

Hart Beat

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

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➡ **Hart to Heart**

- My heart is a little heavy tonight. Could I ask you to join me in praying for the pastors of CNYBA, many of whom are bi-vocational? Some of them are having a difficult time juggling family, job, and church. A few of them are struggling - physically, financially, and/or emotionally. As Aaron and Hur held up Moses' hands while the battle raged in Exodus 17, let us hold these men up in prayer so that the battle can be won here in Central New York.
- The annual CNYBA Pastors' & Wives' Christmas luncheon was held yesterday at **Lakeshore, Cicero**. Participants sang Christmas carols, heard about and prayed for missionaries – the missionary of the week whose birthday was yesterday and the missionary featured on the 7th day of the Week of Prayer for International Missions, fellowshiped, ate a great meal, and heard from Pepaw, an older gentleman who had several issues, as portrayed by Ronnie Wyatt, church planter/pastor at The Neighborhood Church in Syracuse.
- Speaking of Ronnie Wyatt, he is available to come to your church to preach, to teach about ministry in the inner city, or to be a comedy program for one of your groups or ministries – as time permits. He has done an outstanding job every time I've heard him and would be a blessing to your church or group. If you would like to talk with him about availability, call him direct at 315-876-0558.
- Lyn and I wish to thank the association for the generous Christmas love offering presented to us yesterday at the P&W's Christmas Luncheon. It is a joy for us to serve the churches of CNYBA. We deeply appreciate every expression of your love and support. Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can be of service to you in any way.
- Lyn and I worshipped with the good folks at **Beacon Light, Verona** this morning, where Rickey Fuller has been pastor since May 2002.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- Several weeks ago I met with Brandon Owen, one of our church planters working in the Syracuse area, at his request. Now that he has included this news in his support letter, I am free to tell you that over the next several months he will be transitioning from church planter to Pastor at Clay Community Church. We want to thank Brandon and his family for the work they have put into trying to establish a church in the University area of Syracuse. All along he has been a part of the staff at **Mission, Syracuse** and they plan to continue efforts to bring the

gospel to that particular geography. The funding we have in our 2016 CNYBA budget for Brandon will be set aside to be used in another church plant effort.

- As you know, I have started a Thursday night Bible study at an auction house near where we live. Christmas Eve falls on Thursday. But several people involved in Open Bible Fellowship have family and other traditional Christmas Eve commitments – including me. I'll be preaching at the Christmas Eve service @ **Living Water, Owego**. So we will have our first Christmas program on Thursday night, December 17th. Please join us in praying that several new people will attend. 12 to 17 have been attending. I'm praying for 25 to attend our Christmas program.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** participated in Operation Christmas child again this year, packing 33 boxes. Their College and Career Life Group collected the most thus winning their Life Group competition. > Summit Church also participated again this year in Cazenovia's Christmas Walk on Friday Dec 4th by serving hot chocolate and coffee (thank you Starbucks). 400+ cups served! > And the men of Summit Church will hold their monthly men's breakfast on Dec 12, followed by a local tree work mission project. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.
- Today Pastor Bruce Aubrey @ **Northside, Liverpool**, began a new series of sermons entitled, "The Perfect Gift". For the next three weekends, he will be preaching from the second chapter of the gospel of Matthew, looking at the three gifts brought to Jesus by the wise men. > On December 11-13 Northside will be present a Christmas program. They are praying for at least 2000 people to be impacted by this program. > They will have Christmas Eve services at 3:30, 5:00, 6:30, and 11:00 PM.
- **Agape, Norwich** will have a Community Christmas dinner on Dec. 12th John Jablonski is Pastor.
- **Beacon Light, Verona** plans a Christmas Party after the morning worship service on December 13th. They also plan a Christmas Eve Candle Light service. Rickey Fuller is Pastor.
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** had a baby dedication as part of the service today and two people joined the church at the end of service. On Friday, December 11th they will have another movie night – showing the film "Inside Out"
- **Renovation, North Syracuse** did what they called Halloween Hangout on Halloween. It was a huge hit. At least 30 neighborhood kids came through with a number of families. They gave out candy and met new friends. In November they partnered with Liverpool Elementary School to provide 15 families free turkeys to bless those in need, as well as the staff at the school. Mike Mazyee is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 8th BD Juanita Young – PW @ Gethsemane, Syracuse
- 9th ANV Calvin & Darlene Stedje – P&W @ Maryland BC
- 9th BD Kristen Elliott – Assoc. PW @ Missio, Syracuse
- 10th Open Bible Fellowship

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- (Colombia) Volunteers can be an important part of God's work on the mission field. A team of volunteers from Kentucky worked with IMB missionary JOHN* in sharing Christ with indigenous peoples of the Amazon. Also, IMB missionary TOM* worked with two college-age young men in Leticia for 40 days to personally disciple and minister to new believers in the villages. Please pray that God will work in and through both of these volunteers and that their time will be fruitful. Thanks to Cooperative Program gifts, IMB missionaries who live in Colombia can partner with volunteer teams to encourage and disciple new believers in their faith.
- (South Dakota) STEPHEN and KAYE CARSON have planted churches at home in the United States and abroad in Uganda. Their most recent plant is Connection Church in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Belle Fourche is a small, friendly town that one pastor estimates to be 85–90 percent unchurched. Catholic and Lutheran influence is strong in Belle Fourche, but Connection Church is making inroads for the Gospel of grace through community outreaches such as block parties, VBS and random acts of kindness. The Carsons ask you to pray for them and give through the Cooperative Program to help provide much needed financial resources to Connection Church as they grow and work toward planting more churches in neighboring communities.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A lady lost her handbag at the mall. An honest young lad found it and returned it to her. Looking in her purse, she said, "Hmm, that's funny. When I lost my bag, there was a \$20 bill in it. Now there are twenty \$1 bills." The boy replied, "That IS funny. The last time I found a lady's purse, she didn't have any change for a reward."