

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- Back where I grew up there was a saying about being a day late and a dollar short. I think I am beginning to understand that saying. Starting with the disaster relief trip to Florida, I don't seem to have enough time or enough money. This past week has been extremely activity packed, what with preparation for this past week-end in between shuffling cars to the shop for repair. Well, enough whining.
- Let me ask you to pray earnestly for Jessica DePugh, daughter of Pastor John DePugh at **Newark BC**. She was in a horrific automobile accident on Friday afternoon. She is in Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester with multiple severe injuries.
- On Saturday past the Annual Meeting of CNYBA was held at **Summit, Cazenovia**, who did a fantastic job hosting us. Sixteen churches were represented. Messengers adopted a budget of \$62,930, with a projection of \$60,000 giving by CNYBA churches. This was based on the fact that CNYBA churches gave \$60,674.50 in 2016 and \$60,125.67 over the past 12 months. I would urge EVERY church in CNYBA to contribute to missions through the local association. The amount does not have to be large. When it is put with the contributions of the rest of the CNYAB churches, it makes a real difference.
- In addition to the 2018 budget, messengers also adopted a recommendation from our Leadership Team: That we establish a multi-use ministry center at the CNYBA property at 1906 Genesee St in Syracuse, with a view toward establishing a new Hispanic Church, a new multi-cultural church, outreach events by Baptist Campus Ministry, and/or other ministry related activity. That we allow Tim Bissell to move his office to the property and be the coordinator of all activity on the property, in consultation with the Director of Missions. That CNYBA cover the cost of essential maintenance and repairs (as determined by the CNYBA Leadership Team), insurance and utilities for the next year using our reserve funds. That the CNYBA Leadership Team review the progress of this project fall and bring a recommend to the annual meeting in 2018 regarding its continuation.
- During my challenge message at our annual meeting I challenged our church to Pray for Manpower, Present the Message of the gospel, and Prepare Men for Ministry. In an effort to help with the third part of that challenge I announced that beginning in January I will be hosting a monthly Go-to-Meeting "Ministry 101 Forum" for any pastor, church leader, and/or person feeling even a slight

bent toward ministry. It will be a 45 minute to one hour discussion of all things ministry – essential characteristics of leaders, leadership development, preaching planning, sermon prep, time management, change management, evangelism, dealing with difficult people, long range planning, benefits of taking the high road, etc., etc. If you, or someone you know, would like to be a part of that forum, just let me know. A few days before each session I'll email the link necessary to join the group.

- Lary Hyde and I will be leading Disaster Relief Training (sanctioned by our BCNY DR Director) at **Living Water, Owego** (1405 Bodle Hill Rd, Owego, NY) from 10 AM until 4 PM this coming Saturday, October 28 - which will include lunch provided by the church.
- **Crossroads, Sherburne** had 8 individuals disciplined and baptized during the summer. On October 15th another man made a profession of faith. They also celebrated the opening of Calvary Cares Counseling Center in the **Agape, Norwich** to meet the needs of those in the community who need help with their habits, hurts, and need of healing. They have also established Splendor Bible Institute, providing training in Bible and counseling as an extension of the Crossroads ministry. Pastor Ken Fallon is serving as Dean. Pastor Ken says, "If we can assist our sister churches in the advanced training of the saints for ministry, please feel free to contact us."
- **Summit, Cazenovia** has a contract to purchase the building and 20 acres where they formerly met south of Cazenovia. There has arisen a couple of issues that must be negotiated before a final settlement can be reached. Please be in prayer for this situation. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.
- Wayne Sibrava, Pastor @ **Living Water, Owego** published the following summary report: This past weekend I was privileged to give Pastor Dan Schallmo a check for \$3,000.00 to help Summit church purchase the Assembly of God building that is empty. We have already given \$3,200.00 to disaster relief and we will also be giving \$500.00 to the Paul and Ava James State Missions Offering which will be used by our Convention for disaster relief. This Friday we will be taking bagels and danish to 3 schools where we have children attending. As of September 30th we have given a total of \$21,088.48 to the Baptist Convention of New York, Central New York Baptist Association, Indian Christian Mission, and Pastor Rick Martin. We are also in the process of putting Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes together. Our goal is 50 and we've also allocated another \$500.00 to help purchase items for this project. November 24th & 25th we'll be giving 350 Christmas Code books to our community as a present for Christmas. These booklets were .99 each and your faithfulness in giving helped us purchase these books. We've also given out hundreds of Billy Graham DVDs about heaven to many communities in the Southern Tier.

- **Northstar, Clifton Park** will have a ladies pottery event on Friday evening, November 3. They will have a baptismal service on Sunday, November 12th. Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- **Bellewood, North Syracuse** is reminiscing about the fact that it was seven years ago last week that their church building burned. They are amazed at all that God has done corporately for them, with them and through them in these last seven years. October is also Pastor Matt Hallenbeck's anniversary month, having been called as pastor in October of 2005. (He still claims that the burning of the building the week after his 5th anniversary celebration was totally coincidental!). The church has been celebrating his 12th anniversary as Pastor and expressing their appreciation for him, his family, and their ministry among them.
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** had three adults join by Christian experience recently. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse**, this week, became a "Satellite Office" for the local Crisis Pregnancy Center. They open their building every Monday, offering Christian counseling, free pregnancy tests, and access to adoption opportunities as an alternative to abortion. Pastor Ronnie Wyatt says. "God is continuing to do amazing things through our partnership with 99ONE ministries in the strip clubs that surround our church building. God has brought two ladies that faithfully go into these clubs every month - almost as Chaplains to the ladies." They open their building every Friday night as a safe place for the club ladies to meet with the "Chaplains" outside of work. DOM's note: Pastor Ronnie is serving in one of, if not the hardest, mission field in our association. Folks, this is not theoretical. This is real life – up close and personal. Let's remember to pray for Pastor Ronnie and The Neighborhood Church.
- Linda Sallis, wife of our just previous moderator and still Leadership Team member, fell recently and is laid up for several weeks. Let's remember to pray for Linda
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary invites the churches in your association to partner with us for Revive this Nation – our seminary's annual spring break revival program. The dates for this year's meetings are March 11-14, 2018. Please take a moment and watch this short promotional video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8_6Q-WB_c&feature=youtu.be . To sign up, a church will need to complete the Church Application Form available online at <http://www.swbts.edu/rtn>. The basic features of the Revive This Nation Program are as follows: Southwestern Seminary recruits churches to hold revival meetings and pays for the preacher's roundtrip transportation to these

churches. The host church provides meals, lodging, and local transportation for the preacher while he is on the field. This year, Southwestern is pleased to announce its partnership with Harvest North America. As a result, we will offer two revival tracks: **Classic Format:** SWBTS evangelist to preach revival services Sunday morning – Wednesday evening. The Southwestern preacher will assist the church in evangelism efforts during the revival week. **Harvest Format:** SWBTS evangelist to preach revival services Sunday morning – Wednesday evening. Harvest North America will: Work with the host pastor to prepare the church for revival in the weeks leading up to Revive this Nation; Work with the host pastor to enlist church members who will participate in evangelism appointments during the week of revival; Offer revival training to churches that select this option. · For more information about Harvest North America visit <http://harvestnorthamerica.org/> If you would like to speak with someone about Revive This Nation, please contact Daniel Dickard, Dean of Students, at 817-923-1921 ext. 6331.

- **Open Bible, Catatonk** will hold its second Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party on Tuesday evening, October 31. They packed 105 boxes back in June and they hope to add 200 on Halloween. Ed Hart is Pastor.
- The early part of last week was used to tie up loose ends, finish preparing, and posting the Book of Reports for the Annual Meeting (which met on Saturday) to our web site.
- On Sunday morning past Lyn and I worshipped with the good folks at First Baptist, Atlanta via TV, so we could be close at hand for the early afternoon memorial service for our god friend and brother in Christ, Harry Goodrich. We have known him and Hazel for over 20 year. It was my privilege to bring a message as part of the memorial service
- On Sunday evening past, Lyn and I were in our regular spot – worshipping with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor.
- Yesterday, Monday, Lyn and I traveled out to Rochester to visit with Pastor John and Janye DePugh (**Newark BC**) at the ICU bedside of their adult daughter, Jessica, who was in a horrific auto accident on Friday afternoon past. We arrived home just in time to have a late dinner with the husband of one of our OBF couples who are in the process of moving to Florida.
- On the way home from Rochester yesterday, we stopped by **Clyde BC** and picked up one of the tent trailers owned by the association. Today we took it out to the CNYBA pole barn at **North Fenton BC**, and put it in the barn for the winter.

- A call came today from Pastor Tan Do, pastor @ **Vietnamese, Endicott**. He went to South Vietnam on a three month mission trip last year. They have asked him to come back and stay at least 5 years. He has accepted their invitation and will be leaving soon. The Vietnam church in Endicott will merge into another small Vietnamese church in town. I plan to worship with the good folks at **Cornerstone, Endicott** this coming Sunday (where the Vietnamese, Endicott church has met for years) and visit with Pastor Tan one last time before he departs. We pray God's blessing on his ministry back in South Vietnam.

This Week in Preview

- Sun past – BD Doris Best (Pastor Emeritus PW @ Inlet CC)
- Yesterday – ANV John & Ginger Talada (P&W @ Good News, Waverly)
- Fri – BD Jordan Stinziano (Pastor @ Mission, Syracuse)
- Sat – Disaster Relief Training @ Living Water, Owego

Missionary Moments

- [New Hampshire] Raised as a Roman Catholic, KEVIN FORTIER is planting the gospel among the people of Manchester, N.H. Though many consider themselves Roman Catholic, most either practice the faith of their childhood sporadically or have left the church altogether. Many have never been in a church or heard the good news about Jesus. As Kevin reaches out to people with Jesus' offer of salvation, he says he is blessed to see Him at work in a spiritually dead city. Through your Cooperative Program financial giving, Kevin can serve the people of this community. Pray that the Lord would draw more people to respond to the gospel.
- [Sub-Saharan Africa] During a Story Together event in West Africa, Christian workers trained local believers to craft Bible stories in their language. These oral stories are the only Scriptures the people group has in their mother tongue. IMB ethnomusicologist QUINN MCCLINTOCK* also trained the group to create a worship song in their language. "They claim that all of their songs—even cultural songs— are borrowed from other cultures," Quinn said. "If this is true, then ... their first [original] song is in praise of God!" Your gifts through the Cooperative Program help Quinn and others equip local believers to study Scripture and worship the Father in their own language and cultural tradition.

Have You Heard This One?

- "Cash, check or charge?" the cashier asked after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet he noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse. "Do you always carry your TV remote?" He asked. "No," she replied. "But my husband refused to come shopping with me, so I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him."