Pastor Phil*

<b>Southern New England Conference Events</b>
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Sept 5-6 SNEC Youth Rally

Sept 7-8 ABC Fall Open House

Sept 12-13 Adventurer, Pathfinder, Youth & Federation Leaders  
Training Weekend, Camp Winnekeag

Sept 28 Adventurer Fun Day – Mystic Aquarium, CT

Oct 3-5 Pathfinder Camporee, South Lancaster, MA

Aug 11-15, 2009 Courage to Stand NAD Pathfinder Camporee  
Oshkosh, WI