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of **Christ**

## Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church

August 25, 2018

# Worship Celebration

The Church as the Bride of Christ

**Welcome to the Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church.** We are glad you chose to worship with us today. Our speaker today is Pastor Matthew Vixie. Do you desire Bible Studies, baptism, a pastoral visit or prayer? Please see the Pastor or one of the Elders.

**Thought Spot:** Who then can fully appreciate what this royal marriage means? Who can understand the riches of the glory of this grace? Here this rich and divine bridegroom Christ marries this poor, wicked harlot, redeems her from all her evil, and adorns her with all his goodness. Her sins cannot now destroy her, since they are laid upon Christ and swallowed up by him. And she has that righteousness in Christ, her husband, of which she may boast as of her own and which she can confidently display alongside her sins in the face of death and hell and say, 'If I have sinned, yet my Christ, in whom I believe, has not sinned, and all his is mine and all mine is his,' as the bride in the Song of Solomon says, 'My beloved is mine and I am his,'" Martin Luther 1520 (The Freedom of the Christian)

### Church Events This Coming Week

Today	9:00 AM	Men's Ministry Breakfast
	9:30 AM	Prelude Praise practice
	10:00 AM	Sabbath School
	11:20 AM	Worship service
Monday	7:00 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Book of Daniel Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Mid-week Discipleship Study

### Announcements

**Business Meeting:** There will be a business meeting September 13th at 7pm here at the church. This will be primarily to discuss the addition of a subsidy amount for GBA to our annual budget. It is a significant increase that the conference and GBA has requested of us that they may have a balanced budget. The school principal will be there as well as a conference official. All members are invited to attend.

**Our Budget:** Though we plan a budget each year, this spring the conference and Greater Boston Academy asked our church as well as 17 others to make a significant increase to our support of the school so they can have a balanced budget this year. As a result of that request and our board voting to honor the request the best way we can, we ask you to please remember the school in your giving as our church is looking to give \$24,000 to the school this year in support. This is a significant increase to our budget.

## Praising His Name

Worship Host's Greeting	Warren Saxton
Praise Songs	Elizabeth Dovich, Rumbi Gutu, Grace Harris
Clap Your Hands #13	
My God Loves Me	
Your Everlasting Love	
10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)	
The Love of God #157	
I'll Be Still #142	
Congregational Prayer	Warren Saxton
Gifts of Worship	Warren Saxton
Our Conference Budget	
Offertory	Sherri Dovich

## Proclaiming The Word

Children's Corner	Lesly Harris
Scripture Lesson	Warren Saxton
<i>Isaiah 54:5</i>	
Worship in Song	Grace Harris
Sabbath Message	Pastor Matthew Vixie
<i>Wedding Day</i>	

## Dedicating Our Lives

Hymn of Dedication	Elizabeth Dovich, Rumbi Gutu, Grace Harris
He Knows My Name	
Prayer of Dedication	Pastor Matthew Vixie
Worship Host's Benediction	Warren Saxton
Postlude	Sherri Dovich & Eunice Ferreira

Hushed voices and muted phones enhance our worship experience.

**Future Church Events**

Every Sat 10:00 AM Sabbath School  
 Every Sat 11:20 AM Worship service  
 Every Mon 7:00 PM Book of Daniel Bible Study  
 Every Wed 7:00 PM Mid-week Discipleship Study  
 Sep 8 1:00 PM Fellowship Dinner  
 2:30 PM Adventist Youth Ministries  
 Sep 9 9:00 AM Adventurer Registration  
 9:00 AM Pathfinder - registration, kite honor, 9 square-in-the-air,  
 ice cream sundae bar, field uniform  
 Sep 13 7:00 PM Church Business Meeting  
 Sep 15 9:30 AM Prelude Praise practice  
 1:00 PM Pathfinder staff meeting  
 2:30 PM Pathfinder Bible Experience Practice  
 5:00 PM Pathfinder - meeting, nature honor, dress uniform  
 Sep 24 7:00 PM Elders Meeting

Please visit our web site for additional calendar information:

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

**Giving Hearts: August to date Report**

<b>Offerings</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Monthly Budget</b>
<b>Church Budget</b>	<b>\$4,777.00</b>	<b>\$5,846.00</b>

**Bulletin information** should be sent to email: [sassy898@gmail.com](mailto:sassy898@gmail.com) or phone Vivianne Lewandowski at [603-893-7141](tel:603-893-7141). Items submitted each week by 7 p.m. Wednesday evening will be considered for inclusion in the bulletin.

## Here to Serve

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**Sunset Tonight 07:32 PM**

**Next Friday 07:22 PM**

**Adventist Youth Ministries:** Come fellowship with our youth/young adults on September 8th at 2:30pm for an AY program.

**Greater Boston Academy:** Please pray for GBA as school began last Monday. Pray for the new principal and teachers and the whole staff as they seek to guide our young people in an education centered in Christ.

**King's Kids Pathfinder Club 1st Meeting & Registration** will be 9 am to 12 pm on Sunday September 9, 2018 for kids ages 10-18. While parents are filling out the paperwork, Pathfinders will work on the Kite honor, play the game 9 Square-in-the-Air, and snack on ice cream sundaes. Registration forms are available on-line at <http://www.mvsda.org> or email [pathfinders@mvsda.org](mailto:pathfinders@mvsda.org) for more information about this ministry.

**BAM - Broken Adventist Ministry:** Please see the bulletin insert for details. There will be a box in the fellowship hall marked "USED BOOKS for BAM".

**Israel & Jordan Bible Tour March 20-31, 2019 Southern New England Conference | Ministerial Dept.** Join us as we accent your spiritual discovery of God, His historic people, and detailed plan of salvation with this once in a lifetime Bible Tour journey to Israel, March 20-31, 2019. Walk the very streets and towns where Christ walked, healed, and changed the world for eternity! There is lots of time to plan and budget. Limited spaces...Register today!

**Prayer Requests:** Do you have a prayer request? There is a prayer box in the foyer of the church. Fill out a request form, fold it, and put it in the box or e-mail the prayer team at: [prayer@mvsda.org](mailto:prayer@mvsda.org) and the prayer team will bring your request before the Lord.

**Dracut TV:** The Church Service today will be recorded and portions of the service will be broadcast on the local access channel (Cable TV), Internet and other media. For questions or other issues, contact the Audio/Visual Team.



1. [www.BrokenAdventist.com](http://www.BrokenAdventist.com) is a suite of outreach tools originally designed for outreach to former Seventh-day Adventists and others searching for Christ:
  - Free Bible Studies either online, downloadable, or by mail.
  - Watch online sermons and other church-related videos.
  - Listen to or download audiobooks.
  - Watch video about mission projects.
  - Articles on religious liberty and Sunday laws.
  - A "bookstore" with free religious books (mostly used books), shipped at no cost to those who want them.
  - They also have Facebook, Live and Twitter accounts, etc.Use this freely with friends, neighbors, young adults, etc.
2. If you are downsizing, cleaning out or otherwise shrinking your library we can give your Bibles and religion and nature books a second life as an outreach tool throughout the USA:
  - No magazines, Sabbath School lesson quarterlies, etc.
  - Any book or Bible that you could purchase at the ABC is an outreach tool for BAM no matter how heavily it's been used.
  - Either drop the books at the SNEC Office, Attn: Tom Murray, or perhaps send them over with your minister when he's coming to the SNEC office.
  - If you have a large amount, contact Lewis LaClair, I'll meet you at campmeeting or at your church to pick up large amounts: [LLaclair@advancedrisk.com](mailto:LLaclair@advancedrisk.com), or 603-756-0001.