

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- Many thanks to those who sent birthday wishes via phone, text, email, card, e-cards, and/or Facebook. I went out to eat at Olive Garden with some “older” friends, which got me thinking about how getting deeper into the later stage of life is so similar to how it was in the early stage of life – and becomes more so as time passes. For instance, needing to be in the house before dark. Then there’s the amount of hair on my head, the need to wear a bib, balance, a longer list of things I can’t do – especially by myself, the kind and amount of food I can eat without interfering with my sleep, the need for more sleep, the danger of climbing on things, the frequency of doctors’ appointments, growing out of my clothes, knowing what I want to say but not being able to get the word out, keeping my shoes tied, buttoning correctly, etc, etc, etc.
- **Northside, Liverpool** sent two buses loaded with students and leaders to Diverge, a Youth Camp Experience. They are also rejoicing over all God did during their VBS, especially the eleven children who trusted Christ as Savior. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is eagerly preparing for Revive This Nation 2018, their historic program aimed at serving Southern Baptists as a catalyst for revival. **Churches can register for the revival program at <http://www.swbts.edu/rtn>.** The basic features of Revive This Nation are as follows: 1. Southwestern Seminary recruits churches to hold revival meetings in the spring and pays for the preacher’s roundtrip transportation. 2. The host church provides meals, lodging, and local transportation for the preacher while he is on the field. 3. Revival meetings generally begin on Sunday morning and end on Wednesday evening **March 11-14, 2008**, although alternative formats are available. **Now’s the time to register in order to get a preacher.** If you would like to speak with someone about RTN, please contact Daniel Dickard, Dean of Students, at 817-923-1921 ext. 6331.
- The audit of CNYBA books for 2016 has been completed and I have received a report. All is well. No significant problems were found. However, there was a couple of recommendations regarding bookkeeping procedures – mainly about consistency. Our bookkeeper and I will have a conversation about eliminating any inconsistencies in how we request, authorize, and disburse payments.

- I have posted the latest newsletter from Rick and Donna Martin, our missionaries in Peru. You can view the report on the CMYBA web site under the Information Center Tab/Missionary Reports.
- I have posted the latest newsletter from Devon Bartholomew, our Student Minister and Director of Baptist Campus Ministry at Syracuse University. You can view the report on the CNYBA web site under the Information Ceter tab/Missionary Reports.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** will hold their regular morning worship service at Rond Top Park on September 10th, followed by a dish-to-pass fellowship meal. On September 17th they will have a Communion Service during the morning worship service. On August 20th they held a special meeting elect people to fill several openings. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- Yesterday morning I worshiped with the good folks at **Jefferson BC**, where I was privileged to preach in the absence of Pastor Frank Adams. Lyn attended the memorial service for a close friend, which was held during the morning worship service at John Hus Presbyterian Church in Binghamton.
- On the way home from Jefferson, by invitation of Pastor Waylen Bray @ **Stamford BC**, I stopped off and visited their Church Council Meeting and then had a time of fellowship with Pastor Waylen over lunch discussing possible strategies for revitalizing **Maryland BC**.
- Last night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor. I continued my sermon series from the book of Joshua. After church we enjoyed a time of fellowship with several OBF folks at a local pizzeria.

This Week in Preview

- Tues – BD Donna Martin (Our missionary in Peru)
- Sat – BD Vickie Barrows (PW @ Eternal Life, Auburn)
- Sun - ANV Devon & Kate Bartholomew (P&W @ Baptist Campus Ministry)

September Ministry Anniversaries

- Jordan Stinziano – Pastor @ Missio, Syracuse since Sept 2007
- Bhim Biswa – Pastor @ Nepali, Syracuse since Sept 2009
- Jon Speed – Pastor @ Christ Is King, Syracuse since Sept 2011

Missionary Moments

- [Maine] A native New Englander, BRANDON DYER grew up in a Rhode Island congregation where he was consistently presented with the gospel. God opened his eyes to the call of ministry while on a tour of Christian colleges in the South as a teenager. Now God has called Brandon to replant Windsor Christian Fellowship in Windsor, Maine. Although he was able to start with an existing team, Brandon says replanting has unique challenges, starting with the need to overcome baggage from the past. Brandon thanks you for your gifts given through the Cooperative Program and asks you to pray that God will grow Windsor Christian Fellowship's desire to reach its community.
- [South Asia] Christian worker BRENNAN MASTERSON* faithfully prayed for his friend Deepak* and his family. When Deepak believed in Christ, his family disowned him and kicked him out of their home. He couldn't attend his brother's wedding or see his brother's firstborn child. Despite the persecution from his family, Deepak's brother, Rahul*, also believed in Christ. Deepak baptized Rahul in a river, and now the brothers are taking their work into new and unreached places. The brothers' lives are changed because God used Brennan's faithful example, prayers and encouragement. Praise God for using Christian workers, supported through the Cooperative Program, to bring Deepak and Rahul to salvation. Praise Him for their obedience to serve their Savior.

Have You Heard This One?

- A shoplifter was caught red-handed trying to steal a watch from an exclusive jewelry store. "Listen," said the shoplifter, "I know you don't want any trouble either. What do you say I just buy the watch and we forget about this?" The manager agreed and wrote up the sales slip. The crook looked at the slip and said, "This is a little more than I intended to spend. Can you show me something less expensive?"