

## Hart Beat

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

**18 November 2018**

### Hart to Heart

- Well, I think Winter has arrived! We got about 8 or 9 inches of winter on Thursday past. Last year it seemed to snow on Thursday, more times than not. And of course, **Open Bible, Catatonk** meets only on Thursday evenings. I'm hoping this first big snow storm of the season is not an omen of things to come.
- One of our OBF members has 4 used tires, size 195/65/15 to give to a good home. He says they have several thousand miles left in them. If you can use them, let me know and I'll find a way to get them to you.
- David Barrows, Pastor at **Clyde BC**, works for a trucking company that is looking to move forty-nine 50 pound bags of table salt. Long story. If you, or someone you know could use a free 50 bag of table salt
- **Renovation, North Syracuse** had a baby presentation during the morning worship service last Sunday, in which they prayed for the parents as they raise their family I the ways of the Lord. Mike Mazzye is Pastor.
- **Stamford BC** announced an updated report on the total Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes packed. The updated total is 385. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **Praxis, Syracuse** has packed 18 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** had a Thanksgiving Potluck following services on Sunday past. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.
- **Starpoint, Clifton Park** will have "Coffee with the Pastor" on Saturday morning, December 1, for those new to the church within the last 3 months. > On Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, they will have their first annual Men's Sock Exchange. > On December 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> they will hold three Ladies Ornament Exchanges in three surrounding towns. Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- **Clyde BC** prepared Thanksgiving boxes for 5 families. > On Sunday past (Nov. 18) they had 1 baptism, 2 baby dedications and the church's Thanksgiving dinner. > On Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> they will have the church's special Christmas service, which will include, which will include 2 Christmas skits performed by children of the church and surrounding communities, special music and singing, and dinner. David Barrows is Pastor.

- Pastor Phil Huber @ **Inlet CC** says, “we love to be an oasis for vacationers and summer residents, but our true heartbeat is to be a local body of believers ministering to our local community. So it is encouraging to see more local residents becoming regular attenders and beginning to get involved. The severe dip in attendance that is typical for us this time of year has not been as noticeable, as an increasing portion of our congregation is made up of year round residents.” Their Sunday evening small group, Wednesday morning Women’s Bible Study, and just-launched Monday morning men’s breakfast have all been well received. At the beginning of October they were involved in Adirondack Kids Day in Inlet. At the end of October they opened the church building and provided cookies and punch for trick-or-treaters.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** held their first annual Thanksgiving and Worship Celebration on Saturday evening past. Mike McMahon is Pastor.
- **Korean, Vestal** had a Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday past. Daniel Song is Pastor.
- On Monday past Lyn and I were privileged to spend some time in fellowship over an extended lunch with Rick and Donna Martin, our missionaries to Peru. They are home for a month, mainly because their daughter Hannah gave birth to their first grandchild. They are doing a great job planting a church and hopefully a church planting movement in Peru.
- On Wednesday past I spent the day with 5 other guys from **Open Bible, Catatonk** helping a small church in Apalachin work on the remodel project of their parsonage. They hope to have it ready for a grand opening on Nov 25<sup>th</sup>.
- On Thursday past we had our first major snow storm of the season. It snowed all afternoon, through the night, and into Friday morning. We canceled OBF.
- On Friday past I finally got the driveway plowed out and took my car in to get snow tires installed.
- On Sunday past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **River of Joy, Syracuse**, where Yong Mun Rhee has been pastor since the church began in October 2002. Pastor Rhee and Soon have just become grandparents for the first time. Their son and his wife, who live in Atlanta, GA, just had twins. Mama Soon is in Atlanta for a month loving on the babies.

### **This Week in Preview**

- Tues (20<sup>th</sup>) ANV Greg & Stephanie Johnson (P&W @ Cornerstone, Endicott)

- Thurs (22<sup>nd</sup>) THANKSGIVING DAY
- Thurs (22<sup>nd</sup>) BD Dr. Greg Johnson (Pastor @ Cornerstone, Endicott)

### **Missionary of the Week**

- Today we're going to Tucson (say TOO-Asahn), a desert city in southern Arizona, where more than half a million people live. This is a big mission field because only about four percent of those people are evangelical believers. That means about 96 percent of the population has no relationship with Jesus Christ. Also, there are just a handful of Bible-believing churches to share the gospel, so many, many churches are needed. That's why we are happy that Jeff and Jessica Vanderford moved to Tucson in 2014 and started Authentic Life Church. They are our missionaries because we support them through our church's Cooperative Program giving, and we want to pray for them today. Jeff and Jessica have set up home groups to help their church reach people in several neighborhoods. For Sunday worship they are still meeting in a local high school not far off Interstate 10, just south of downtown. Today let us pray for Jeff and Jessica and their two sons as they serve in this dry - and spiritually dry-place. Let's pray that their first church will grow and that many other new churches will follow!

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

- A fourth-grade teacher was giving her pupils a lesson in logic. "Here is the situation," she said. "A man is standing up in a boat in the middle of a river, fishing. He loses his balance, falls in, and begins splashing and yelling for help. His wife hears the commotion, knows he can't swim, and runs down to the bank. Why do you think she ran to the bank?" A girl raised her hand and asked, "To draw out all his savings?"