

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- God has been gracious to CNYBA this year. Souls are being saved and people are being disciplined. But I was sorely disappointed in the attendance at our annual meeting, where the count was only 26 in attendance from 13 CNYBA churches. I did enjoy the fellowship and the challenge from our missionary speaker, Dr. David Pope.
- Please continue praying for Jessica DePugh, daughter of Pastor John DePugh (**Newark BC**), who has been in the hospital (most of the time in ICU) for the past 365 days (1 year). She is struggling these days. Let's lift her and her family up in prayer.
- Please continue praying for Diane Brown, wife of Pastor Mike Brown (**Three Pines, Doraville**), who will have further surgery connected with her fight against cancer. Let's lift her and her family up in prayer.
- Please continue praying for Pastor Gary Culver (**Emory Capel, Barton**), who is battling bone cancer. At the moment he is doing some better, but the battle continues. Let's lift him and his wife Margaret up in prayer.
- After church last night, and very shortly after I pulled out of the parking lot, Pastor Harold Lefler fell as he was getting into his car and broke his ankle in two places. He was taken by ambulance to the local hospital, where he remains at this writing. He will have surgery sometime today to install a screw at the inside break and a plate for the outside break. He will be laid up for a while. Let's remember to lift Bro. Harold, and his wife, Jan, up in prayer.
- Please be praying for Pastor James Young (**Gethsemane, Syracuse**), who is battling something called Spinal Dural AB Fistula, which is caused by a virus that attacks the spinal cord. The effect, as he explained it to me, is a lot like polio, affecting balance and motor skills. He has been to John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, where there are some experts. He goes back in November for examination and probably the scheduling of surgery in December. Let's lift him and his wife, Juanita, up in prayer.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** enjoyed a special time of prayer and worship on Sunday past led by Jessie Jackson. Pastor Dan Schallmo said, "Jessie has a true heart for worship and we were excited to have her lead us this weekend". Immediately

after the service a 'Bless-a-Business lunch' at Deli on the Green, located in the Peterboro General Store.

- **Starpoint, Clifton Park** had a baptismal service on October 14th and plan a Trunk or Treat outreach event for October 26th. > On November 3rd they will host Bloom, a gathering of women from the Capital District who will come together to be refreshed, worship, and connect as they celebrate the greatness and power of Jesus. > Pastor Roscoe Lilly had the opportunity recently to be a guest lecturer at Liberty University School of Divinity,
- **Casa de Paz, Syracuse** used the CNYBA block party trailer yesterday and, from all reports, had a very successful outreach in a local park with over 200 people in attendance. Alex Rivera is Pastor.
- **Living Water, Owego** will be using the CNYBA block party trailer next Saturday, October 27th, as part of a Fall Harvest Festival Outreach event, where there will be donuts & cider, a trunk or treat, fall theme games, door prizes, and a photo booth. > On Sunday morning past they baptized one at the beginning of the morning worship service. > On Sunday afternoon past they did session 5 of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University training. Wayne Sibrava is Pastor.
- **Jefferson B C** plans a Harvest Festival for kids K-6th grade on Saturday, October 27th. There will be lots of games, face painting, pumpkin painting, photo booth, corn hole, bobbing for apples, and of course, candy and snacks. Frank Adams is Pastor
- **Fellowship, Norwich** will have a booth at the Annual Norwich Pumpkin Fest next Saturday, October 27th. Harold Lefler is Pastor.
- On Monday afternoon past I had the privilege to perform the wedding of a couple from Sayre, PA. He is the brother of one of our OPF family.
- On Monday evening past I was privileged to be a part of The Neighborhood Church Project Team, which met in the CNYBA Genesee Street Ministry Center in Syracuse.
- On Tuesday past I saw my retina doctor. Everything is stable, but I do have secondary cataract in my right eye and will need a laser procedure soon.
- Of course on Thursday evening past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I'm serving as church planter/pastor.
- On Friday past I finished the office part of getting ready for the Annual Meeting and then went out to the CNYBA pole barn at **North Fenton BC** and filled up

the trunk of my car with toothbrushes so folks at the annual meeting can replenish their stock in preparation for Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing – and then forgot to mention it at the annual meeting. So if you need toothbrushes for the OCC ministry, let me know and I'll try to get them to you.

- Of course on Saturday morning past Lyn and I were at the CNYBA Annual Meeting, which met at **Emmanuel, Cortland**, where Pastor Jim Hundley and his folks did a great job of hosting. Below is a brief report.
- Yesterday Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Living Water, Owego** in the morning and at **Fellowship, Norwich** in the evening.

Report from the Annual Meeting

- The 2018 CNYBA Annual Meeting was held on Saturday past at **Emanuel, Cortland**.
- We voted to continue to cover the cost of essential maintenance, repairs, insurance, and utilities for one more year at the Genesee St. property in Syracuse and that the CNYBA Leadership Team review the progress of this project next fall and bring a recommend to the annual meeting in 2019 regarding its continuation.
- We voted to approve the proposed CNYBA Budget for 2019 of \$67,720.
- We voted to accept the proposed 2018 CNYBA Calendar
- We voted to revise the job descriptions of the Assistant Clerk and Assistant Treasurer by striking the requirement that they serve on the Executive Board and the Leadership Team.
- We voted to add one requirement to the Assistant Treasurer's job description: "Serve as one of two persons authorized to sign checks and withdrawals in behalf of the association."
- We elected Linda Cole, Bill Lower, Nehemiah Taylor, and Alex Rivera to serve on the CNYBA Leadership Team.
- We elected the following to serve outside the Leadership Team: Karen Sorensen as Assistant Treasurer (the back-up check signer) for CNYBA and Lyn Hart as Assistant Clerk for CNYBA.
- We accepted the slate of officers recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee on Nominations. They are Bill Lower (Moderator), Jeff Ford (Assistant Moderator), Linda Cole (Clerk), and Lary Hyde (Treasurer).

This Week in Preview

- Sun (21st) – ANV James & Juanita Young (P&W @ Gethsemane, Syracuse)
- Tues (23rd) – ANV John & Ginger Talada (P&W @ Good News, Waverly)
- Thurs (25th) – BD Jonathan Santiago (Coordinator of Send Relief Puerto Rico)
- Sat (27th) – BD Jordan Stinziano (Pastor @ Mission, Syracuse)
- Sun (28th) – Ordination of Devon Bartholomew (Pastor BCM, Syracuse)

Missionary of the Week

- All over the world our missionaries look for persons of peace whom they can lead to Christ and then disciple so they can lead others to faith. That's what our missionary in South Asia, Deidre Claman, prayed for recently. Soon after that prayer request, she met a woman named Angela at the daycare center where her son went every day. Angela also sent her son there. The two women talked and became friends. One day Angela was coming to Deidre's home for the first time. Deidre asked friends to pray for the visit. During the visit, Deidre shared about the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. She also told of forgiveness and her experience of being free from the burden of sin. Angela responded! In fact, she said, "I am being changed as you speak!" Today let's thank God for missionaries like Deidre who go to very difficult areas like South Asia to share the gospel. Our church supports her through the Cooperative Program. And let's ask that Angela can really become a person of peace who will know Christ and share Him with her people.

Have You Heard This One?

Christian Football

Quarterback Sneak - Church members quietly leaving during the invitation.

Draw Play - What many children do with the bulletin during worship.

Half-time - The period between Sunday School and worship when many choose to leave.

Benchwarmer - Those who do not sing, pray, work, or apparently do anything but sit.

Backfield-in-Motion - Making a trip to the back (restroom or water fountain) during the service.

Staying in the Pocket - What happens to a lot of money that should be given to the Lord's work.

Two-minute Warning - The point at which you realize the sermon is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings.

Instant Replay - The preacher loses his notes and falls back on last week's illustrations.

Sudden Death - What happens to the attention span of the congregation if the preacher goes "overtime."

Trap - You're called on to pray and are asleep.

End Run - Getting out of church quick, without speaking to any guest or fellow member.

Flex Defense - The ability to allow absolutely nothing said during the sermon to affect your life.

Halfback Option - The decision of 50% of the congregation not to return for the evening service.

Blitz - The rush for the restaurants following the closing prayer