

Hart Beat

(An E-update for CNYBA Pastors and Key Leaders)

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➡ **Hart to Heart**

- This week has been a tough one – at least the first half. You know the symptoms – weak, achy, clammy, etc. When I finished teaching on Monday I went home and crashed. I cancelled all appointments Monday evening through Thursday, pretty much stayed in out of the weather, took medicine, and slept.
- I did attend the funeral of Pastor Ken Fallon’s father on Tuesday evening in New Berlin. Harold Lefler also attended with me. Ken is pastor @ **Crossroads, Sherburne**. And I was “back to normal” enough to lead the Open Bible Fellowship Bible study on Thursday evening. I stayed out of the weather and did office work Friday and Saturday. So I’m pretty much “back on the road again” and on the run.
- While confined to the house, I have been working on the Book of Reports for our upcoming CNYBA Annual Meeting. It sort of slipped up on me since it is a week earlier this year to accommodate the schedule of our visiting missionary. I should have the Book of Reports posted to our CNYBA web site by Wednesday.
- Please pray for Ben & Marie Lewis, my sister and brother-in-law. Ben is in the VA Hospital in Little Rock, AR with some sort of breathing issue. He has been on a ventilator. He was able to get off that on Friday, but still has a breathing mask.
- Associate Pastor David Barrows @ **Clyde Baptist Church** has asked that we pray for his nephew, James Makey, who is hospitalized after a heart attack on Friday.
- Lyn & I worshipped today with the good folks at the **Baptist Campus Ministry** worship service, where Devon & Kate Bartholomew lead our student ministry on the campus of Syracuse University. Devon asked me to say a few words about the association and close in prayer. This was a great opportunity to educate our laity about CNYBA, which I am not often given when I visit our churches. Devon explained as we fellowshiped over lunch that the lay members of the congregation don’t see representatives from denominational life and may not even know that they are connected to entities beyond themselves. I believe this may be true for some of our churches as well. So, let me encourage you to use the opportunity to educate when you have representatives from CNYBA, BCNY, and/or the SBC in your services.
- Following a short nap after returning from Syracuse late this afternoon, I led the 4th session of a nine session Discipleship Class at **Living Water, Owego** at 5

PM and then held a meeting of the Committee to Nominate CNYBA Leadership Team Members and Officers via conference call on my i-phone. Who said you couldn't teach old dogs new tricks?

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Summit, Cazenovia** plans a Men's Retreat to the Thousand Islands area on Oct 9-10. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** has made a final offer on purchasing the Longhorn Saloon on Park St with the plans of turning it into The Neighborhood Church. The owner has accepted. The only thing left is to get approval from the city to open it as a church without the proper amount of parking. The parking waiver is a contingency to the purchase. Pray for God's will to be done. > Pastor Ronnie Wyatt is asking us to pray as he continues to look for a fulltime job. Both he and Michele have been working part time jobs (sometimes multiple) since they have been here to allow to allow them to stay on their "Mission Field", but he really needs a full time Job in order for them to continue. > On October 10th they are having friends from Corinth Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, NC join them for the day to feed their neighbors as an outreach, leading to the sharing of the Gospel.
- **Inlet Community Church** had a booth at the Adirondack Kids Day festivities where they passed out free popcorn and cotton candy, as well as copies of the book "Since Nobodies Perfect, How Good is Good Enough" by Andy Stanley. They consider this pre-evangelism - a way to put a good taste (literally) in people's mouths when they think of Inlet Community Church. Their involvement demonstrates an engagement with the community and spirit of generosity that may open doors for the gospel in the future. > Today they had the first meeting regarding their 2016 Mexico Mission Trip, a sequel to last year's trip. > Pastor Phil Huber is pursuing an opportunity to bring a licensed family therapist from Syracuse to Inlet to do a seminar for parents on helping children process grief. With the recent suicides in their community, Pastor Phil feels this could be a strategic moment to speak into their lives and demonstrate the relevance of the Bible and the church to help. Pastor Phil sees this initial seminar for helping children deal with grief as perhaps the beginning of a continuing ministry offering parenting and marriage seminars/classes along with peacemakers materials in helping people deal with conflict.
- **Outpouring, Oswego** (our campus based church @ SUNY Oswego) participated in the SUNY-Oswego Involvement Fair, which gets all the student clubs on campus in the same room, regardless of the type or mission, and the freshmen tour the tables and talk to everyone there. They collected a record amount of names. > on one of the hottest days so far this semester they set up in

the Quad outside of the library and handed out bottled water and information about the club and church. > At their recent Friday night Pizza Party & Game Night Outreach they had over 40 in attendance and only eight of the attendees were already involved in any Christian ministry on campus. The following Sunday they saw a significant uptick in their church service attendance. > Pastor Zach Neyhard has already taken a couple of outreach fishing trips up in northern Central New York and plans several more before season ends. Please pray that during these times of fun and sport there can be vibrant, spiritual conversations with friends who don't know Jesus.

- **Bellewood, North Syracuse** celebrated World Communion Sunday today. They were reminded that they are a part of a worldwide church with brother and sisters in Christ around the world. After their Worship Celebration they shared a wonderful dish-to-pass International Lunch featuring various favorite international dishes. Matt Hallenbeck is Pastor.
- **Christ Is King, Nedrow** participated in their community's Nedrow Fest recently. They assisted in many aspects of the planning and volunteering, with some of their people volunteering to work in three different booths. They also ran one booth which presented the gospel in the form of a craft, a wordless bracelet, similar to the wordless book. Pastor Jon Speed estimates that in the afternoon, they did about 15 gospel presentations totaling at least 45 people. > The church meets in a used and rare book store that Pastor Jon and his wife Kim run as a tent making endeavor. They just celebrated their first year in business and are praising the Lord that they broke even, which is remarkable for any business in the first year. They are praying that they will turn a profit in the next year.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 5th BD Pauline Potter – former PW @ North Fenton BC
- 8th Open Bible Fellowship – Catatonk
- 10th BD Mike Brown – Pastor @ Three Pines, Doraville

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- (Wyoming) ELIAS MONTALVO is a native of Quito, Ecuador. As a child, he thought his status as a pastor's son was his ticket into heaven. When he was eight—at a Royal Ambassadors camp in Quito—he learned he was wrong. He asked Jesus to forgive his sins and live in his heart. Years later Elias strayed from his faith but finally surrendered to God's call to be the pastor he denied he would ever be. Now he is the Hispanic church planting specialist for the state of Wyoming. As you give through the Cooperative Program you are helping him lead

Hispanic churches to catch the vision to plant many much-needed Hispanic churches in Wyoming. Join Elias in praying for the vision to become reality.

- (Central Asia) When Christian worker MADELINE ARTHINGTON* visited a Quran class with her Muslim friend, she was struck by the power that deceived the women. “This is the shepherd of death,” Madeline thought. “These bright-eyed women sitting next to me are following a shepherd of death who denies Jesus Christ as the way of salvation. He denies a loving heavenly Father and the gift of grace. Their shepherd comes to steal, kill and destroy. He denies the existence of another Shepherd—One who laid down His life for His sheep.” Your giving through the Cooperative Program allows Madeline to point people to the Shepherd who brings eternal life.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A man decided that he was going to ride a 10-speed bike from Phoenix to Flagstaff. He got as far as Black Canyon City before the mountains just became too much and he could go no farther. He stuck his thumb out, but after 3 hours he hadn't gotten a single person to stop. Finally a guy in a Corvette pulled over and offered him a ride. Of course, the bike wouldn't fit in the car. The owner of the Corvette found a piece of rope lying by the highway and tied it to his bumper. He tied the other end to the bike and told the man that if he got to going too fast to honk the horn on his bike and he would slow down. Everything went fine for the first 30 miles. Suddenly, another Corvette blew past them. Not to be outdone, the Corvette pulling the bike took off after the other. A short distance down the road, the Corvettes--both going well over 120 mph--blew through a speed trap. The police officer noted the speeds from his radar gun and radioed to the other officer that he had 2 Corvettes headed his way at over 120 mph. He then relayed, "And you're not going to believe this, but there's guy on a 10-speed bike honking to pass."