

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)

## Capital City SDA Church Week of Prayer Nov. 8-14



**Citrus Fundraiser**  
Visit [www.capitalcitysdac.org](http://www.capitalcitysdac.org)  
or call 518-465-9312  
For More Information

## Kinderhook SDA Church Nursing Home Visitation Nov. 8 & 22

## Baptism Nov. 14

## Buskirk SDA Church



## Harvest Concert | Nov. 15

## Joy of Troy



## Annual Choir Fest | Nov. 21

## 59th General Conference Session Of the Seventh-day Adventist Church Wednesday, June 23, 2010 through Sabbath, July 3, 2010 Atlanta, Georgia



A General Conference Session is a unique occasion. There is no moment in the life of the Church which demonstrates so vividly--so tangibly--the extraordinary way God's Spirit is moving among us. And so I'm delighted to invite your presence and participation at the 59th Session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in Atlanta, Georgia, June 23 --July 3, 2010.

Why do we do this? Why do we invest the time and the resources every five years to bring together representatives from every part of our worldwide Church?

The answer, I believe, goes to the heart of our identity and mission. Through these gatherings we powerfully affirm that we are one people, united in faith, and bound by our shared desire to be instruments of God's purpose in the world.

And so we will come together to:

**Give thanks**--This will be a time to worship our Lord, to celebrate the "international flavors" of our family, and to taste just a little of the eternal fellowship to come. I'm especially pleased that we've chosen this occasion to explore the role of the local church pastor in the life and witness of the Adventist Church. This is fitting. The sacred, often difficult task of guiding the local congregation is one that undergirds all that we are and do as a spiritual community.

**Plan**--We will use our time together to review and evaluate, to exchange ideas and make plans, and to ask: "How has the world around us changed in the past five years? How have we, as a church, changed? What challenges lie before us? What opportunities must we grasp?" For when all is said and done, we have just one overarching purpose: to strengthen God's church for mission.

**Recommit**--As we pray together, plan together, share with each other, the Holy Spirit will surely be with us, too. Individually, and as a community, this will be a moment to rededicate ourselves to the Lord and to the task of proclaiming His grace to the world.

Please join me in praying that the Spirit will move powerfully and that we will look back at our time together as a pivotal moment of renewed purpose and vision within our Church. May this be our experience.

Yours in His Service,  
Jan Paulsen

**For More Information**  
Visit: <http://www.gcsession.org>  
or call 301-680-6216

# EDIFICATION STATION

## Words of Spiritual Encouragement !

### Fidelity to the Father's Family

**1 Corinthians 12:25-27...That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.... Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.**

In Christ we are all members of one family. God is our Father, and He expects us to take an interest in the members of His household. . . . As branches of the parent vine, we derive nourishment from the same source, and by willing obedience, we become one with Christ.

If one member of Christ's household falls into temptation, the other members are to look after him with kindly interest, seeking to arrest the feet that are straying into false paths, and win him to a pure, holy life. This service God requires from every member of His church (see 1 Cor. 12:12-27).

Some, because they do not receive and impart light, have no genuine spiritual experience. They are often surprised by temptations that come in such fascinating forms that they do not recognize them as deceptions of the wily foe. How important that they obtain the experience necessary for them to have. The members of the Lord's family are to be wise and watchful, doing all in their power to save their weaker brethren from Satan's concealed nets.

This is home missionary work, and it is as helpful to those who do it as it is to those for whom it is done. The kindly interest we manifest in the home circle, the words of sympathy we speak to our brothers and sisters, fit us to work for the members of the Lord's household, with whom, if we remain loyal to Christ, we shall live through eternal ages.

"Be thou faithful unto death," Christ says, "and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). Then how carefully should the members of the Lord's family guard their brethren and sisters! Make yourself their friend. If they are poor, and in need of food and clothing, minister to their temporal as well as their spiritual wants. Thus you will be a double blessing to them. . . .

How tender we should be in our dealings with those who are striving for the crown of life. He who in love and tenderness has helped a soul in need may at another time be himself in need of compassionate words of hope and courage.\*

From This Day With God, pg. 147 by Ellen G. White

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KINDERHOOK SDA CHURCH  
PRIMARY SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS (Ages 7-9)  
FOR COMPLETING THEIR STUDY OF THE ENTIRE OLD TESTAMENT!**

## 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
Ongoing	Capital City SDA Church Citrus Fundraiser - <a href="http://www.capitalcitysdac.org">www.capitalcitysdac.org</a>
November 1	Hud-Cap Youth Federation 1st Annual Youth Awards Banquet
November 8	Kinderhook SDA Church
November 8-14	Capital City SDA Church Week of Prayer
November 14	Kinderhook SDA Church Baptism
November 15	Buskirk SDA Church Harvest Concert
November 21	Joy of Troy SDA Church Choir Fest
November 22	Kinderhook SDA Church Nursing Home Outreach
December	Kinderhook SDA Church Prayer Vigil (date TBA - visit <a href="http://www.kinderhooksda.com">www.kinderhooksda.com</a> )
December 12	Kinderhook SDA Church Christmas Party
December 13	Capital City SDA Church End of the Year Banquet
Dec. 30 - Jan. 3	Generation of Youth For Christ Annual Conference <a href="http://www.gycweb.org">www.gycweb.org</a>

**Be In the Loop! Submit your Church Announcements to [shininglightsda@gmail.com](mailto:shininglightsda@gmail.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](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  
518-686-4524

### 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.kinderhooksda.com](http://www.kinderhooksda.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