

Hart Beat

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

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➡ **Hart to Heart**

- Well, it's that time of year. Lyn has been fighting flu like symptoms this week and yesterday, I started feeling them as well. Even Henry has been a sick puppy this week.
- On Tuesday past I was at the hospital in Syracuse with Pastor John and Tara Jablonski during Tara's surgery. She is recovering nicely at home. On my way home I was able to visit with three of our CNYBA pastors. When you pray, don't forget to ask the Lord to bless the men who are leading our CNYBA churches.
- I learned from Lyn today (via Facebook) that Cathy Aubrey (PW @ **Northside, Liverpool**) had knee surgery on Thursday past. She is recuperating at home. Having been there and done that I feel her pain. Remember to remember her in prayer this week.
- It looks like the new work effort in the Candor/Willseyville area may not materialize. But I am pleased to tell you that the Thursday evening Open Bible Fellowship we have begun in Catatonk seems to be coming along nicely. We had 16 again last Thursday. We have averaged 13.5 in attendance during the month of September.
- Our CNYBA Leadership Team met this past week and worked on the Agenda for our annual meeting, which is coming up on October 10, as well as a proposed budget for 2016. The proposed budget will include support for two new church starts – Stephen Mangar @ a second Nepali Church in Syracuse and Dan Studt @ a new work start in DeWitt.
- On Wednesday of this week Tim Bissell and I will be meeting with Tim Mathis, his wife, his son-in-law, and maybe some others about a new church plant in Westmoreland. The Mathis' own and operate a day care center in Westmoreland and have been having weekly Bible study for some time. Be praying that all will go well in getting this new work effort up and running.
- Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Grace, Rome** this morning, where I was privileged to preach. After service they held a business meeting and called Trent Williams as Pastor. We welcome Pastor Williams to the CNYBA family.

- Tonight I lead the third session of a nine session Discipleship Class at **Living Water, Owego**. Although I have taught this course several times, I always enjoy talking about discipleship.
- The annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of New York is scheduled for tomorrow and Tuesday in Rochester, with a pre-convention service tonight. I had planned to leave after my class at Davis College tomorrow and attend the Monday evening and Tuesday sessions. However, unless I feel a lot better tomorrow than I do tonight, I will likely not make the trip.
- There is supposed to be a total eclipse of the moon tonight around 11 PM, but it will start for me much earlier. As soon as I get this newsletter done and sent I plan to take some medication and go to bed. Hopefully, everything will be a total eclipse for several hours.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- IMB Budapest missionaries Ron and Robin Brown's daughter, Rebekah, is attending **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** while a student at Hamilton College. She spent the summer in Budapest doing camp ministry, but is back now and willing to help if anyone has questions regarding the refugee situation at home, and probably other aspects of mission work there. If you are interesting in hearing Rebekah I suggest you contact Pastor Sam Macri at macrifamilymail@yahoo.com or 315-525-9781.
- **Agape, Norwich** appreciates the help of Orwell Bible Church from Rome, PA who installed a new metal roof on the garage at Agape yesterday. John Jablonski is Pastor.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** baptized 3 this afternoon at **Living Water, Owego**.
> On Oct 17th they plan Oktoberfest Family Fun Night & their 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off. Folks are encouraged to come dress up as their favorite Bible Character and have fun playing games. > Plans are underway for their annual Harvest Dinner to be held on November 8th. GHary Culver is Pastor
- I'm not sure of all the details, but **Three Pines, Doraville** had a hayride after services today. Mike Brown is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 28th – 29th BCNY Annual Meeting in Rochester
- 29th BD Terry Robinson – BCNY Exec Director
- 1st BD James Young – Pastor @ Gethsemane, Syracuse
- 1st Open Bible Fellowship – Catatonk

- 2nd ANV Wayne & Connie Sibrava – P&W @ Living Water, Owego
- 2nd & 3rd Ladies' Conference @ West Oneonta Baptist Church

➡ **October Ministry Anniversaries**

- Sam Macri –Pastor @ Crosspoint, Whitesboro since Oct 1990
- Matt Hallenbeck – Pastor @ Bellewood, North Syracuse since Oct 2005
- James Young – Pastor @ Gethsemane, Syracuse since Oct 2003
- Yong Mun Rhee – Pastor @ River of Joy, Syracuse since Oct 2002

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- (Bangladesh) A Christian worker in Bangladesh gave a small amount of money to Ray* so he could have his rickshaw fixed. Sometime later, Ray came to the worker's door with a swollen wrist, ready to work. The Christian instead took Ray for medical care. With each act of kindness, Ray, a Muslim, became more intrigued with this follower of Isa (Jesus). The worker introduced Ray to a Bangladeshi pastor friend who is a Muslim-background believer. The pastor shared the Creation to Christ story, and Ray became a follower of Christ. Thank you for giving through the Cooperative Program so Ray can have eternal life.
- (New York) CHRISTY DYER is part of a church planting team in Long Island City, New York. Her church, New City Church, seeks to offer grace and peace to the community. The population in the area is growing and estimates predict at least 100,000 will live in this 3-mile area in the next few years. As the population grows so does the need for evangelical churches. Most New Yorkers do not have a relationship with Christ, and even if they wanted to attend church on Sunday there are not many options. Your Cooperative Program dollars will help plant these much-needed churches. Pray God will open doors to relationships with people living and working in Long Island City.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- The Pentagon recently unveiled its new super computer to the top brass. This fantastic device, capable of making bazillions of decisions in split nanoseconds, is designed to solve all military problems with the greatest of ease. To test its capabilities, the brass poses a tactical problem to it and then asks for a decision, "Attack or Retreat?" The computer hums a bit, blinks a myriad of lights and answers, "Yes." The brass, somewhat confused by this answer, replies, "Yes what?" The computer instantly replies, "Yes, sir!"