

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- The HART BEAT newsletter is designed to let you know what I'm doing, and to the extent that I know, what is going on across Central New York Baptist Association. I'm sure I give you TMI (too much information) sometimes and maybe not enough at others, but I hope when you see this newsletter pop up in your inbox it will remind you to pray for the Pastors and churches of this association. Please pray for the leaders we already have AND for the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers. At the moment we need at least 4 church planters to re-plant dying churches, to say nothing of the 150 or so "other places" where we need to start new churches.
- I am a registered Independent and make every effort not to publically take sides in political debates. I consciously do not mention denominations, religions, political parties, nor political action groups in my sermons, Bible studies, or this newsletter, choosing rather to talk about the issues in light of what I believe the Bible teaches. So I hope what I'll write next will not be taken as a political position, but rather the expression of what I believe the Bible teaches. Hearing about what happened in Virginia last weekend, I am compelled to say that that kind of activity is not of God – regardless of who does it or what motive they have. Isaiah 32:17, James 3:18. In addition, I don't believe the Bible endorses the superiority of any one ethnicity. 1 Corinthians 12:13. I am delighted that our association embraces a diversity of ethnicities – Hispanic, Vietnamese, Korean, Nepali, African American, Caucasian, etc. I, for one, will do all in my power, not only to fellowship with, but to help any church planter trying to reach any ethnic group within our association. As we look at the vast sea of humanity in which we live, I hope our first concern is not the color of their skin, but the condition of their soul.
- Bob Teachout, Pastor @ **Faith, Oneida**, had a heart cauterization on Thursday past. There were no negative findings.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** will host the Mastiko Children's Choir next Thursday evening. These are orphans that travel from state to state a few months of the year. Mike McMahon is Pastor.
- **Baptist Campus Ministry** leaders have been busy planning for the work on campus to begin this August. They have formed a new branch of the Baptist Campus Ministry called Christian Outreach. Christian Outreach, also called COR, is a community service-focused ministry, and connects students on campus to

service opportunities in the City of Syracuse and in nearby communities. COR will facilitate new avenues for our mission: Love God, Serve Others, Share Christ.

- **Northstar, Clifton Park** will host a Women's Nature Walk around Moreau Lake State Park on Saturday, August 19th – including a stop for a picnic lunch. Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** had a church-wide picnic yesterday after church at Chittenango Falls in the lower pavilion.
- **River of Joy, Stracuse** is having VBS this week. Yong Mun Rhee is Pastor.
- Yesterday morning Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Newark BC**. Where John DePugh has been pastor since August 1994. After service we enjoyed a time of fellowship with Ted Peck (who went with me to Alaska), his wife, and Pastor John.
- Last night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as church planter/Pastor. There were 29 in attendance. After church we celebrated the birthday of one of our folks at a local pizza parlor.

This Week in Preview

- Today (14) – ANV Jeff & Jessica Ford (P&W @ Lyons Falls BC)
- Wed (16) – BD Charles Matthews (Pastor @ Church Street, Elmira)
- Thurs (17) – BD Harold Lefler (Pastor @ Fellowship, Norwich)
- Fri (18) – ANV Dan & Cindy Schallmo (P&W @ Summit, Cazenovia)
- Sat (19) – ANV Ed & Lyn Hart (P&W @ Open Bible, Catatonk)
- Sun (20) – ANV Phil & Sue Huber (P&W @ Inlet CC)
- Sun (20) – BD John DePugh (Pastor @ Newark BC)
- Su (20) – ANV Frank & Julie Adams (P&W @ Jefferson BC)

Missionary Moments

- [Tennessee] Through three mission trips to Romania in the early 2000s, God began to birth a desire in WES and TAMARA BANKS to take the gospel to the nations. After serving as International Mission Board missionaries to the Romany people of Romania between 2007 and 2010, they moved to Nashville to reach internationals in the city. Because of your financial support through the Cooperative Program, they host a weekly house church in their home for 15 to 20 refugee students. In addition, the couple teaches English as a Second Language classes. Please pray that God would give the Banks family more opportunities to share the gospel.

- [Thailand] For weeks, a team of IMB missionaries visited a migrant worker village to share the gospel. They led Bible studies, worship and fellowship. When a small church was formed after several workers came to faith, the missionaries knew they should step back and train locals to lead. They prayed God would call local believers to help the church. Soon, a shy, young man in the village led the Bible study for the first time. Now, God continues to call leaders from within this migrant worker group who want to take the gospel to their own people. Pray God uses your gifts through the Cooperative Program to enable these missionaries to train leaders and multiply churches.

Have You Heard This One?

The Laws of Computing

- When computing, whatever happens, behave as though you meant it to happen.
- When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.
- The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you least expect to find it.
- When the going gets tough, upgrade.
- For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.
- To err is human . . . To blame your computer for your mistakes is even more human, it is downright natural.
- If at first you do not succeed, blame your computer.
- A complex system that does not work is invariably found to have evolved from a simpler system that worked perfectly.
- The number one cause of computer problems? Computer solutions offered by family members.
- And if I may add - The best line I have heard when trying to explain to new computer users why something is happening that you don't understand is: "I think you have a problem with the interface between the chair and the keyboard."