
MERRIMACK VALLEY SDA CHURCH - NEWS



July/August 2003

Casting Vision

Summer Time

By Pastor Dan Martella



When it comes to the summer season, nobody says it better than the lady in Porgy and Bess as she sings Summertime and the livin' is easy, fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high. These are the lazy, hazy days when we don our tank tops and cut-offs, run bare-footed through the lush green grass, enjoy long weekends on the lake, and a couple of week's vacation out on the Cape.

Quiet summer days in our church are punctuated with camp meeting and weddings, picnics and baseball games, Vacation Bible School and the Video Bible School, spirited Sabbath School class discussions and warm worship. The pace is slower and it is easy to let the ministries of our church slip into neutral.

This summer let's remember to keep our church going strong. Here are a few suggestions:

- ✍ Remember when you are on vacation to visit your local Adventist Church to share fellowship and learning, praise and worship. And please bring me a bulletin --I'd love to see how God's people are doing their work in different areas of the country.
- ✍ Remember the financial commitments we have made as a church. It takes \$3,125.00 a month to resource the ministries of this church and another \$3,166.00 to pay the mortgage on our new church. Beyond that, we are giving all we can to put a church sign in the front yard.
- ✍ Remember the ministries to which you have committed yourself. Make it a point to be punctual for Sabbath School and worship, church committees and social events. See your job through. Pour your creative energies into your particular ministries. Your church family is counting on you.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 8 -	7:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting
July 12 -	Fellowship dinner
July 26 -	11:30 a.m. Jeff Hunt in concert
July 31 -	7:30 p.m. Elder Board Meeting
Aug 4 to 8 -	6:30 p.m. VBS
Aug 9 -	Newsletter submissions due
Aug 12 -	7:30 p.m. Church Board Meeting
Aug 28 -	7:30 p.m. Elder Board Meeting

****Watch the MVC bulletin or MVSDA.org for further information regarding up coming events****

- ✍ Remember our evangelistic outreach. The Video Bible School needs our prayerful support. Pray for our team members who deliver the lessons each week. Pray for those taking the lessons, that their hearts will be opened to the truth as it is in Jesus. Pray for and prepare for the harvest meetings that will be held in October with evangelist Kenneth Cox.

While the summer step may slow the pace, we must not stop. We are friends helping friends become fully devoted followers of Christ, and that driving vision never takes a vacation.

King's Kids Pathfinder Club

SPRING CAMPOREE

So many recent camporee weekends have been rainy or cold, so it was wonderful to have sunny skies and warm weather. We camped at Bomoseen State Park in Fair Haven, VT. There were over 800 attending this camporee. One club joined us from the Greater New York conference.

Our theme for the year was "Moving forward, Looking back"

and Sabbath meetings were held at the William Miller Farm. We stood on Ascension Rock, walked through the homestead, sat in the chapel, and stood in the presence of angels at William Millers' grave. Pastor Stan Cottrell dressed in period costume and helped us understand what it was like to wait for Jesus to come on October 22, 1844.

Sunday we toured Fort Ticonderoga for a look back at our American history. The Fort was captured from the British in the first offensive battle of the Revolutionary war. A Pathfinder color guard raised the flag over the fort, then we toured the museum and counted all the cannons.



Pictured from left: Frankie Sok, soldier, Sary Neang, Linda Neang, Taylor Masotta, Jodie Masotta, Carine Garrazo, soldier, and Rutendo Gomwe

INVESTITURE



From left: Carine Garrazo, Jodie Masotta, Danielle Mortimer, Linda Neang, and Chali Masotta

Investiture began with singing lead by the Golden Girl's unit. Pastor Bob Saunders, Youth Director for Southern New England Conference presented the devotional thought then the awards and honors were presented.



Pictured: Pastor Bob Saunders, Youth Director SNEC

END OF YEAR OUTING

Chinese Food for all, and plenty of entertainment to help us forget the rain.



Pictured from left: Jessica Masotta, Taylor Masotta, Linda Neang, Jodie Masotta, Sherrri Dovich, Carine Garrazo, Thyda Mao, Jose Mortimer, Rutendo Gomwe, Chali Masotta



Pictured from top left: Elizabeth Dovich, Jessica Masotta, Thyda Mao, Jodie Masotta, Carine Garrazo, Linda Neang

Baptisms

Welcome to our newest members:

Theresa & Tom Sing, and Matt Heng were baptized on Sabbath April 26, 2003



Pictured from left: Pastor Dan Martella, Tom Sing, Matt Heng, and Theresa Sing

Linda & Sary Neang, and Jodie Masotta were baptized on Sabbath May 31, 2003.



Pictured from left: Pastor Dan Martella, Sary Neang, Jodie Masotta, and Linda Neang

Fund Raising Update

The Fund Raising Committee is currently putting together a fund raising plan for the projects under Phase 1. First on the list is a sign by the road to identify our church to the Dracut community. Start planning for your contribution to these projects.

Phase 1

Sign
Tables & chairs - additional
Flooring for fellowship hall stage
Satellite installation & LCD projector
Landscaping

Phase 2

Parking lot sealing
PA Fellowship hall
Lobby furnishing
Landscaping

Phase 3

Microphones for music ministry
Video recording equipment
New pews

Camp Meeting 2003

DATE: June 20-28, 2003

WHERE: Campgrounds, South Lancaster, MA

SPEAKERS:

1st weekend Friday & Sabbath:

Randy Roberts, pastor, Loma Linda University Church

Early mornings:

Herman Bauman, retired Arizona Conference president.

11:00 a.m.

Phillip Samaan, Southern Adventist University

Workshops:

Dennis McKown, Church Planting Seminar;

Phil Samaan, "Christ's Way of Making Disciples";

Mark Finley, "The Art of Getting Decisions";

Evenings, Sunday - Thursday:

Randy Roberts, pastor, Loma Linda University Church

Second weekend Friday and Sabbath:

Mark Finley, It is Written

Also, mini-concerts and other wonderful music, 5K run at 8:00 am Sunday June 22; blood drive Sunday June 22, and a full program for children and youth. Make your reservation early if you plan to stay for this wonderful week!

Sabbath Lunch

Join members of the Merrimack Valley SDA church for a fellowship dinner each Sabbath across from the Junior tent. Bring enough food for you and your family.

Vacation Bible School

When: August 4 - 8

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Merrimack
Valley SDA
Church

Mark your calendar and
bring your friends to
this Super Cool
Underwater Bible
Adventure (SCUBA)!!

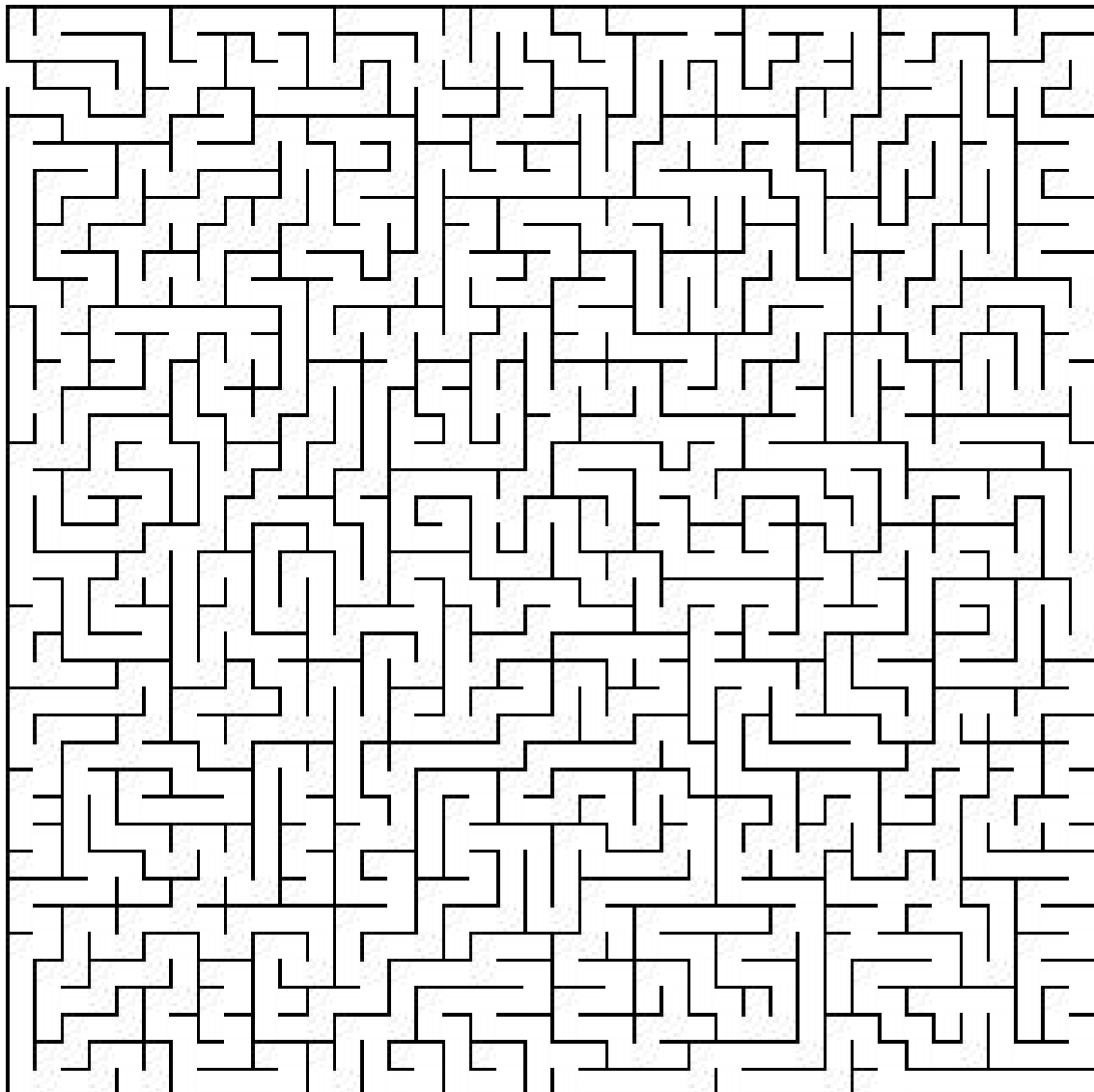


Want to be part of the King's Kids Pathfinder Club?

Registration information for kids 10 years and older is coming in August. Watch your bulletin for more details.



Kids - see if you can find your way through this puzzle



BIRTHDAYS

JULY

- 1 Kim McClendon
- 3 Gustav Mergenthaler
- 4 Bonnie Crowley
- 8 Braighan Forrester
- 8 Patrice Forrester
- 21 Doug Harris
- 24 Heidi Martella
- 25 Linda Farley
- 30 Bill Cady

AUGUST

- 1 Jeff Martella
- 2 Shaina Holiman
- 5 Karen McClendon
- 10 Gilda Newell
- 12 Michael Mergenthaler
- 19 Leah Patch
- 23 Danielle Mortimer
- 24 Mimi Ahn
- 28 Valerie Lopez (Berlus)
- 30 Chali Masotta



Nature's Whey

Merrimack Valley SDA Church health food store will be taking orders through the summer. The order forms are located on the Community Service cabinet in the fellowship hall, and should be returned to Joan Reiss with your payment. Payment for bulk orders of herbs and grains may be paid after delivery.

Don't forget, the church building fund receives a % of your purchases.

You can view this newsletter on-line at
<http://www.mvsda.org/?section=newsletter>

Being confident of this very thing,
 that He which hath begun a good work in you
 will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:6

Birthday Information Sheet

The newsletter staff would like to include you and your family's birthdays in our future newsletters. Please complete the following and return to Sherri Dovich in person or via email at sherri.dovich@attbi.com.

Name (please print)

Birthday MMM/DD (no years please)

In the Kitchen

Something cool for those hot summer days

Strawberry Jello

6 oz box strawberry jello mix

10 oz carton cool whip

8 oz carton strawberry cream cheese - softened

1 small can crushed pineapple - drained

Mix gelatin with 2 cups hot water and 1 1/2 cups cold water.
Let set for 2 hours.

Combine cool whip and cream cheese together. Mix into set
jello with electric mixer. Let set until firm.

Fold-in pineapple and pour into serving dish.

Garnish with cool whip and strawberries if desired.

Web Resources

<http://www.mvsda.org> - Merrimack Valley SDA Church

<http://www.mvsda.org/?section=newsletter> - MVC online
newsletter

<http://www.adventist.org> - SDA World Church

<http://www.sneonline.org> - Southern New England
Conference

<http://www.plusline.org> - Adventist resources

<http://www.pathfindersonline.org> - NAD Pathfinders

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