

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

Welcome to the Merrimack Valley Church! Today we will focus our lives on the awesome God who is bigger than any challenge life can throw at us.

The Nursing Home Ministry will meet today following the worship service and again next Sabbath. Bring your happy voice and smile to brighten the hearts of those in the nursing homes we will visit.

The Purpose Drive Life Steering Committee will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:00.

Next Sabbath:

- ?? Carine Garozzo will be baptized.
- ?? The Pastor will begin a series of messages on the Three Angel's Messages of Revelation 14 with *A Call to Worship*.
- ?? There will be a reception to celebrate Carine's baptism. Bring vegetable platters, fruit platters, cheeses, crackers, drinks, etc.
- ?? Vocal Four will be in concert in the Lowell Portuguese Church (211 Charles Street) at 5:30 pm. The concert will be in English. Bring a friend.

A Community Yard Sale will be held here at the church on September 26 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. You can participate in this fund raiser for our social ministries by

- ?? Renting a table for \$10.00 and selling items from your fall household cleaning.
- ?? Donating household items for the social committee to sell.
- ?? Donating baked goods for the social committee to sell.
- ?? Coming to the church to mix with our guests. This is an important part of our friendship evangelism strategy in the community!!

Giving Hearts: Weekly Financial Update for September

<i>Offerings</i>	<i>Received</i>	<i>Monthly Budget</i>
Church Budget	\$1,348.00	\$3,033.00
Building/Organ Fund	\$1,538.00	\$3,725.00



Merrimack Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church
September 18, 2004

Worship Celebration

Big Problems, Bigger God

Gathering to Worship

Prelude Ingrid Mergenthaler
Worship Host Greetings Marge Patch

Praising His Name

Praise Songs Rita McCall & Karen McClendon
What a Mighty God We Serve
The Battle Belongs to the Lord
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Congregational Prayer Marge Patch
Gifts of Worship Jay Wiacek
Local Church Budget
Offertory Ingrid Mergenthaler

Proclaiming the Word

Children's Corner Florence Asomugha
Scripture Lesson Brenton Forrester
Judges 6:11,12
Worship in Song Lance Forrester
Communion Meditation Warren Saxton
Strength in Numbers

Dedicating Our Lives

Hymn of Dedication #251
He Lives
Prayer of Dedication Warren Saxton
Worship Host's Benediction Marge Patch
Postlude Ingrid Mergenthaler

Old Sturbridge Village will be our destination on October 3. For information about prices and transportation contact Karen McClendon.

Wally Frost, a long-time SNEC pastor, has accepted a call to pastor the Burnt Mills Church in Maryland.

Prayer Request: Juan Jose Pinto, a young adult Adventist in Panama is seeking a visa to come participate in the Kaplan English Program at Merrimack College in November. With the training he will better be prepared to present his thesis in his master's program in Panama

The Boston Van Ministry is looking for volunteers to be receptionists and to take blood pressures at the Topsfield Fair, October 1 -11. Shifts are from 10 am - 4 pm and from 4 pm to 10pm. Call John and Julie Ferraro at 781-438-2838 or 978-388-9004 (evenings) or e-mail: bostonvan1@juno.com.

Thought Spot: Although He's regularly asked to do so, God does not take sides in American politics. George Mitchell

Sunset Tonight 6:46

Next Friday 6:35



Here to Serve ...

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What A Mighty God We Serve

What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve.
Awesome in His power, worthy of all honor. What a mighty God we serve.

What a loving God we serve, what a loving God we serve.
Mercy like a river, flows to us forever. What a loving God we serve.

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The Battle Belongs To The Lord

In heavenly armor we'll enter the land; t
The battle belongs to the Lord.
No weapon that's fashioned gainst us will stand;
The battle belongs to the Lord.

Chorus:

And we sing glory, honor! Power and strength to the Lord.
We sing glory, honor! Power and strength to the Lord.

When the power of darkness comes in like a flood;
The battle belongs to the Lord.
He's raised up a standard, the pow'r of His blood;
The battle belongs to the Lord.

When your enemy presses in hard do not fear;
The battle belongs to the Lord.
Take courage, my friend, your redemption is near.
The battle belongs to the Lord.

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Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty, hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me thro' the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

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Coming This Fall

October Events

- 1-3 Greater Boston Academy Alumni Weekend
- 3 Old Sturbridge Village Social
- 9 Fellowship Dinner
- 12 Church Board Meeting
- 16 Matt Melashenko Concert
- 19 Health Lecture -- *Body by God* -- with Dr. Gerard Cassista
- 23,24 Canned Food Drive
- 24 Fall Fun Day
- 28 Church Elders Meeting
- 31 Greater Boston Academy/Edgewood Fall Festival

November Events

- 9 MVC 's Eighth Birthday
- 9 Church Board Meeting
- 12-14 Women's Retreat
- 18 Health Lecture with Dr. Gerard Cassista
- 20 Thanksgiving Dinner Celebration
- 20 Thanksgiving Basket Distribution
- 21 Adventist Book Center Open House
- 21 Dracut Community Thanksgiving Service

December Events

- 4 Communion Celebration
- 4 Christmas Wish Tree
- 4. Adult Christmas Party
- 10-12 Live Nativity
- 12 SNEC Women's Ministry Tea
- 14 Church Board Meeting
- 16 Greater Boston Academy/Edgewood Christmas Concert
- 18 Kids Christmas Worship Service
- 25 Family Christmas Worship Service
- 31 New Year's Eve Agape Feast

World Church News



Grenada: Hurricane Ivan's impact on Grenada included the deaths of two Seventh-day Adventist church members, looting of the local church headquarters, and the destruction of the church's two schools and half of its 37 church buildings.

Iraq: A car packed with an estimated 330 pounds of dynamite was detonated outside the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Baghdad late Friday night September 10. While there were no services in progress at the time, a guard was present on the church compound and escaped unhurt.

Russia: The eight members of the Beslan Seventh-day Adventist Group and the other 139 Adventists in the area are offering financial support and encouragement to families suffering from the recent terrorist siege at a local school.

Rwanda: Ten years after the barbaric genocide that swept through Rwanda, the ministry of the University of Central Africa is once again operating in Kigali.

United States & Canada: Beginning October 2, Walter Pearson will kick off Net 2004 live from the Miracle Temple in Baltimore, Maryland. La Red will be up-linked for Hispanic congregations, November 12-20 with Frank Gonzalez as speaker. Net 2005 will feature Doug Batchelor March 4-26.