

## **Hart Beat**

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

**4 June 2017**

### **Hart to Heart**

- One of our CNYBA pastors is in the hospital with a serious health issue. Pastor James Young at **Gethsemane, Syracuse** is in Strong Hospital in Rochester with swelling at the base of his spine. I went over this morning and spent the better part of the day with Pastor James' wife, Juanita. They did an exploratory procedure today, but did not find the cause of the problem. The doctors will meet with the family in the morning to discuss possible next steps. Please lift our brother and his family up in prayer.
- Lyn wanted me to say thanks to all those who called, sent cards, or posted encouragement on Facebook supporting her during her colonoscopy and prep. She recovered well and the report from the doctor is excellent – no polyps.
- Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Northside, Liverpool** on Sunday morning, where Dr. Bruce Aubrey has been pastor since July 1993. As we were getting seated Devon and Kate Bartholomew sat down next to us with their new baby. Of course, Nana had to hold the baby for a while until it was time for feeding. Devon is our Student Ministry/Pastor at Baptist Campus Ministry at Syracuse University and Kate is the Director of the new International Learning Center being started in Syracuse.
- Sunday night, Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor. Sunday night marked one year since we started having Sunday night worship. Last night we had 33 in attendance, with two new couples – one of which was at our Bible study last Thursday evening. We had one adult come forward last night for baptism!

### **News From the Churches**

- **Inlet CC** Began a girl's Bible Study for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders on Sunday afternoons two weeks ago that they are holding at the Old Forge library. It is based on the teen curriculum "So Long Insecurity" by Beth Moore and addresses self-image from a Biblical perspective. They have had seven kids come the last two weeks (eleven different girls). Most have little, if any biblical background. It includes lots of discussion and opportunities for the kids to apply the material practically. Be praying for this group and the six remaining sessions. > Last Saturday they had another teen event with a cookout at Arrowhead Park. These are more social events focused on opportunities to build relationships and expose teens to the church. > They are praying about posting for a Director of Children's Ministry

(which would include these teen events). They ask our prayers regarding this possibility. Phil Huber is Pastor.

- **Summit, Cazenovia** will host an American Red Cross community blood drive at their meeting location on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** will hold Vacation Bible School for preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grade on July 23-28<sup>th</sup> with Family Celebration on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. An adult class will be provided from 7:30 – 8:15pm for any VBS parent interested in attending. Mike McMahon is Pastor
- **Northside, Liverpool** baptized one this week-end. > They will have a Date Night with Your Spouse (while Northside loves on the little ones from birth to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) on Friday evening, June 6<sup>th</sup>. > They will have a Child Dedication service on Father's Day weekend. > They will hold this year's VBS on July 24-28<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- **Northstar, Clifton Park** started a 5 week DVD based Ladies Bible study, entitled One Thousand Gifts, on June 1<sup>st</sup>. > They have started a Men's Bible study that meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 AM in a local coffee shop. > They will have a Father's Day Big Wheel Grand Prix after church on Father's Day to answer the question, "Who's the fastest Dad around?" > On June 17<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and August 26 (after church) they will have a social event called "Our Big Backyard" which will include ponies, bounce houses, hot dogs and more. Dr. Rosco Lily is Pastor.
- **Open Bible, Catatonk** has one awaiting baptism! We will use the baptistery at **Living Water, Owego** for this baptismal service in the near future. > We continue to collect items for Samaritan's Purse's Operation Christmas Child. Our goal this year is to pack and send 300 shoe boxes. We will have a mid-year packing party on June 16<sup>th</sup> to see where we are in relation to our goal for the year.
- **Stamford BC** plans a Father's Day Picnic at the Emmanuel Conference Center & Camp in Maryland at 2 PM on June 18<sup>th</sup>. > They plan a Church Council Meeting after church on June 25<sup>th</sup> and a covered-dish meal & Church Business Meeting after church on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Waylen Bray is Pastor.

### **This Week in Preview**

- Tues – BD Dr. Bruce Aubrey (Pastor @ Northside, Liverpool)
- Wed – ANV Dr. Tim Elise Bissell (NAMC Church Planting Catalyst)
- Thurs – ANV Bob & Julie Teachout (P&W @ Faith, Oneida)
- Fri – BD Maryanne Lily (PW @ Northstar, Clifton Park)
- Fri – BD Luke Brookhart (WP @ Living Water, Owego)

- Sat – ANV Bill & Christina Lower (P&W @ West Hill, Ithaca)

### **Missionary Moments**

- [Wyoming] AL BELLA pastored two churches in Alabama before sensing the Lord's call to plant a church in Kemmerer, Wyo. In two years the church has grown from three people to 40. The church has seen many come to faith in Christ. Each year the church does three outreach events in town, but Al says the church has found that personal relationships are the best way to reach the people of Kemmerer with the gospel. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program help Al develop relationships in Kemmerer and disciple people in the truth of the gospel. Pray that the people of the city would see their need for Christ.
- [South Asia] Two students in an English class listened intently as a Christian volunteer shared the story of how Jesus forgave a paralyzed man of his sins and healed him. As the volunteer continued, the students were so immersed in the Bible stories they skipped their next computer session. At the end of the stories, the students said they wanted this forgiveness and cleansing, too. They prayed to receive Christ into their lives. Each week, 15 to 30 young migrant workers come to these English classes. Pray God will use Christian volunteers, who are supported through the Cooperative Program, to reach more students with good news through these English classes.

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

- Part of my job as a public-health nurse is teaching new parents how to care for their infants. As I was demonstrating how to wrap a newborn, a young Asian couple turned to me and said, "You mean we should wrap the baby like an egg roll?" "Yes," I replied, "That is a good analogy." "I don't know how to make egg rolls," another mother said anxiously. "Can I wrap my baby like a burrito?"