

## Hart Beat

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

**8 November 2015**

### ➡ **Hart to Heart**

- As you know, my brother-in-law passed away recently in Arkansas. I appreciate the association sending flowers for the funeral. They wound up on the communion table at Mt. Holly Community Church the Sunday following the funeral. Here is a note from my sister.

*The beautiful lilies, roses, and dahlias sent in memory of Ben Lewis was sincerely appreciated. Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledge and your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.*

*Marie Lewis and Family*

- Through the first 7 months of 2015, the 45 churches of CNYBA gave \$102,730.86 to world-wide missions through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention. This total was the second largest total of any of the 10 associations in the Baptist Convention of New York – behind only the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, which represents roughly half the church affiliated with the BCNY.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Lighthouse Vietnamese, Utica**, where Liem Do has been pastor since the church began in May 2011. After church we enjoyed a time of fellowship over lunch with Pastor Liem, his wife, and several church members at a local Vietnamese restaurant.
- Tonight I lead the eighth of a nine session Discipleship Class at **Living Water, Owego**. On the way to the class, shortly after we stopped by the house to pick up the materials for tonight's session, we had a flat tire. Praise the Lord it didn't happen half way between someplace. We would have been stranded beside the road. As it was, we just called one of the people who were on their way to the session and they came by and picked us up. I'll deal with the flat tire in the morning.
- Miracles of miracles, both the Arkansas Razorbacks and the Minnesota Vikings won again this week-end for the second week in a row!

### ➡ **News From the Churches**

- The men of **Summit, Cazenovia** are being encouraged to attend the "Iron Sharpens Iron" men's conference being held at North Syracuse Baptist Church on Nov. 14.

- **Cornerstone, Endicott** will hold a Thanksgiving service on Thursday, November 26 @ 11 AM, followed by a community outreach dinner from Noon – 4 PM. They plan Friday movie nights on November 13 (Big Hero 6) and December 11 from 6-9 PM with lots of popcorn, hot dogs, and punch. They will do their Christmas program on December 20<sup>th</sup> during the 11 AM Sunday morning worship service. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.

### ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 11<sup>th</sup> BD Stephanie Johnson – PW @ Cornerstone, Endicott
- 12<sup>th</sup> ANV Gary & Margaret Culver – P&W @ Emory Chapel, Waverly
- 12<sup>th</sup> Open Bible Fellowship

### ➡ **Missionary Moments**

- (Oregon) CLAY HOLCOMB was called into ministry during his college years. His passion for communicating God’s Word and seeing young people raised up to follow Jesus led him into student ministry. His first ministry position was in a church plant, which gave him a love for church planting. He is NAMB’s Send City coordinator for Portland and feels privileged to lead other planters to explore Portland and church planting in the context of the West coast. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program are helping Clay lead and coach church planters. Clay asks for prayer for his four children who are now living in a city that is very challenging to their young faith.
- (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!

### ➡ **The Adventures of Henry & Harley**

- The boys, our two Pomeranian puppy brothers, are having a new experience. When we moved here five years ago we “inherited” a feral cat. He’s a pretty good sized grey and white cat. We named him Patches. Lately Patches has decided to live on the new front porch, spending a good portion of his days (and I think nights) in one of the porch chairs. When the boys go out, before that head to the play yard, they do what dogs naturally do – they harass the cat. They don’t seem to know what to do with a creature not like themselves. After they bark at him

for a while they stand around, tilting their heads back and forth as if to be thinking “Who is this guy. He doesn’t bark. He doesn’t dig holes, and he can just jump over the fence anytime he likes.” The boys are experiencing what we experience when we meet people who are different from us – different in looks, likes, and language. What are we to do? The boys are pondering too. Lyn did see Henry put his nose up to the cat’s nose yesterday, so maybe they are going to learn to live on the same property with this creature, who is so different from themselves. As for us, we should read and apply **Romans 12:16-21**, which says in part, “If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.”

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- My husband and I took our two-year-old daughter to the home-improvement store. Madison got tired of walking, so my husband let her ride on his shoulders. As he walked, Madison began pulling his hair. Although he asked her to stop several times, she kept on. Getting annoyed, he scolded, "Madison! Stop that!" "But, Daddy," she replied, "I'm just trying to get my gum back."