

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 visit <http://shininglightsda.weebly.com>.

Vacation Bible School

Capital City SDA Church

Monday, July 5 - Saturday, July 17
2 South Lake Avenue
Albany, New York 12203
VBS Director: Serean Smart
(518) 465-7814

Kids' & God's Communication Network

These Vacation Bible School (VBS) Programs are staged as television programs that interview different characters from the Bible to help us learn more about how God communicates with us. Both VBS programs will be filled with fun, hands-on activities.

Joy of Troy SDA Church

Wednesday, July 21 - Saturday July 24
600 3rd Avenue
Lansingburgh, New York 12182
VBS Director: Annette Barnes
(518) 273-6400

Chef Mark Anthony



OF 3ABN Today

Free Dinner and a Message At the Joy of Troy SDA Church

You are invited to be delighted, inspired, informed, and encouraged by the personal testimony and culinary skills of Chef Mark Anthony. Chef Anthony has over 30 years of culinary experience and has been an executive chef for over 23 years. He trains and assists in restaurant design, menu planning, new restaurant production, development of restaurant personnel, and event planning. He conducts seminars on healthy living, disaster preparedness, money management, time management and, of course, cooking.

Chef Anthony will be the guest speaker at Joy of Troy on Saturday, August 14 at 11am and will host a cooking class and demonstration on Sunday, August 15th (time to be announced later). For more information, please visit www.joyoftroy.org.

BUSKIRK SDA Church Plant Becomes A Company



What exactly are church plants and companies? When a new church starts, they are called a church plant. A church company is when the membership reaches 30. The Buskirk SDA Community Church has officially become a church company of 32 members from a church Plant of 17 members. How does this all happen? Outreach and love! The Buskirk Church started in March 2006 as there was a need for a church in that area. Since then, the outreach enabled our church to grow to 32 members. Outreach meant working in our community to spread the Gospel truth. We needed to be creative and proactive in our efforts, so we decided to do many different types of outreach to meet the different needs of the community.

Our evangelism included monthly Hymnsings, a time of singing and music followed by a meal. We have had Cooking Classes and a Better Health Seminar to reach out to those with our health message. For Bible study, we have done weekend seminars on creation, the 2012 Mayan Calendar and Bible Prophecy, and one about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus over the Easter holiday weekend. After church, we have gone out door to door in our community to hand out literature. One member has done zip code mailings of Steps To Christ to Buskirk and Hoosick Falls, NY with his own money. Four Bible studies have come out of those mailings. We have also given Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need.

Last year, we had our first Annual Fishing Tournament where 60+ people registered and enjoyed a fun day of fishing followed by a lunch, rewards for the longest fish caught, and fellowship with our community. It was a great way to get our community aware of our church. On June 27, we will be having our Second Annual Fishing Tournament and we expect 90+ people to attend. During the Tournament, we will also offer them a chance to show interest in other activities such as star gazing, building bird houses, Vacation Bible School, and wilderness survival skills.

On July 10, 2010, the NY Conference of SDA will be having a ceremony to officially make us a church Company. We praise God and give Him all the credit for our growing family. *Article excerpt Submitted by Julie Marques-Lawwill*



EDIFICATION STATION



Words of Spiritual Encouragement !

"In These Hours of Probation"

I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 2 Cor. 6:2.

We believe without a doubt that Christ is soon coming. This is not a fable to us; it is a reality. We have no doubt, neither have we had a doubt for years, that the doctrines we hold today are present truth, and that we are nearing the judgment. We are preparing to meet Him who, escorted by a retinue of holy angels, is to appear in the clouds of heaven to give the faithful and the just the finishing touch of immortality. When He comes He is not to cleanse us of our sins, to remove from us the defects in our characters, or to cure us of the infirmities of our tempers and dispositions. If wrought for us at all, this work will all be accomplished before that time. When the Lord comes, those who are holy will be holy still. Those who have preserved their bodies and spirits in holiness, in sanctification and honor, will then receive the finishing touch of immortality. But those who are unjust, unsanctified, and filthy will remain so forever. No work will then be done for them to remove their defects and give them holy characters. The Refiner does not then sit to pursue His refining process and remove their sins and their corruption. This is all to be done in these hours of probation. It is now that this work is to be accomplished for us.

We embrace the truth of God with our different faculties, and as we come under the influence of that truth, it will accomplish the work for us which is necessary to give us a moral fitness for the kingdom of glory and for the society of the heavenly angels. We are now in God's workshop. Many of us are rough stones from the quarry. But as we lay hold upon the truth of God, its influence affects us. It elevates us and removes from us every imperfection and sin, of whatever nature. Thus we are prepared to see the King in His beauty and finally to unite with the pure and heavenly angels in the kingdom of glory. It is here that this work is to be accomplished for us, here that our bodies and spirits are to be fitted for immortality.

From Maranatha - Page 222, Ellen G. White.

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 3rd Saturday Saratoga SDA Church Community Luncheon
Joy of Troy SDA Church Women's Meeting
- Every 3rd Sunday Capital City SDA Church G.E.M.S. Meeting for Women of all ages-All Welcome
- July 3 Kinderhook SDA Church 9th Year Anniversary**
- July 5-17 Capital City SDA Church Vacation Bible School
- July 10 Joy of Troy SDA Church Men's Day-Guest Speaker: Pastor Vaughn James
- July 10 Buskirk SDA Church Plant Turns into a Company
- July 1-Aug 8 Northeastern Conference Junior Camp
- July 17 Northeastern Conference Hud-Cap Area Churches - Rear Admiral Barry C. Black, Chaplain of the United States Senate speaks at the Christ Episcopal Church 20 Carroll St. Poughkeepsie NY. 12601**
- July 18 Northeastern Conference Youth Olympics
- July 21-24 Joy of Troy SDA Church Vacation Bible School
- July 24 Capital City SDA Church Stewardship Day
- July 23-24 Kinderhook SDA Church Health Seminar on Illness Prevention.
Guest Speaker: Dr. Zeno Charles Marcel
- July 30-Aug 1 Capital City SDA Church Single's Ministry trip to Niagara Falls
- July 31 New York Conference Annual Camp Meeting at William Miller Farm
- August 7 Capital City SDA Church International Day
- August 8 Capital City SDA Church Annual Church Picnic
- August 12-15 Northeastern Conference Annual Camporee
- August 14-15 Joy of Troy SDA Church Weekend Presenter: Chef Mark Anthony
- August 15 Capital City SDA Church Annual Back-to School giveaway
- August 21-22 Capital City SDA Church Men's Ministry Retreat
- August 28 Capital City SDA Church Pathfinder Day

Be In the Loop! Submit your Church Announcements @ shininglightsda.weebly.com

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

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
www.buskirk22.adventistchurchconnect.org

COHOES

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

KINDERHOOK

Kinderhook SDA Church
3429 US Route 9
Valatie, NY 12184
(518) 784-4400
www.kinderhooksda.com

LANSINGBURGH/TROY

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

SARATOGA SPRINGS

Saratoga SDA Church
339 Union Avenue
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
(518) 587-6951
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