

## Hart Beat

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

**2 December 2018**

### **Hart to Heart**

- Lyn and I thank you for the generous special Christmas love offering you presented us on Saturday past at the 2018 Pastors' and Wives' Christmas Luncheon. It is a joy and privilege to serve the Pastors and churches of Central New York Baptist Association. May the Lord add His blessings to our efforts together for the Kingdom in 2019.
- I have posted the corrected 2019 CNYBA Calendar, as adopted by the association at the 2018 annual meeting, to the CNYBA web site. You can find it under the information Center tab/CNYBA Calendar. All the 2019 CNYBA dates have also added to the calendar feature of our web site, which appears on the opening page. Please refer to the 2019 CNYBA Calendar from time to time as you your 2019 church activities.
- I have posted the latest Update/Prayer Request Reports from Dan & Madel Beck (our missionaries in Haiti), from Rick & Donna Martin (our missionaries in Peru), and from David Pope (our Global missionary to Unreached People Groups) to the CNYBA web site. You can read them under the Information Center tab/Missionary Reports.
- **Baptist Campus Church, Syracuse University** assembled 100 Blessing Bags on Nov. 6 and handed them out on Nov.10 alongside **The Neighborhood Church in Syracuse.** In October Pastor Devon Bartholmew, and a group of students, travelled to Ames, Iowa to see Cornerstone Church and Salt Co. as they plant churches that intentionally reach college students at Iowa State University and beyond. In November, Devon travelled to UMass Lowell for the New England Multiplier event to learn about how others are reaching & mobilizing college students. Pastor Devon is currently teaching through *Devotional Doctrine* by Aaron Armstrong and equipping students to share what the Bible teaches. This month they studied creation and the realities of sin. They are looking forward to discussing redemption by the end of the semester.
- **Stamford BC** will be hosting their first Children's Christmas Festivity Day. Children are invited to come in time for lunch at noon, followed by a time of cookie decorating, followed by a Christmas movie, followed by a time of caroling at a local nursing home. They also plan to have their annual Christmas Poinsettia Memorial Tree again this year, However they will use artificial flowers rather than live plants for the first time, which will eliminate the need to heat the building during the week and keep live plants watered. They are asking those

who purchase memorial flowers to provide a picture of the person to be added to the tree. Waylen Bray is Pastor.

- **Emory Chapel, Barton** had a Christmas Party and Sunday School Christmas program practice after church on Sunday past. Later in the afternoon, Jamie and the Emory Chapel Jewels were in concert at Sayre House nursing home. > On December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM the Sunday School will present a Christmas Play entitled 'Maddie's Magical Christmas Journey.' There will be a time of refreshments and fellowship following the play. > On December 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM Jamie and the Emory Baptist Jewels Christmas will do a Christmas concert at Elderwood Assisted Living. > On December 16<sup>th</sup> they plan a Fellowship Meal right after the morning worship service. > They also plan a Candlelight Christmas Eve service on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- Pastor Dan Schallmo at **Summit, Cazenovia** began a new December sermon series on Sunday past called 'The Grinches of Christmas'. In this series he plans to explain how one can fight against the grinches of Christmas with hope, love, joy, and peace.
- Pastor Roscoe Lilly at **Starpoint, Clifton Park** began a new December sermon series on Sunday past entitled "The Christmas". > on December 15<sup>th</sup> they plan a Family Gingerbread Event for children aged 18 months – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, where parents and children will have a chance to decorate a gingerbread house together, enjoy some Christmas treats, and meet other families with like-aged children. > On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> they plan a three-location Ladies Christmas Ornament Exchange, where women aged 13 and up bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to swap and a snack or desert to share. > On December 5<sup>th</sup> they plan their first annual Men's Christmas Sock Exchange, where all men aged 18 and up are invited to bring a wrapped socks to swap and a snack or many appetizer to share. Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- On Wednesday past I had a laser procedure on my right eye to correct a condition with a name I can't pronounce, much less spell. It is commonly called a secondary cataract, where the lens sack is wrinkled causing fussy vision. The procedure went well and I am seeing better.
- On Thursday evening past I was in my customary place leading **Open Bible, Catatonk** in our regular weekly fellowship, worship, and in depth study of God's Word.
- On Friday evening past Lyn and I drove out to **Clyde BC**, where I was privileged to preach at their regular Friday evening worship service. David Barrows is Pastor.

- On Saturday morning past Lyn and I enjoyed a time of fellowship with pastors and wives at the 2018 CNYBA Pastors' and Wives' Christmas Luncheon.
- On Sunday morning past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Good News, Waverly**, where John Talada has been pastor since the church began in August 2009. After lunch we enjoyed a time of fellowship with Pastor John and Ginger over lunch.
- This morning Lyn and I attended the funeral service for Glenn Idgleheart, former BCNY Missions Director, which was held at **Bellewood, North Syracuse** where he was a member. Bro. Glenn was the first person associated with BCNY that I talked with when I was first approached about coming to New York as a Director of Missions. He urged me to seriously consider it.

### **This Week in Preview**

- Thurs (6<sup>th</sup>) Open Bible Fellowship
- Fri (7<sup>th</sup>) Follow-up @ the retina doctor
- Sat (8<sup>th</sup>) BD Juanita Young (PW @ Gethsemane, Syracuse)

### **December Ministry Anniversaries**

- Wayne Sibrava – Pastor @ Living Water, Owego since Dec 1997
- Gary Culver – Pastor @ Emory Chapel, Barton since December 1998
- Jeff Ford – Pastor @ Lyons Falls BC since December 2010

### **Missionary of the Week**

- Today we're going to pray for Jonathan and Mia Jaffery who serve in one of the African countries. They are our missionaries because our church supports them through our church's Cooperative Program giving. Jonathan and Mia lead a discipleship course that teaches new Christians what it means to be a Christian, according to what the Bible teaches. After one of the lessons on witnessing, a woman stood up and wept openly. She said she had not witnessed in earlier times. She could neither read nor write, and every time she started to tell someone about Jesus, she said Satan would whisper in her ear that nobody wanted to hear what she had to say because she just wasn't smart enough. But after the training, she said, she had confidence to talk to anyone. Friends, we do not even know the name of that woman, but let's pray for her today. Let's pray the Holy Spirit will work through her in such a powerful way that many would come to faith in Christ. And let's pray for our missionaries, Jonathan and Mia. Their slow and patient work will be rewarded in the days ahead as many more people hear that Jesus loves them.

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

- A young lady was weed whacking her yard and accidentally cut off the tail of her cat, who was hiding in the grass. She rushed her cat, along with the tail, to Wal-Mart. When asked why she had brought the cat to Wal-Mart she replied, “Hellooooo! Wal-Mart is the largest re-tailer in the world!”