

# THE CONCORD CONNECTION

## Church Picnic

BY KEVIN HART

August 21st marked our second annual church picnic. What a picture perfect day with temps in the 80's and plenty to do. It was far better weather than last year (very cold with non-stop wind) with a large turnout from both churches.

Socializing began right away with people hanging out in the water, on the beach, and in the pavilion. Thanks to grill master John Boehner from Laconia all the food was cooked in time and the feast was underway by noon. And what a feast it was, salads, desserts, burgers, hot dogs, cookies, chips, and much much more. Last year we had a candy raffle which was a big hit (with both young and old) but this year we brought it up a notch with gift cards to Bass Pro Shops, Olive Garden, Bed Bath and Beyond, and other places.

Just a short walk from our pavilion area was a volleyball court which we took advantage of for a fun game. All in all it was a great day of fellowship between both churches. What a joy it is to share the love of Jesus with each other as we eagerly wait for His second coming.



photo: Kevin Hart

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Garage Sale - October 16

Concord SDA Church's 30  
Anniversary Celebration -  
TBD

# Spring Agape Supper

BY KEVIN HART

In John chapter 13 we read about the experience the disciples had with Jesus in the upper room when they had the passover meal with Him. This meal was a celebration of Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage and the disciples were there with the one who would deliver them from sin. Everytime we celebrate communion at church we celebrate the same thing, deliverance from sin through the sacrifice of Christ the Lamb of God. An agape meal (or love feast) is another form of communion in that we share a special meal together, typically made up of simple foods like bread, fruit and nuts. On June 17th we had a special agape meal at Concord. What a great time together eating, sharing stories, and just being grateful for the love that God pours on us everyday.



photo: Kevin Hart

## Men & Women's Ministries Hike at Benson Park

BY CYNTHIA TRAVIS

On June 18th, 28 of us gathered at Benson Park in Hudson NH for a picnic, tour of 911 memorial, and a trail walk. The group consisted of various ages along with 4 dogs in tow. A football was tossed around in the open area, and some enjoyed chasing very large bubbles that floated endlessly in the open air. It was a great relaxing day to connect with one another, and make memories.



*Lord, you are my  
God; I will exalt  
you and praise  
your name, for in  
perfect  
faithfulness you  
have done  
wonderful things,  
things planned  
long ago.*

*Isaiah 25:1*



*Let everything  
that has breath  
praise the Lord.  
Praise the  
Lord.  
Psalm 150:6*

# AV Department Update

BY JIM HUNOLD

It has been a very busy year so far for the AV Dept. Starting in early February they have been working on improving the sound quality and the appearance of the church. Starting with the speakers, (being an eyesore, taking up valuable space in the sanctuary, and looking crowded), they built the speakers into the wall clearing that valuable space and cleaning up the clutter. This also improved the sound quality allowing all the sound they produce, from the highs to the lows, to be heard as never before.

Then the AV Dept tackled the lighting of the platform. For many years complaints have been made about the darkness of the platform. Thanks to a generous donation, they were able to put some new lighting high up on the ceiling to improve the visibility of the people on the platform and to highlight the piano and musicians. The AV Dept was also able to purchase a new projector and hang it high with the lights too. This new projector has improved the visibility of slides and pictures being used and has produced a much more pleasurable experience for the congregation. The quality of the livestream has improved greatly with the new lights too.

A new production software has been purchased allowing a more professional look and smoother flowing production. There have been some learning curves as the team learns this new software.

We are most proud of our AV team. We have a great team of younger folks running things in the AV Dept. They have fresh minds and ideas. We are so blessed to have such young and willing talent in our Church. Without these fresh minds we would not be where we are today.

We have one more MAJOR update to make and then the AV Dept should be running a peak performance.

Many thanks to everyone involved in all these projects, from the donors of funds that allow these things to happen, to the hard work of everyone involved. I would mention names, but I am afraid that I would leave someone out. Most importantly, we are a team.

A Great thank you also to the congregation for understanding the updates and being patient as these things take place.

Thank you, from,  
The AV Dept.

*Through Jesus,  
therefore, let us  
continually  
offer to God a  
sacrifice of  
praise—the fruit  
of lips that  
openly profess  
his name.  
Hebrews 13:15*



*O Lord, I will  
honor and praise  
your name,  
for you are my  
God.  
You do such  
wonderful things!  
You planned  
them long ago,  
and now you  
have accomplished  
them.*