

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

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Hart to Heart

- I'm baaaack! There was no HART BEAT last week while we were attending my sibling reunion in South Arkansas. We were traveling on Monday, headed home. On the way back we stopped off in Sikeston, MO for a couple of nights, where we visited with one of Lyn's nephews and his wife whom we had not seen in at least 13 years. The next day we visited with one of Lyn's cousins and her husband who drove down from Red Bud, IL. The only problems we had on the trip was the AC going out in the truck going down (fixed while in Arkansas) and high winds one day coming back. The old saying is true, "There's no place like home." We did learn some things on this trip. We learned that either we need to quite RVing or we need to take more time when we travel. Driving 300-400 miles a day, setting up and taking down every day, gets tiring quickly. We also learned that if we want to take an extended trip with the RV every year, we probably need to go back to a 5th wheel. Our pull behind is too small.
- On Thursday through Sunday (May 11-14) we enjoyed a great time with my sister, brother, and sister-in-law who live in South Arkansas and my baby sister, who flew in from Knoxville, TN. We ate and ate and ate, played table games, laughed, and reminisced. They plan to come to New York next year for our get-together.
- This week is the Week of Prayer for Associational Missions in Southern Baptist life. We normally do ours the last week in May because some of our churches like to emphasize this week in June. I will be sending out a prayer sheet this week. The Knapton Associational Missions offering that is associated with the week of prayer will go toward CNYBA Re-planting efforts. At the moment, Agape, Norwich is in a re-planting process. I think that a couple more of our churches will follow-suite soon. I hope you and your church will participate in both the Week of Prayer and the Knapton Associational Mission Offering.
- This past week Roger Knapton (Pastor @ **Clyde BC**) received an honorary doctorate from Davis College, where he and his wife, Mary, graduated years ago.
- Pastor Phil Huber (**Inlet CC**) applied for and received a scholarship from the Biblical Archaeology Society that will provide financial assistance for him to participate in an archaeological dig. Pastor Phil will spend two weeks in September digging at the Hippos-Sussita Excavation Project site by the Sea of Galilee, one of the ten cities of the Decapolis.

- A week ago yesterday I was privileged to preach at Sylvan Hills Baptist Church in Camden, Arkansas, where my brother has been pastor for the past 11 years. The folks there are always most welcoming when we visit.
- On Saturday past we arrived home in early afternoon and unloaded most of the “stuff” from the camper. It’s going to take a week to unpack, go through the mail, and get back to normal.
- Yesterday, I worshipped with the good folks at **Emmanuel, Cortland**, where Jim Hundley has been pastor since April 1991. Guest speaker was Bill Barker, national NAMB missionary and Director of Appalachian Regional Ministries and Mississippi River Ministries. Lyn stayed home due to a back issue that “came on” Saturday.
- Last night I was privileged to preach at **Fellowship CC, Norwich** in the absence of Pastor Harold Lefler, who is in Arkansas for the High School graduation of a grandson.

News From the Churches

- **Northstar, Clifton Park** baptized 13 people who went public with their profession of faith. PTL! Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** rejoices over the painting of their building by a volunteer group from North Carolina. Ronnie Wyatt is Pastor.
- **Living Water, Owego** baptized 2 yesterday during the morning worship service. Wayne Sibrava is Pastor.
- **Inlet CC** enjoyed their kids from Children’s Church presenting a special song during a recent morning service. They posted the video on their [Facebook page](#). Lyn and I watched from a far while on vacation. > Yesterday after the morning service, they had a fellowship dinner. At 2:00 PM they began a Bible Study for tween/teen girls on self-image called “So Long, Insecurity” at the Old Forge Library. It’s an eight week study by Beth Moore designed to help young girls grow confident in the person God designed them to be. > At 6:30 PM yesterday they celebrated their recent Mexico Mission Trip with pictures of the trip and testimonies of how team members saw God at work. Afterwards they had some Mexican refreshments. Phil Huber is Pastor.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** had a Mexican Pot-luck Dinner after church yesterday. Too bad I couldn’t be there. > On June 6th they will host an American Red Cross blood drive from 1-6 PM. The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community.

Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. One donation can help up to three people.
Dan Schallmo is Pastor

This Week in Preview

- Wed – BD Calvin Stedge (Pastor @ Maryland BC)
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship Bible Study
- Fri – ANV Sam & Darlene Macri (P&W @ Crosspoint, Whitesboro)

Missionary Moments

- [South Asia] Christian worker SKYLAR PIPPIN* was watching his son climb a beautiful tree when a boy named Nathan* came over, pointed at Skylar's son and said, "His name is Tarzan!" Nathan scampered up the tree to join "Tarzan," and the boys played together the rest of the day. Later, Skylar saw a branch from the tree that had thorns on it. He shared with Nathan about how God's Son wore a crown of thorns much like what they saw. That afternoon, Nathan chose to follow Jesus only, and Skylar gave him a child's Bible. As you give through the Cooperative Program, pray that Nathan's testimony would bring good news to his family, friends and teachers.
- [Indiana] JEREMIAH KINNEY is planting a "simple church" in Muncie, Ind., where people are encouraged to care for one another through team-work, discussion and discipleship. Jeremiah also challenges Remedy City Church to actively care for the city. Kinney says Muncie is unique for not being unique. Called "Middletown" by a famous sociologist, Muncie was seen as highly representative of the country as a whole. To better reach this community, the church emphasizes discipleship and learning to share the gospel. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program are helping Jeremiah start a church with an average age of 30. Pray for Jeremiah to continue to build new relationships in the city.

Have You Heard This One?

- A stats professor plans to travel to a conference by plane. When he passes the security check, they discover a bomb in his carry-on-baggage. Of course, he is hauled off immediately for interrogation. "I don't understand it!" the interrogating officer exclaims. "You're an accomplished professional, a caring family man, a pillar of your church - and now you want to destroy that all by blowing up an airplane!" "Sorry", the professor interrupts him. "I had never intended to blow up the plane." "So, for what other reason did you try to bring a bomb on board?!" "Let me explain. Statistics shows that the probability of a bomb being on an airplane is 1/1,000. That's quite high if you think about it - so high that I wouldn't have any peace of mind on a flight." "And what does this

have to do with you bringing a bomb on board of a plane?" "You see, since the probability of one bomb being on my plane is $1/1,000$, the chance that there are two bombs is $1/1,000,000$. If I already bring one, the chance of another bomb being around is actually $1/1,000,000$, and I am much safer"