

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- On Tuesday past I attended the annual Pastors' Conference at the Family Life Network in Bath, NY at the invitation of Pastor Bill Lower @ **West Hill, Ithaca**. I enjoyed our trip out and back and we enjoyed some great teaching from Dr. David Jeremiah, to say nothing of the great meal they provided.
- On Wednesday past I had lunch with Brandon Owen, one of our church planters in the Syracuse area, accepted the challenge from Pastor Bhim Biswa to a few games of ping pong (although I hadn't had a paddle in my hand in several years), hooked up one of the CNYBA tent trailers that was parked at BCNY, and was supposed to accompany Tim Bissell (NAMB Church Planting Catalyst) to Westmoreland for a visit with the church planting team there. Unfortunately, some of them were down with the flu so we rescheduled.
- In the next two weeks, I should have all the CNYBA trailers snugly in the pole barn for winter. However, it is not too early to begin reserving these resources for next year. Just email me to reserve one of the tents, the block party trailer, or the scaffolding.
- The Lord was good to us and Lyn made the return trip from Arkansas without incident – except for driving in the rain for three days. She arrived home on Thursday past. Both me and the boys were glad to see her after her almost three week trip to be with my sister following the death of my brother-in-law.
- On Thursday evening past we had our highest attendance to date at the Open Bible Fellowship study, meeting at the Bostwick Auction house in Catatonk. One of the things with which I was pleased was the fact that we had four new attendees who were all brought by other regulars! We are praying for koinonia, possibly leading to the start of a new church.
- On Friday past Lyn and I attended a birthday luncheon for Billie Winskie, our long time CNYBA treasurer. We enjoyed a great time of fellowship with her, her husband Elton, and John and Kitty Sheehy.
- On Friday evening past, Lyn and I attended the surprise 10th ministry anniversary for Pastor Matt Hallenbeck at **Bellewood, North Syracuse**. Our CNYBA moderator, who is a member @ Bellewood, did an excellent job with the program and the ladies of the church did an excellent job with the meal.

- Yesterday morning I took my truck and trailer out to North Fenton and helped move Pauline Potter, widow of former pastor Clint Potter, into a home she has purchased. It was great to see Pastor Rodney Kochmanski and a host of **North Fenton BC** members turn out to help Pauline make this move.
- Lyn and I worshipped this morning with the good folks at **Northside, Liverpool**, where Bruce Aubrey has been senior pastor since July 1993. Today he preached a powerful sermon, which was the 5th in a series paralleling the movie “War Room.”
- Tonight I lead the 7th of a nine session Discipleship Class @ **Living Water, Owego**.
- In addition, there is rejoicing at the Hart house. Both the Arkansas Razorbacks and the Minnesota Vikings won this week-end!

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Bellewood, North Syracuse** has rescheduled the church wide lunch from today to next Sunday. Matt Hallenbeck is Pastor. I wonder what my schedule looks like for next Sunday?
- **Inlet CC** is promoting a series entitled “Faith and Film” hosted by the local Presbyterian Church. The first film in the series will be a showing of the movie “42,” the story of Jackie Robinson, the first African American player to break the color barrier in baseball, and Branch Rickey, the general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers. Both Robinson and Rickey were devout Christians. The movie portrays how their faith inspired the way they lived their lives. In Jackie Robinson, Rickey found a kindred spirit who would fight the injustice of segregation based on Jesus’ teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. > They will participate in Operation Christmas Child again this year. Boxes will be turned in by November 15. > Pastor Phil Huber participated with two other local pastors in a panel discussion in the Pop Culture class in the local high school about how Christianity is portrayed in today's media, mass communications, education, and churches.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** enjoyed a pot luck dinner tonight at the home of Pastor Dan and Cindy Schallmo. I could not attend because of the discipleship class I’m leading at **Living Water, Owego**.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** will have their annual Harvest Dinner November 8th after the morning worship service. > On Tuesday evening November they will decorate the Sanctuary for the upcoming Christmas season. Gary Culver is Pastor.

- **Northside, Liverpool** will participate in Operation Christmas Child again this year. > They plan a Seniors 50+ family style Italian buffet and turkey dinner on November 21. > They are collecting gently used baby and toddler toys to be given to New Hope Family Services. > They are also conducting a Thanksgiving Food Drive of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items to benefit the Food Bank of CNY, the Syracuse Rescue Mission, and the Chestnut Hill Elementary School. > And they will conduct an Upward Bound Basketball program once again this year. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.

➡ **Upcoming Events**

- **A Seminar for Church Treasurers @ Family Life Network** on Saturday, January 23 from 9 AM – 4 PM. The cost for the event is \$39, which includes a light continental breakfast and a hot lunch. Melanie French, CPA, will be teaching a basic course on money management for church treasurers and will cover treasury fundamentals, the five components of good pastoral compensation, and how to avoid the most common money mistakes made by churches. The deadline to register is January 21 at noon. Visit www.fln.org/tickets or call 800-927-9083.
- **Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference @ North Syracuse Baptist Church** on Saturday, November 14th from 8 AM – 5 PM. There will be three main sessions and sixteen breakout sessions on many topics for men. Visit www.ironsharpensiron.net for a preview and to register.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 1st BD Waylen Bray – Pastor @ Stamford BC
- 1st ANV Yong & Soon Rhee – P&W @ River of Joy, Syracuse
- 2nd BD Oia Do – PW @ Vietnamese, Utica
- 5th Open Bible Fellowship
- 7th ANV Milt & Patricia Kornegay – P&W @ Central, Syracuse
- 7th BD John Jablonski – Pastor @ Agape, Norwich

➡ **Ministry Anniversaries for November**

- Waylen Bray – Pastor @ Stamford BC since Nov. 1977
- Roger Knapton – Pastor @ Clyde BC since Nov. 2005
- Calvin Stedje – Pastor @ Maryland BC since Nov. 2011

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- (Oklahoma) MATTHEW and BETHANY WILSON joined the Baptist Collegiate Ministry on the campus of Oklahoma State University in summer of 2014. Students are from all over the world and come from many different backgrounds. Students need someone to personally invest in them as they are away from home for the first time. Matt and Bethany are sharing the Gospel and discipling students so they can in turn reach and train others for Christ for the rest of their lives. Prayers and sacrificial gifts through the Cooperative Program help to fund campus missions. Pray that the Wilsons will receive support as they minister and that spiritual reproduction will be the heartbeat of their ministry.
- (Slovakia) Baptist representatives TREY and ELISE ATKINS continue to be amazed and thankful for the college students God is placing in their lives. God, in His sovereign plan, has enabled Trey and Elise to meet students near the trash-bag section in Tesco while on a broken-down train or through other colleagues or friends with whom they have made connections in life. Gifts through the Cooperative Program support Trey and Elise and provide opportunities for both of them to share the Gospel and their love for the Lord boldly and sensitively with these college students in Bratislava, Slovakia. Ask Him to prepare each of these students to receive and believe these words of life!

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A young man called his mother and announced excitedly that he had just met the woman of his dreams. Now what should he do? His mother had an idea: "Why don't you send her flowers, and on the card invite her to your apartment for a home-cooked meal?" He thought this was a great strategy, and a week later, the woman came to dinner. His mother called the next day to see how things had gone. "I was totally humiliated," he moaned. "She insisted on washing the dishes." "What's wrong with that?" asked his mother. "We hadn't started eating yet."