

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- This has been an interesting week in many ways. For instance on Thursday night raccoons chewed the rope in two, causing the bird feeder in the tree to fall to the ground. The bird feeder under the eave of the house was also on the ground. Then on Friday night we were visited by a bear, who turned over the garbage can in the carport and scattered garbage all over the yard on the way to the woods. We do live a couple of miles up the mountain. Maybe we should get in an episode of “Mountain Men.” I don’t know whether to get a gun or a trap. For the moment, I’m hiding the garbage can in the storage shed.
- Our CNYBA Leadership Team met this week in preparation for the 2017 CNYBA Mid-year meeting, which will be held at **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** on May 6th. Our guest speaker for the day will be Todd Starnes, a Fox News Radio Commentator, who will speak on “The State of Religious Liberty: The Church Functioning in a Hostile Environment”. The program will run from 10:00 AM til noon. OBF ladies will provide lunch following the meeting.
- Several CNYBA churches had sunrise services yesterday, but so far I have not received any reports.
- **West Hill, Ithaca** invites all ladies to their annual Ladies Day Event on April 29 from 10:00 AM until 2:15 PM (lunch included). Guest speaker this year will be Cindy Schallmo, Pastor’s wife from **Summit, Cazenovia** speaking on “Overcoming Failure.”
- There were two ladies who made sleeping mats out of plastic bags to be used by the homeless. One has passed away and the other has slowed down quite a bit. I have a couple of people who have plastic bags they would like to donate for such a ministry. Is there anybody who crochets these mats elsewhere in CNYBA or beyond? If so, text or message me. My contact information is below.
- On Sunday morning past Lyn and I worshipped with the good folks at **Living Water, Owego**, where Wayne Sibrava has been pastor since December 1997. Earlier we had accepted the invitation of Pastor Wayne and Connie to have Easter lunch at their home after church.
- On Sunday evening past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor. Last night I brought a

message about the Lord's Supper and we observed the ordinance for the first time at OBF. We had 29 in attendance.

News From the Churches

- **Northstar, Clifton Park** reports standing room only for their Saturday night Easter service with 8 professions of faith. Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- **Stamford BC** held a Good Friday service on Friday past in remembrance of Jesus' death on the cross for our sins. Easter morning they held a 6:30 AM sunrise worship service, followed by a dish to pass breakfast and their regular Sunday morning schedule at 9:45 and 11:00 AM. At 2 PM on Easter they conducted a worship service at Robinson Terrace Skilled Nursing. > The goal for their Easter offering this year is \$500. > Next Sunday, April 23, Randy Simpson will be in concert during the morning worship service. > Upcoming is the annual men's conference at Grace Fellowship, Albany (Watervliet). > On April 30th Justin Hamm will be preaching in the 11 AM worship service. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **Open Bible, Catatonk** is rejoicing over the generosity of some of our OBF folks, who chipped in and bought a Steinway piano for the church at the auction that was held Saturday past in the facility where we meet. Also, the OBF Trustees are scheduled to meet this afternoon to get our paperwork notarized so we can be incorporated.
- **West Hill, Ithaca** participated in an event at Cornell University on Saturday night called "Worthy". About 1100 people came together to worship the risen Savior. On Sunday morning they had an Easter breakfast, followed by a musical event called "Mighty to Save" presented by the WHCC worship team. After services Pastor Bill and Chris left to visit their daughter, Mariah, in Lynchburg, VA for a few days.

This Week in Preview

- Mon & Tues - OBF incorporation
- Sat -Southern Gospel Concert in Bath, NY

Missionary Moments

- [Michigan] As a church planting catalyst, KEVIN LITCHFIELD discovers and deploys church planters to metro Detroit. He says only 7 percent of the region is considered "churched." A large number of Muslims live in the region with the suburb of Dearborn alone having more than 45,000. Half the city of Hamtramck comes from Bangladesh and Yemen. The Detroit metro area also has extreme

poverty. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program help Kevin encourage and equip church planters whom God has called to this difficult mission field. Pray for the 1.3 million residents of Oakland County. Currently, there are no active church plants in the county.

- [Oregon] As a PhD student in China, Wei Tang was at the lowest point in his life when American missionaries helped him discover the meaning of abundant life in Christ. In 2011 he quit his job and moved to the United States to attend Western Seminary. When he discovered the high numbers of Chinese immigrants moving to the metro area surrounding Portland, Ore., he determined to reach them with the gospel. Thanks to your church's gifts given through the Cooperative Program, Wei is planting the first Chinese Southern Baptist church in Oregon. Pray that as Wei shares the good news about Jesus with Chinese immigrants, they would trust Him as Lord.

Have You Heard This One?

- A man left Wisconsin for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip in New York and planned to fly down to meet him the next day. When the man arrived in Florida he e-mailed his wife to let her know he had arrived, but accidentally sent it to the wrong e-mail address. Instead of going to his wife his e-mail went to the inbox of a woman whose husband had just passed away. When the grieving widow opened her e-mail she screamed and fainted. Her son rushed into the room and found this message displayed on her computer screen: "My darling wife: I just checked in, everything is prepared for your arrival tomorrow. I'm looking forward to seeing you again. Your loving husband. PS: " Sure is hot down here."