

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 still in ICU after 100 + days following auto accident), Diane Brown (Pastor's wife in the midst of chemo treatment for breast cancer), and Gary Culver (Pastor @ Emory Chapel, Waverly whose bone cancer has returned)
- The Baptist Convention of New York has limited scholarships for undergraduate and graduate studies available for the fall semester. Applications are due by March 1. For more information see www.bcnybc.org/foundation or call 315
- Our CNYBA mission trip to St. Croix, scheduled for March 27 – April 3, is now FULL. We have 13 from CNYBA and 10 more from Serenac Baptist Church, for a total of 23. With a local driver, this will completely fill the two 12 passenger vans we have available. We'll be doing Spring Break VBS and working on service projects set up by Pastor John Smith and the Shephard's Fold Community Church. We are looking for churches, Sunday school classes, women's groups, or others who will commit to pray for this mission trip before and DURING the time we are in St, Croix.
- **Northstar, Clifton Park** will hold their monthly night for our students in grades 6-12, called United, on February 24th. This month's meeting will include some Olympic competition! Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- **Stamford BC** will participate again this year in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's *Revive this Nation* evangelism initiative. Seminary students from Southwestern fan out across the country to preach in three day revivals during spring break. This year Stamford BC revival preacher will be Logan Plumleigh. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** has changed the name of their annual "Sweet Heart Dinner" to "Love Thy Neighbor Dinner." They will celebrate true agape love and genuine koinonia fellowship on Friday, February 23rd. This year couples as well as singles, friends and neighbors will enjoy a night of fun and fellowship celebrating God's perfect love. Sam Macri is Pastor
- **Northside, Liverpool** will host a Family Fun Night February 22nd. There will be games, bounce house, crafts – even volleyball and a concession stand! > Their Half-Notes Children's Choir is back and will meet on Wednesday evenings

until Easter. The choir is open for children in grades 1-5. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.

- **Open Bible, Catatonk** will hold their second annual Valentine Banquet next Thursday evening (February 15) Of course, they will eat at their regular time, followed by a time of fun around Bible Trivia. Beginning next week they will merge their Sunday evening service into their Thursday evening Bible study to form a sort of hybrid service. That will leave Sunday evening open for some periodic special services and/or a possible youth ministry. The new hybrid service will remain informal and centered around the study of God's Word, but will add some components of the worship service such as a little more singing, special music, missionary of the week, and offering. They will still be doing church, albeit in a slightly different format. With the changes coming to the auction house where they meet, they want to utilize the available space they are being given AND continue to grow their fellowship. In the coming months, there will also be additional opportunities to "do church" outside the walls of the meeting place. Ed Hart is Pastor.
- Yesterday Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Grace, Rome**, where Trent Williams has been pastor since September 2015. Because of weather issues, it was our third try at making it to their worship service.
- Last night Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor. Last night one of our men, Chris Corlett, brought a wonderful message.

This Week in Preview

- Wed – ANV John & Ginger Talada (P&W @ Good News, Waverly)
- Sat – ANV Waylen & Cherlyn Bray (P&W @ Stamford BC)

Missionary of the Week

- We are going to South Asia today because we want to pray for Madison Strauder, one of our missionaries there our church supports through the Cooperative Program. Because we live in North America, most of us have not been exposed to the overwhelming darkness and spiritual oppression present in the absence of a Christian church. We drive around and most likely see some kind of Christian church. But imagine being in Asia where Hinduism is the main religion. You may see parades with idols being carried down the street and people dressed like demons. There is a lifeless quality in the very air because there is no hint of the Christian gospel. Madison asks us to try to imagine where he serves and actually sees such parades from time to time. It is tragic that people still serve lifeless idols, just as we read about happening in the Old Testament. Madison asks us to

pray with him that there will be a time when these people will turn from their idols and come to the one true faith - faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. Can we do that right now?

Have You Heard This One?

- From Reader's Digest (via a HART BEAT reader): Shortly after I moved to a new neighborhood, my African gray parrot accidentally flew out the door. Panicked, I ran after him. One of the new words that the parrot had learned recently was coffee, and his nickname was Small. As a result, I was running around yelling "Small! Coffee!" at the trees, like a madwoman, hoping for him to squawk a response. Finally, a neighbor cautiously approached me with a steaming mug in hand and said, "Maybe you should switch to decaf honey." Remarkably, I got my parrot back later that day.