

Hart Beat

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

5 March 2017

➡ **Hart to Heart**

- Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 12 @ 2:00 AM. Spring forward – which means we lose an hour. Go to bed a little early on Saturday night so you won't miss church on Sunday morning.
- March 20th is the first day of Spring in 2017. The Vernal Equinox marks the day when the sun path is directly over the equator. This day supposedly contains equal amounts of day time and night time.
- Nine CNYBA churches were represented at the Simple Church Roundtable held on Saturday, February 25th at the Baptist Convention of New York offices. Attending the meeting were representatives from Bellewood, Beacon Light, Grace, Lakeshore, Shelter, Inlet, Syracuse Bhutanese, Living Water, and Northside.
- I have posted detailed information regarding the “St. Croix, USVI Vision Tour” Pastor John Smith is planning for May 5-8. You can find the information on our NYBA web site under the Information Center/Missions Reports tab. If you, or your church, is interested and want more details, contact Pastor John directly using the contact information at the end of the report.
- Yesterday morning Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Three Pines, Doraville** where Mike Brown has been pastor since Pastor since February 2007. I could not help but reminisce about the history of this church, going all the way back to the day in 1997 or 98 when Emmitt Young and I was out looking for a place to begin a new church and ran across the current property. After securing possession of the former Methodist church building that was then being used as a storage facility, I enlisted the youth group from my former Illinois pastorate, who transferred all the “stuff” stored there to the CNYBA ministry center building in Binghamton and painted the building inside and out. It has been my joy and privilege to preach there in the very early stages of the work and a few times since. We are praising the Lord for how He has blessed this work over the years.
- Last night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor. Although we several of our regulars in Florida and Virginia and a recent rash of sickness, we had 20 in attendance last night. Our Thursday night Bible study continues to be strong in spite of some of our regulars being out. We had 25 in attendance last Thursday evening.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Inlet Community Church** will sponsor a mission trip to Juarez, Mexico to help build an orphanage. In just under six weeks a group of 24 people from Inlet will be heading to Juarez. As in previous years, our group is varied mix of people. There are a few people committed to going on the trip who are still trusting God to provide for the finances to fund their trip. Some are able to fund their trip out of their own pockets, but some have stepped out in faith and are trusting God to provide. If you would like to help meet some of this need, you can send a donation that they will apply wherever there is need. In addition to money to cover travel, room and board, and building supplies, they also buy food in Mexico and distribute it to needy families on “Mercy Day,” one of the highlights of the trip. They hire a group of Mexican workers to labor alongside them at the orphanage as well, giving them the opportunity to build relationships with the locals. Any amount raised over and above all this, they give directly to Tapestries of Life ministries to use as they see fit. Gifts can be sent to the church (PO Box 586, Inlet, NY 13360) and marked as designated for the Mexico trip. Phil Huber is Pastor.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** will have a Fellowship Meal following the morning worship service on March 12th and the Lord’s Supper during the Sunday morning worship service on March 19th. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** is another CNYBA church participating in the evangelism initiative known as “Revive This Nation”, where students at my alma mata, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft Worth, TX are sent to churches across the nation to preach revival services during Spring break. Summit will host Rev. Mamitiana, a SWBTS student from Madagascar as their evangelist March 12-15. ZDan Schallmo is Pastor.
- **Stamford BC** is beginning a deacon ministry. Three men were selected on Sunday past and a rotation system will be establish so that every year a new deacon will be elected to serve a three year term. > As reported last week, they will welcome a Southwestern Baptist Theological student (Carl Bradford) as their evangelist for services March 12-15. > Another important event for you to be praying about is, the Stand for Truth event. This is an organization that exists to bring the gospel to students in public high schools via inspirational performers, musicians and speakers. They are sending Brad Hurtig to Stamford Central High School to present a positive message in an assembly April 3rd. They have also arranged to present an evening concert outreach event that will clearly share the gospel with students who choose to come back. This is an opportunity for the youth to be brought to Christ and consequently into the churches. Waylen Bray is Pastor.

- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** will have Bob Payne, of Blackaby Ministries, as their special guest speaker on Sunday, March 26th. This is a pre-event visit in preparation for an Experiencing God Weekend event scheduled for September 8-10, which Bob will be leading. Sam Macri is Pastor.
- **Faith, Oneida** had a good day yesterday. They had one first time visitor and the return of the first time visitor they had last week. Bob Teachout is Pastor.
- **Three Pines, Doraville** has announced a shared giving initiative in preparation for the next phase of their plan for expansion of their facilities. They hope to break ground sometime this spring on property they have acquired just down and across the street from their present location. Mike Brown is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- This is the Week of Prayer for North American Missions
- Fri – BD Cathy Aubrey (PW @ Northside, Liverpool)
- Fri - BD Ada Abreu (PW @ Transformation, Syracuse)
- Sat – BD Bhim Biswa (Pastor @ Nepali, Syracuse)

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Brazil] PHIL KESLER, an IMB missionary of German descent, teaches a missions course in Brazil to help mobilize believers with the gospel. As he introduced a new missions course at a church, he mentioned his ties to Brazil's German community. Later, a Brazilian woman introduced herself as a Kesler, a Baptist and a missionary-in-training. Phil was excited to meet a distant relative, and he saw God's plan to bring them together to train for cross-cultural ministry. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program help people like Phil mobilize and train Christians from all nations to share the gospel.
- [CANADA] JUSTIN BENNETT arrived in Edmonton, Canada, in 2014 to serve as associate pastor and multiplying church center coordinator at Open Door Community Church. Open Door is praying God will help them start new churches in unreached areas of the city. The city has less than 20 Canadian National Baptist Churches for more than 1.2 million people. Justin says few people are looking for churches, so new churches have to go to the community instead of waiting for the community to come to them. Justin thanks you for your gifts through the Cooperative Program and asks you to pray for God to raise up new church planters to reach the city.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- Tom was so excited about his promotion to Vice President of the company he worked for and kept bragging about it to his wife for weeks on end. Finally she couldn't take it any longer, and told him, "Listen, it means nothing, they even have a vice president of peas at the grocery store!" "Really?" he said. Not sure if this was true or not, Tom decided to call the grocery store. A clerk answers and Tom says, "Can I please talk to the Vice President of peas?" The clerk replies, "Canned or frozen?"