



## SHINE THE LIGHT!

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*Upcoming opportunities to shine the light of Christ in our communities...*



When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ~John 8:12

Although we haven't even sat around the table to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends yet, believe it or not, there are only eight shopping weekends before Christmas! Where did the time go?!

In spite of the snow, Christmas is one of my most favorite seasons. It is a miraculous time of year when we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus—the Light of the World! God demonstrates His love and generosity to us through the gift of His Son. We, in turn, have opportunities to reflect His love and generosity through sharing the gospel and meeting tangible needs in the community. The Chapel is partnering with several local ministries to help provide individuals and families with gifts and food items for Christmas. There are hands on volunteer opportunities with several of these partners as well. Information on how

you may participate in Shine the Light will be available following Sunday worship services on November 16, 23, 30, and December 7.

This year, each of our three campuses will be hosting one or more of our local Christmas ministry partners. You are invited to take a few moments before or after our worship gatherings to check out how you and your family or friends can help every man, woman and child hear and see the gospel this Christmas season.

If you would like to volunteer on a Sunday morning to help at one of the Shine the Light connection points in the atrium, please contact Amy at [atartick@thechapel.com](mailto:atartick@thechapel.com).

The brief introductions that follow are designed to help you become better acquainted with this year's partners.

### —CHEEKTOWAGA CAMPUS—

Regal Cinemas 16  
1 Galleria Dr. | Cheektowaga, NY 14225

**Saving Grace Ministries** provides a highly structured Transitional Residence Program based on Christian principles to better prepare and integrate men and women recently released from correctional facilities back into community life.

### —CROSSPOINT CAMPUS—

500 CrossPoint Pkwy. | Getzville, NY 14068

**Destination Life Fellowship** helps Niagara Falls families in need retain their dignity by offering them the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their children/parents at greatly reduced prices through their **Affordable Christmas Shop**. The proceeds are then re-invested

into their food pantry to provide groceries for these families. DLF is a body of Christ-followers who desire to be the hands and feet of Jesus sent into the community of Niagara Falls, NY.

**Angel Tree and True Praise & Worship Church** are working together to reach out to the children of inmates and their families with the love of Christ by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the families of prisoners.

**The Buffalo City Mission** provides preventative, emergency, and long-term recovery services to thousands of people who are homeless or impoverished, and includes a Women's and Children's Shelter at **Cornerstone Manor**.

**Community Missions** is Niagara County's largest private provider of basic human needs including an emergency housing shelter, the community soup kitchen, a food pantry and clothes closet, all of which are available free of charge. Each holiday season, the Mission distributes more than 300 holiday dinners to ensure that everyone has a memorable Christmas dinner.

**Journey's End Refugee Services** is a Christian community-based organization that welcomes refugees fleeing political, racial, or religious persecution in their native countries. Without regard to ethnic origin or creed, JERS provides refugees with a broad range of resources and support so that they can become healthy, independent, contributing members of our WNY Community.

**Northtown Pregnancy Center's** goal is to see people make godly decisions, choosing life for their unborn child and living a pure, healthy life. This is accomplished by giving compassionate counsel and truthful information, connecting clients with community resources and church ministries, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, and offering hope through abortion recovery groups.

**SonRays Ministries** exists to lovingly and

— NEWS BRIEF —

**UNDER BURNING STARS**



Come join us as we celebrate Christmas here at The Chapel! This year's performance titled, *Under Burning Stars*, is an event for the entire family. Prior to each show, we will again be having our family Christmas experience out in our atrium, where you will be immersed in an atmosphere full of Christmas activities for you and your family to enjoy. Showtimes will take place on December 12 at 7pm, December 13 at 1pm, 4pm, and 7pm, as well as December 14 at 4pm and 7pm.

prayerfully lead the hurting to a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ through in-depth crisis pregnancy assistance and follow-up to women, men and families that are faced with an unplanned pregnancy.

— LOCKPORT —

25 Walnut Street | Lockport, NY 14094

**Lockport CareNet Pregnancy Center** affirms the value of life by providing clients with compassionate peer counsel, truthful resources, practical assistance and the hope of Christ to those experiencing pregnancy related decisions.

**St. John's Outreach** encourages involvement in activities that represent and fulfil the message of Jesus Christ. Their outreach ministry serves to direct basic necessities to households in need in Eastern Niagara County. This includes providing food, clothing, personal care, infant care, and household necessities to families in need. ✂

— LOCAL CONNECTION —

Interested in getting involved with one of our local ministry partners? Here are some places for you to start serving!

**BUFFALO CITY MISSION  
CORNERSTONE MANOR**  
716.854.8181  
buffalocitymission.org

**COMMUNITY MISSIONS**  
716.285.3403  
communitymissions.org

**DESTINATION LIFE  
FELLOWSHIP**  
585-356-2105  
facebook.com/destinationlifefellowship

**JOURNEY'S END REFUGEE  
SERVICES**  
716.882.4963 | jersbuffalo.org

**NORTHTOWN PREGNANCY  
CENTER**  
716.517-1705  
northtownpregnancycenter.com

**SONRAYS MINISTRIES**  
716.695.9494  
sonraysministries.org

**LOCKPORT CARENET**  
716.434.1771 | lockportcarenet.com

**SAVING GRACE MINISTRIES**  
716.893.1840 | sgmworld.org

**ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH**  
716.433.5252 | stjohlockport.org

*For a complete list of ministry partners, visit [thechapel.com/kingdomcome](http://thechapel.com/kingdomcome).*

*The Mission of Kingdom Come is specifically focused on helping to ensure that every man, woman and child has repeated opportunities to hear, see and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ locally, regionally, nationally and globally where The Chapel has influence.*

— UPCOMING EVENTS —

**NOVEMBER 16, 23, 30, & DECEMBER 7  
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Information on options for you to help ensure that every man, woman, and child has repeated opportunities to hear and see the gospel of Jesus Christ in our communities will be available in the atrium at all three of our Chapel campuses. Please check it out before or after our worship gatherings.

**DECEMBER 12, 13, & 14  
UNDER BURNING STARS**

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to experience the amazing story of Christmas through the eyes of a child. This will be a family-friendly environment, so please be sure to bring everyone—children and adults! For details on how to purchase tickets, please visit [thechapel.com/christmas](http://thechapel.com/christmas).