

**The Shining Light** is a bimonthly newsletter produced by the Capital Region Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Churches to let the community know about what we are doing to let the love and light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives. We want you to know that we are here to help serve the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of all in the Capital Region. We invite you to visit any of our area churches and to let us know how we can better help you! For more information/To submit articles and calendar events, please contact editor Rachel Josil at (518)229-4075 or e-mail [shininglightsda@gmail.com](mailto:shininglightsda@gmail.com)

## BIBLE BOWL

Saturday, February 13 at 5pm

### HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE BIBLE?

Come and test your knowledge of the life of David in a fun, game of trivia. All youth are welcome, however, if you feel young at heart please come too! If you want to brush up on your knowledge of David, please read First Samuel Chapter 16 through Second Samuel as the questions will come from these passages. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### Location:

Saratoga SDA Church  
339 Union Avenue  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

## ...But The Greatest Of These IS LOVE

You are invited to the following relationship strengthening events.

Tell a Friend! Bring a Friend!

## FEB 6

### Love Celebration Dinner

Hosted by the Macedonia SDA Church  
6pm @ The Holiday Inn - \$26 Per Person  
100 Nott Terrace, Schenectady, NY  
Contact Olive Foster by Sat 1/30 to RSVP  
518-383-6971

## FEB 13

### Viewing and Discussion of the Movie: FIREPROOF

How Can You Fireproof your Marriage?  
Married OR Not: This event will help you to make better relationship decisions.  
The discussion will be facilitated by Pastor Miguel & Bonnie Crespo  
6pm @ The Schenectady SDA Church  
Refreshments will be Served

## Help For Haiti

### I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

On Tuesday, January 12, 2010, an earthquake measuring 7.0 out of 10 on the Richter Scale hit Haiti, followed by about 40 aftershocks measuring up to 5.9. Since that Tuesday, there have been many more aftershocks which have caused further damage and devastation. Millions of people are affected. The Capital of Haiti is in ruins, many persons have died and are injured, supplies are scarce. The effort to heal and rebuild cannot happen without your support.

### What can I do to help?

#### Donations

The Capital City and Joy of Troy SDA Churches are supporting Reach Out To Haiti.

Reach out to Haiti is a non-profit agency that specializes in assisting with Haitian adoptions. This organization is committed to spreading Gods word and helping provide living assistance to Haiti's poor by distributing donations of: Clothing; Non-perishable food; Medical supplies; Medical assistance; School supplies, school uniforms; Books; A daily meal to school aged children of orphanages and poor families; Baby care items; And so much more!

The Capital City and Joy of Troy SDA Churches are currently collecting blankets, baby formula, farina, and medical supplies to help Reach Out To Haiti meet the needs of its surrounding community.

For More Information About This Effort Please Visit:  
[www.capitalcitysdac.org](http://www.capitalcitysdac.org) | [www.joyoftroy.org](http://www.joyoftroy.org)

#### Here is a list of reputable organizations accepting donations:

- ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency): <http://www.adra.org>
- American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org>
- Care: <http://www.care.org>
- Doctors Without Borders: <http://doctorswithoutborders.org/>
- Lambi Fund of Haiti: <http://www.lambifund.org>
- NEC Adventist Community Services: <http://northeastern.org>
- Reach Out to Haiti: <http://reachouttohaiti.com>
- Unicef: <http://www.unicef.org/>
- WorldVision: <http://www.worldvision.org>
- Yele Haiti: <http://www.yele.org>

#### Spiritual and Emotional Support

At all times, our prayers are needed for suffering persons in Haiti and all over the world. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters as the church prayed for Peter as told in the Book of Acts, Chapter 12 in the Bible. Let us watch God remove shackles and bonds of all kinds. He is the God of our Salvation!

Many need someone to listen to their hurts and pains. Many have questions about the goodness of God amidst so much destruction. Let us be prepared to offer true words of wisdom and comfort. ■

# EDIFICATION STATION

## Words of Spiritual Encouragement !

### Christ Is Not Divided

*"...But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. . And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you." 1 Corinthians 12:18-21*

Because men are not of the same stamp of character, this is no reason why they should draw apart. If we are children of the heavenly King, we shall not be at such variance that we shall stand in one another's way.

It is by the Lord's orders that His servants have varied gifts. It is by His appointment that men of varied minds are brought into the church, to be laborers together with Him. We have many different minds to meet, and different gifts are needed. God's servants are to work in perfect harmony. I thank the Lord that we are not all exactly the same, while we are all to have the same spirit--the spirit that dwelt in Christ. The apostle John was not the same as the apostle Peter. Each was to subdue his peculiarities and soften his temperament, that they might help each other, through belief in and sanctification of the truth.

It is the righteousness of Christ that goes before us. It is His character that we are to copy. And then what?--The glory of the Lord shall be our rearward. Our Leader goes before us, and as we follow Him, He imparts to us His righteousness, which is revealed in our lives by a well-ordered life and a godly conversation. It is faith and works that makes us Christians, preparing us to sit together in heavenly places with Christ.

Is Christ divided?--No. Christ abiding in the soul will not quarrel with Christ in another soul. We must learn to bear with the peculiarities of those around us. If our will is under the control of Christ's will, how can we be at variance with our brethren? If we are at variance, we may know that it is because self needs to be crucified. He whom Christ makes free is free indeed. We are not complete in Christ unless we love one another as Christ has loved us. When we do this, as Christ has given us commandment, we shall give evidence that we are complete in Him.

We must have the faith which prophets foretold and apostles preached--the faith that works by love and purifies the soul.

Excerpted from "This Day with God" by Ellen G. White, pg 262

## The Shining Light Events Calendar

Every Friday	7pm Prayer & Bible Study @ Joy of Troy SDA Church, Albany SDA Central Church Plant, Kinderhook SDA Church (Visit their website for details)
Every Saturday	Joy of Troy SDA Church Children's Church
Every Wednesday	Capital City SDA Church "House of Prayer" Telephone Prayer Meeting Just Call 1-712-432-1620 and enter Pin Number:851154# 5:30am-6am
Every Wednesday	Joy of Troy SDA Church Joyful Delight Community Outreach 11am-1pm All Seniors Are Invited to Experience The Joy of Worship and Fellowship
Every Wednesday	Joy of Troy SDA Church Clothing Giveaway & Blood Pressure Screening 11am
Every 3rd Saturday	Saratoga SDA Church Invites the Community to have lunch at their church
Ongoing	Capital City SDA Church & Joy of Troy SDA Haitian Earthquake Relief Effort
January 30	Atlantic Union End It Now Emphasis Sabbath to end violence against females
February 5-7	Atlantic Union Conference of GODencounters Collegiate/Young Adult Retreat
February 6	Macedonia SDA Church Love Celebration Dinner - See Flier on reverse side
February 6	Joy of Troy SDA Church Baptism @ 3pm. Location: Greater Albany SDA Church
February 6	Northeastern Conference Day of Prayer for lay evangelism
February 7	Saratoga SDA Church Sledding Party
February 6	Capital City SDA Church Guest Speaker Pastor Ivan Leigh Warden, Associate Director of the Ellen G. White Estate
February 13	Schenectady SDA Church Viewing and Discussion of the movie Fireproof
February 13	Buskirk & Saratoga SDA Church Bible Bowl Event, 5pm
February 13	Kinderhook SDA Church Visitation Training Seminar: Learn the Dos and Don'ts of visiting the sick. Seminar takes place after the potluck lunch.
February 13	Saratoga SDA Church Women's Tea Party
February 14	Joy of Troy SDA Church, 10am. The men of the church make breakfast for the women!
February 14-17	Northeastern Conference Departmental Training at the Albany Holiday Inn
February 21	New York Conference Town Hall Meeting at the Joy of Troy SDA Church

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## Seventh-day Adventist Churches In New York's Capital Region:

### ALBANY

Capital City SDA Church  
2 South Lake Ave  
(Corner of Western and South Lake)  
Albany, NY 12203  
(518) 465-7814  
[www.capitalcitysdac.org](http://www.capitalcitysdac.org)

Albany SDA Central Church Plant  
Services Held at:  
Emmaus United Methodist Church  
715 Morris Street  
Albany, NY 12208

### AMSTERDAM

Amsterdam SDA Church  
379 Division Street  
Amsterdam, NY 12010  
(518) 843-2577

Amsterdam Hispanic SDA Church  
214 Guy Park Avenue  
Amsterdam, NY 12010  
(518) 843-4391

### BUSKIRK

Buskirk SDA Church  
2176 West Hoosick Road  
Buskirk, NY 12090

### COHOES

Greater Albany SDA Church  
Albany Hispanic Adventist Group  
298 St. Agnes Hwy  
Cohoes, NY 12047  
(518) 785-4445  
[www.albanysdachurch.org](http://www.albanysdachurch.org)

### KINDERHOOK

Kinderhook SDA Church  
3429 US Route 9  
Valatie, NY 12184  
(518) 784-4400  
[www.kinderhooksgda.com](http://www.kinderhooksgda.com)

### LANSINGBURGH/TROY

Joy of Troy Community SDA Church  
600 3rd Avenue  
Lansingburgh, NY 12182  
(518) 273-6400  
[www.joyoftroy.org](http://www.joyoftroy.org)

### SARATOGA SPRINGS

Saratoga SDA Church  
339 Union Avenue  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866  
(518) 587-6951  
[www.saratogasda.org](http://www.saratogasda.org)

### SCHENECTADY

Macedonia SDA Church  
9 Swan Street  
Schenectady, NY 12307  
(518) 347-9441

Schenectady SDA Church  
1413 Quackenbush Road  
Schenectady, NY 12306  
(518) 355-0959