

## **Hart Beat**

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

**23 July 2017**

### **Hart to Heart**

- Lyn and I want to thank all those who sent cards, emails, texts, Facebook posts, and prayers in the aftermath of the death of David Warmack, Lyn's nephew who was like her "little brother" growing up. We made the quick trip to Michigan and back just fine, visiting with family and friends before, during, and after the memorial service. The only problem we had was a tire blow-out on the travel trailer between Elmira and Chemung. But that was taken care of in short order and we were home in plenty of time to get ready for Thursday evening Bible study at **Open Bible Fellowship**.
- This week I will be leading a team of 13 from CNYBA churches on a mission trip to Delta Junction, AK, (leaving Tuesday) where we will be working in and around the associational church camp ground. At last word, we will be doing a couple of roofing projects, a couple of painting projects, and some minor repair projects. On Sunday I will be preaching, and John & Dody Martin from our group will be leading worship, at Salcha Baptist Church. Please keep the group in your prayers this week.
- Since there is little to no Wi-Fi where we're going, there will not be an issue of HART BEAT next week.
- On Thursday night past I enjoyed being back at our **Open Bible, Catatank** Thursday evening fellowship meal and Bible study. Although I'm fortunate to have a couple of guys who can lead Bible study and preach when I'm gone, like the old saying, there is no place like home.
- Several weeks ago I was asked, and on Saturday morning past I was honored, to offer a prayer at the beginning of a motorcycle ride in Waverly to raise awareness and funds for Kevin's Guest House, a ministry to leukemia patients and their families near Roswell Cancer Center in Buffalo. About 60 riders participated.
- Yesterday, July 23, Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Eternal Life, Auburn**, where I was privileged to preach in the absence of Interim Pastor, Dave Barrows. Pray for the revitalization of this congregation.
- Last night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatank**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor. Last night, with several of our "regulars" out, 24 souls gathered for worship and a message from God's Word – including 2 first time visitors.

## News From the Churches

- **Open Bible, Catatonk** rejoices over the donation of 40 comfortable padded chairs from the Agape Church in Endicott. They used them for the first time last night.
- **Inlet CC** recently voted 5 individuals into membership. Yesterday they officially welcome these five new members into the congregation during our morning service. After the service they had another opportunity to get to know them at their church picnic. Phil Huber is Pastor.
- **Northstar, Clifton Park** celebrated new life in Christ through BAPTISM! They did it out on the lawn of the church! > On Thursday, July 27, they will be preparing a summer BBQ lunch for all Shen District twelve-month employees (200 people). > And they are planning to start a worship team for their student ministry services. Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- **Northside, Liverpool** is taking students in grades 6-12 to North Bay Adventure Camp in North East, Maryland, August 3-6. > The Northside Senior Ministry is sponsoring an Old Fashioned Family Picnic on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. > They will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. > On July 17<sup>th</sup> their United Widows Life Group celebrated 2 years of meeting as a group. The group celebrated with a fellowship meal at a nearby restaurant. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- **Stamford BC** plans a bid day next Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> with Justin Hamm preaching. Baptism, Communion, and Church Council Meeting after worship. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** will conduct VBS this week, July 23-28th, with Family Celebration on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Mike McMahon is Pastor.
- **Bellewood, North Syracuse** just completed VBS July 17-21. Matt Hallenbeck is Pastor.
- **Gethsemane, Syracuse** just completed VBS July 17-21. James Young Sr is Pastor.

## This Week in Preview

- Tues – Tues CNYBA Alaska Mission Trip
- Wed – BD Wayne Sibrava (Pastor @ Living Water, Owego)

- Thurs – BD Daniel Song (Pastor @ Korean, Vestal)
- Thurs – Tues - Lyn visiting Minnesota
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship meal and Bible study

### **Missionary Moments**

- [Sub-Saharan Africa] “A year ago we had only a few believers, and today we have two churches,” said Christian worker LAURA REESE\* in West Africa. “I am speechless about how God is reaching my people.” Recently 61 new believers in two villages were baptized. Witch doctors from those villages came to cast spells against the believers, but Laura praised God with local believers when nothing resulted from the witch doctors’ efforts to destroy their faith. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program support Laura as she disciples and encourages these new believers. Pray they will remain safe and will be granted permission to meet freely for church services and Bible studies.
- [New Jersey] CHRISTOPHER “BUFF” MCNICKLE had a comfortable job he loved as a youth minister at a large church in Florida. Knowing that God had called him and his wife into an “uncomfortable” life, Buff began praying about what God had next for the couple. When his pastor asked if he’d consider planting a church, Buff began to sense the Lord’s call. Two years ago, Buff planted a church in Atlantic City, N.J. Buff thanks you for your gifts given through the Cooperative Program and asks you to pray God would help him and his wife, Sissy, be salt and light to the city’s broken people.

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

- A college coach had recruited a top talent, but the player couldn’t pass the school’s entrance exam. Needing the recruit badly, the coach went to the dean and asked if the recruit could take the test orally. The dean agreed, and the following day the recruit and the coach were seated in his office. “Okay,” the dean said. “What is seven times seven?” The recruit mulled it over for a moment, then said, “I think it’s 49.” Suddenly the coach leapt to his feet. “Please, Dean,” he begged, “give him another chance!”