

## **Hart Beat**

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

**12 November 2017**

### **Prayer Requests**

- Jessica DePugh (daughter of Pastor John DePugh @ Newark BC) – still in ICU at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester recovering from injuries suffered in horrific auto accident
- Diana Brown (wife of Pastor Mike Brown @ Three Pines, Doraville) – chemo for several weeks to combat breast cancer
- Gail Williams and family (wife of Pastor Trent Williams @ Grace, Rome) – father killed in tragic logging accident last Thursday and buried on Monday
- Jeff Obrien (Associate Pastor @ Northside) and his family – bereavement at the passing of his mother last week. Funeral was on Saturday in New Hampshire.
- Gary Culver (Pastor @ Emory Chapel, Waverly) – recovering from foot surgery at home

### **Hart to Heart**

- If your church is participating in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project, I'd like to know the number of boxes your church packed so I can report it in next week's HART BEAT. I know that some of our churches are collection sites and collect boxes from the region. I am only interested in the number of boxes packed by CNYBA churches. I think you might be surprised at how many shoeboxes our CNYBA churches are packing.
- I just heard from John Smith, the church planter we're working with in St. Croix. He would like us to come in the spring with a team much like we had last year and help them launch a mission from their church on the west end of the island – near my favorite beach where there are shade trees to sit under and watch the ocean. I had been thinking in terms of a clean-up crew, but Pastor John says most of the clean-up is being done with federal funds and federal contracts. He would rather focus on evangelistic, family oriented outreach, with a small service project on the side. If you would like to join this team, let me know ASAP. I'll be checking air fare, lodging, etc, but FIRST need to settle on a date. If you, or your youth group, have a spring break, and would like to go, let me know.

- Pastor Mike McMahon at **Lakeshore, Cicero**, and two of his daughters will be on a mission trip to Peru for 8 days beginning later this week. They will be working with our CNYBA missionary couple, Rick and Donna Martin. Let's be praying for them as they travel.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** had their annual Harvest Dinner on Sunday past following the morning worship service. Gary Culver is Pastor
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** will host the CNYBA Pastors' and Wives' Christmas Luncheon on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Later that evening they will hold their annual tree lighting ceremony. Mike McMahon is Pastor.
- Devon Bartholomew, our Student Ministry Pastor at **Baptist Campus Ministry Church**, on the campus of Syracuse University, is leading a team of 23 students and another Chaplain, to work with [Southern Baptist Disaster Relief](#) in Puerto Rico from Dec. 16-23. Devon and his wife, Kate, serve on the campus of Syracuse University, which enrolls 22,000 students from around the world. Many students have been hurt by their church experience, have missed what the Christian faith is truly about, or have never heard the gospel. Pray for this young couple who are doing an awesome job representing us and the Lord.
- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** recently hosted an "Experiencing God Week-end" and Pastor Sam Macri recommends it highly. They spawn off 14 Experiencing God small groups. They have 5 waiting baptism. You may be aware that they have started an early service (8 AM) at their old location building. That service is growing, currently averaging about 50.
- **Northside, Liverpool** will host Cultivate: A Women's Gathering Around the Word November 17-18 LIVE with Kelly Minter and a worship team from Nashville, TN . Tickets are \$30, Student ticket is \$25 and are available online at [www.northsideonline.org](http://www.northsideonline.org). > They will hold a Christmas Caroling Event on Tuesday, December 5th, at 6:00 PM at Elderwood Care. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** will have their first Harvest Dinner on Thursday evening as our weekly fellowship meal before Bible study. Ed Hart is Pastor.
- **Northstar, Clifton Park** will be serving soup and sandwiches to all Clifton Park Town Hall employees on Wednesday, November 15. They want to show their town employees how thankful they are for them and how glad they are to be a part of the community! They will also be doing a Youth Scavenger Hunt for students in grades 6-12 on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.

- On Monday & Tuesday of last week Lyn and I were on our way back from a great Retreat in the Smokey Mountains of North Carolina at Billy Graham's Training Center at the Cove. Next fall we will make this retreat available to CNYBA. The dates will be September 7-9, 2018. I should have the cost available soon.
- I'm also working on a Mission Trip the week before the Fall Retreat. You can do one or the other, or better yet BOTH. Stay tuned for costs.
- Because of travel time home from the retreat, last week was a short one for preparation for our Thursday night Bible study and Sunday evening worship service at Open Bible, Catatonk.
- On Friday past I spent the better part of the day Gary and Margaret Culver at the Guthrie Hospital in Troy, PA where Pastor Gary had foot surgery. It was scheduled for early morning but didn't happen until afternoon. Thankfully everything went well and he's recovering at home.
- On Sunday morning past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Beacon Light, Verona**, where I was privileged to preach in the absence of Pastor Rickey Fuller, who has served since May 2002.
- On Sunday evening past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible Fellowship**, where I'm serving as church planter/pastor. Our Leadership Team is recommending a budget, which we'll vote on Thursday evening, which will continue a 42% giving to mission causes and will add a small pastor's salary for the first time.
- On Monday past I spent the entire day attending the funeral of Gilbert Martin (father of Pastor's wife, Gail Williams @ **Grace, Rome**) held at **Bible Fellowship Church, Lyons Falls**. I drove to Syracuse and rode to Lyons Falls, the interment, and back with Steve Sallis, our CNYBA assistant Moderator and BCNY Associate in the Church Growth Division. Please pray for Bro. Gil's physical family as they mourn and for his church family as they grieve.

### **This Week in Preview**

- Mon – Funeral in Lyons Falls
- Tues – Cath up in the office
- Wed – Hospital in Rochester
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship
- Fri – Maple Ridge Christian Ranch Harvest Banquet
- Sat – Thanksgiving Dinner @ North Fenton BC

### **Missionary Moments**

- [Central Asia] “We gave this woman a Bible and left her alone for a year,” said Christian worker MARK BRACKIN\* about NILUFAR\*, a Muslim mayor in Central Asia. Another worker had shared with Nilufar and seen no fruit. But when Mark visited her again, Nilufar proclaimed faith in Jesus. She began sharing with her family and distributing a Christian film. “The Word of God and the Spirit of God [were] sufficient in her life to move her,” said Mark. He thinks it is possible dozens of families in Nilufar’s valley have heard the gospel and are following Jesus. Praise God for Cooperative Program funds that sent truth to a people group that previously had no known believers.
- [Pennsylvania] As the director of collegiate ministries for the Baptist Resource Network of Pennsylvania/South Jersey, ROBERT TURNER provides leadership for collegiate ministries throughout the region. To do this, Robert enlists and leads a team of collegiate ministers throughout Pennsylvania and South Jersey. He also works with churches and church planters to help them better impact college students in their communities. Your giving through the Cooperative Program helps Robert train and mentor collegiate ministry leaders. Please pray that Robert and his team will be sensitive to the Holy Spirit as they seek strategies that are effective in connecting with today’s college students.

### **Have You Heard This One?**

- A father and son went fishing one day. While they were out in the boat, the boy suddenly became curious about the world around him. He asked his father, "How does this boat float?" The father replied, "Don't rightly know son." A little later, the boy looked at his father and asked, "How do fish breath underwater?" Once again the father replied, "Don't rightly know son." A little later the boy asked his father, "Why is the sky blue?" Again, the father replied. "Don't rightly know son." Finally, the boy asked his father, "Dad, do you mind my asking you all of these questions?" The father replied, "Of course not, if you don't ask questions, you never learn nothin'."