

The Shining Light is a bimonthly newsletter produced by the New York State 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 or to submit articles and calendar events, please contact Rachel Moody at (518)229-4075| shininglightsda@gmail.com or visit <http://capitalregionsda.org>.

MAKING SENSE OF THE CREATION EVOLUTION DEBATE

A scientist, Timothy Standish, Ph.D. and a practical theologian, Ron E.M. Clouzet, D.Min. present evidence you cannot miss!

May 4-8 7:30 P.M.

Buskirk SDA Church - Gloversville SDA Church - Kingsbury SDA Church - Saratoga SDA Church
Also Viewable on the Hope Channel www.hopetv.org

On Education

Excerpted from *Education (Chapter 1)* by Ellen White

Since God is the source of all true knowledge, it is, as we have seen, the first object of education to direct our minds to His own revelation of Himself. Adam and Eve received knowledge through direct communion with God; and they learned of Him through His works. All created things, in their original perfection, were an expression of the thought of God. To Adam and Eve nature was teeming with divine wisdom. But by transgression man was cut off from learning of God through direct communion and, to a great degree, through His works. The earth, marred and defiled by sin, reflects but dimly the Creator's glory. It is true that His object lessons are not obliterated. Upon every page of the great volume of His created works may still be traced His handwriting. Nature still speaks of her Creator. Yet these revelations are partial and imperfect. And in our fallen state, with weakened powers and restricted vision, we are incapable of interpreting aright. We need the fuller revelation of Himself that God has given in His written word.

The Holy Scriptures are the perfect standard of truth, and as such should be given the highest place in education. To obtain an education worthy of the name, we must receive a knowledge of God, the Creator, and of Christ, the Redeemer, as they are revealed in the sacred word.

Every human being, created in the image of God, is endowed with a power akin to that of the Creator—individuality, power to think and to do. The men in whom this power is developed are the men who bear responsibilities, who are leaders in enterprise, and who influence character. It is the work of true education to develop this power, to train the youth to be thinkers, and not mere reflectors of other men's thought. Instead of confining their study to that which men have said or written, let students be directed to the sources of truth, to the vast fields opened for research in nature and revelation.

Let them contemplate the great facts of duty and destiny, and the mind will expand and strengthen. Instead of educated weaklings, institutions of learning may send forth men strong to think and to act, men who are masters and not slaves of circumstances, men who possess breadth of mind, clearness of thought, and the courage of their convictions.

Such an education provides more than mental discipline; it provides more than physical training. It strengthens the character, so that truth and uprightness are not sacrificed to selfish desire or worldly ambition. It fortifies the mind against evil. Instead of some master passion becoming a power to destroy, every motive and desire are brought into conformity to the great principles of right. As the perfection of His character is dwelt upon, the mind is renewed, and the soul is re-created in the image of God.

Support the Education of Our Children

Sunday, May 1

Capital City SDA Church Education Banquet

Comfort Inn & Suites; Glenmont, New York

Cost \$15.00

\$10.00 for graduates and children 12 & under

For Tickets or More Information, call 518-465-7814

Saturday, May 21

Capital City SDA Church Education Day

9:15am Bible Study|11am Worship Service

July 6-9

Joy of Troy SDA Church Vacation Bible School

6:30pm-8:30pm

Theme: Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

Learn about Christian Education Opportunities

Near You! www.nadeducation.org

The Shining Light Events Calendar

Please send your church announcements to shininglightsda@gmail.com

- Every 1st Monday New York Conference Capital District Council of Churches Meeting
- Every Friday 7pm Prayer & Bible Study @ Joy of Troy SDA Church, Kinderhook SDA Church; 7:30pm New Life Youth Ministries at the University at Albany
- 2nd Thursday Joy of Troy SDA Church Men's Meeting
- 2nd and 4th Friday Schenectady SDA Church Bible Study
- 2nd and 4th Saturday Combined Church Social at the Greater Albany SDA Gymnasium
- Every 2nd Sunday Schenectady SDA Church Vegetarian Food Store 10am-11am Weather Permitting. Contact Charlotte Owen for more information 518-280-1635



NYS Capital District Jubilee Weekend

Pastor Elias Zabala, Treasurer, New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Edsel Cadet Master of Divinity Candidate, Andrews University

August 19-21 | Location: Greater Albany SDA Church



- May 1 Capital City SDA Church 3pm Education Banquet
- May 4-7 Atlantic Union Conference Camporee
- May 4-8 Net 2011 Making Sense of the Creation-Evolution Debate 7:30pm Buskirk, Gloversville, Kingsbury and Saratoga SDA Churches
- May 5-7 Capital City SDA Church Youth Weekend
- May 7 Joy of Troy SDA Church Mother's Day Lunch
- May 7 Macedonia SDA Church Women's Day
- May 12 Kinderhook SDA Church 7:30pm New England Youth Chamber Ensemble
- May 13-15 Northeastern Conference Couples Retreat
- May 15 Kinderhook SDA Church New Church Building Groundbreaking 3pm
New Church Location: 3270 Route 9, Valatie, NY
- May 21 Capital City SDA Church Education Day
- May 22 Capital City Deacon and Deaconess Walk-a-Thon
- May 22-29 Generation of Youth for Christ: Atlantic Evangelistic Week, Burlington VT
- May 27-29 Capital City SDA Church GEMS Retreat
- May 28 Macedonia SDA Church Afternoon Seminar: Friendship Evangelism
- May 28 Hud-Cap Youth Federation Youth Day—Kingston SDA Church
- June 1-5 Generation of Youth for Christ: Atlantic Annual Convention
- June 4 Hud-Cap Youth Federation Youth Rally Day
- June 4 Joy of Troy SDA Church Afternoon Seminar: "Preaching"
- June 10-12 Saratoga SDA Church Prison Ministry Training
- June 11 Greater Albany SDA Church Afternoon Seminar: "Preaching"
- June 11 North Country Women's Retreat
- June 18 Joy of Troy SDA Church Father's Day Potluck in the Park
- June 18 Capital City SDA Church Communion Service
- June 24-July 2 New York Conference Camp Meeting
- June 25; July 1 Northeastern Conference Camp Meeting

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

ALBANY

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AMSTERDAM

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

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

BUSKIRK

Buskirk SDA Church
2176 West Hoosick Road, Buskirk
www.buskirk22.adventistchurchconnect.org

COBLESKILL/SCHOHARIE COUNTY

Schoharie SDA Group
141 Legion Drive, Cobleskill

COHOES

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

GLOVERSVILLE

Gloversville SDA Church
18 Jeffers St. Gloversville
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gloversville22.adventistchurchconnect.org

HUDSON FALLS

Kingsbury SDA Church
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www.kingsburysdachurch.org

KINDERHOOK

Kinderhook SDA Church
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LANSINGBURGH/TROY

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

SARATOGA SPRINGS

Saratoga SDA Church
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