

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- Please continue praying for Jessica DePugh (Pastor's daughter who has been in ICU for 96 days following an auto accident) , Diane Brown (Pastor's wife battling cancer), and Gary Culver (Pastor battling cancer).
- Save the Date: The BCNY Upstate VBS Training for 2018 will be held on Saturday, April 7 at **Bellewood, North Syracuse** from 9:00'til noon.
- **Northside, Liverpool** hosted Upward Basketball games this past week-end as the season is well underway, plus there was a blood drive Saturday morning past and three people were baptized this weekend. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- The CNYBA mission trip to St. Croix is developing. Looks like we'll have about 14 going from CNYBA plus 7-10 from a church in Serenac Lake. If you want to go, NOW is the time to say so in order to get airline tickets at a reasonable rate. The house we have rented is full, the rest of us will be "bunking" in a church and sleeping on air mattresses. The cost for those staying in the church will be \$285 plus air fare.
- I'm also taking names of those who would like to go with us to the Fall Retreat to be held at The Cove, Billy Graham's Training Center in Asheville, NC on September 7-9. The cost is \$400 per person (double occupancy) for \$600 (single occupancy). We'll try to partner singles up to reduce the cost for those who are willing to bunk in with someone. Transportation to and from will be provided for those who do not want to drive down themselves. I have the rooms blocked until May 1.
- This coming Thursday the February session of Ministry 101 (face to face) is scheduled for 4:30 PM at Bostwick Auctions in Catatonk. For those who want to participate, but can't make the 1st Thursday face to face meeting, can join an identical session held via Go-To-Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday, which in February will be Feb 13. To join the GTM on line session just let me know so I can send you the information necessary to join the meeting.
- Yesterday morning Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Canastota BC**, where Phil Wright has been Pastor for the past three years. We enjoyed a time of fellowship with Pastor Phil and Moe over lunch.

- Last night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor.

This Week in Preview

- Mon – BD Sam Macri (Pastor @ Crosspoint, Whitesboro)
- Thurs – Min ANV Mike Brown (Pastor @ Three Pines, Doraville since Feb 2007)
- Thurs – Ministry 101 face-to-face
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship Bible Study
- Fri – Ground Hog Day

Missionary of the week

- Sometimes God speaks to us through experiences, doesn't He? That's what happened to Eric Gibbs, a young man who went on a week-long missions trip to the Gila O'odham (say HEE-lah OOD-um) Nation Reservation in Arizona. Eric knew God was calling him to serve Native Americans there. So he, his wife, Brittany, and their two children packed up and moved to Sacaton, Ariz., a small town of about 1,500 people located southwest of Phoenix. They are serving on the reservation with First Pima (say PEE-mah) Baptist Church and also helping start two new area churches. Eric and Brittany have a fine ministry there in Arizona, but we're going to pray for them because our church has helped support them. First, they went as missionaries through our Southern Baptist North American Mission Board, so they are our missionaries. Second, Eric studied at Gateway Theological Seminary in California. It's one of our six Southern Baptist seminaries. Our church supports both the mission board and the seminary through our Cooperative Program giving. So we have invested in Eric's training, and we have invested in getting this fine young couple to Arizona so they can do what God has called them to do for Him. Let's pray for them now.

Have You Heard This One?

- A fisherman returned to shore with a giant marlin that was bigger and heavier than he. On the way to the cleaning shed, he ran into a second fisherman who had a stringer with a dozen small fish. The second fisherman looked at the marlin, turned to the first fisherman and said, "Only caught one, eh?"