

## **Hart Beat**

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

**4 February 2018**

### **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.bcnysbc.org/foundation](http://www.bcnysbc.org/foundation) or call 315-423-1001.
- Our CNYBA mission trip to St. Croix, scheduled for March 27 – April 3, is coming together. At this writing we have 13 from CNYBA with the possibility of up to 10 more from Serenac Baptist Church. So we still have a couple slots available if someone else is interested. In addition to air fare (which will vary depending on when you purchase) the cost is either \$285 or \$310 per person (depending on whether you sleep in a bed or on an air mattress). 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. Let me know ASAP if you're interested.
- As you know, we are trying something new this year – a Fall Retreat. We are partnering with Todd Starnes and will be part of his Fall Gat-A-Way at Billy Graham's Training Center called The Cove, just outside Asheville, NC. On September 7-9. I just got an update on the program for this wonderful weekend of fellowship and inspiration. Dennis Swanberg will return as our weekend speaker. You can't help but enjoy him. We are also excited to announce the Voices of Lee will be leading us in worship and special music throughout the weekend. In addition, Todd will host a 2018 Mid-Term Election panel discussion with some of his colleagues at Fox News Channel. (We aren't ready to announce who will be coming - but I can assure you they are familiar faces to Fox News viewers!). The cost is \$400 per person (double occupancy) or \$600 per person (single occupancy). For those who do not want to drive down themselves, I am providing transportation. If we get enough people, it will be a coach bus, if not it will be a rented van. I have a block of 20 rooms reserved until May 1. You can make deposits anytime in any amount. Make checks payable to CNYBA, but send them to me, so I can record them before taking them to our bookkeeper.
- **Baptist Campus Ministry, Syracuse** has launched "Tuesday Talks", which feature a short topical presentation by Christian leaders from the

community followed by small group discussion. Pray for these talks to draw people curious about the Christian worldview! Also, praise the Lord for the men's, women's, and graduate student small groups that are meeting this semester. > This semester, they are using a classic method for discipleship, a Bible reading plan. They are using the F260: a Bible reading plan for busy believers, developed by Replicate Ministries. It makes great connections across the Bible while you read and memorize the Scriptures. It can be found at: [replicate.org](http://replicate.org). > Over winter break, Devon led 23 students and staff to Puerto Rico. The team returned safely to JFK airport on December 22. In partnership with NAMB Send Relief, they handed out 140 water filtration systems, packed and distributed 200 emergency supply bags resourced by FEMA, and supported four local churches. > Our CNYBA supported BCM Director, Devon Bartholomew, is in the home stretch of his Master's of Theological Studies from Gateway Seminary. He will complete his coursework in time for graduation in Dec. 2018. Congratulations Devon!

- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** is launching “Coffee Hour at McDonald’s” on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at McDonald’s in Sayre, PA. Dutch treat. Ya’ll come. > On February 10<sup>th</sup> they will hold their monthly “Saturday Visitation”, where they meet at the church at 10 AM and spend a couple hours visiting those in need. > They will observe “Communion Sunday” during regular worship services on February 11<sup>th</sup>. > On February 18<sup>th</sup> the children’s Sunday sing for the congregation before heading downstairs to have a Valentine's party. > On February 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a Women’s Fellowship meeting at 6 PM. and on February 25<sup>th</sup> they will have a Fellowship Meal following the morning worship service. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- The February session of our monthly Ministry 101 Forum is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday (Feb 13). We discuss all things ministry. This month we will continue talking about sermon preparation – outlining Scripture. If you would like to join this Go-To-Meeting on line session, let me know in time for me to email you the link you’ll need to join the meeting.

### **This Week in Preview**

- Thurs - OBF Leadership Team
- Thurs – OBF Fellowship Meal & Bible Study
- Fri – BD Jim Hundley (Pastor @ Emmanuel, Cortland)

### **Missionary of the Week**

We're heading out to the American West today as we pray for two of our missionaries named Joe and Judy Bowman. They have started a new church in Fort Morgan, Colorado, called The Mission. Fort Morgan is a farming community in the flat part of

the state, northeast of Denver. Farm and factory work in the area has drawn people from Central America, South America and Somalia. Joe says many people there think they are Christians but have no relationship with Jesus Christ. He loves seeing people begin attending church and growing in their Christian faith. Our church is supporting Joe and Judy in their ministry in Colorado through our Cooperative Program giving. Let's pray now that their church will grow and that many will come to faith in Jesus Christ, becoming growing disciples for Him.

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

Johnny's Mother looked out the window and noticed him "playing church" with their cat. He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. She smiled and went about her work. A while later she heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the open window to see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water. She called out, "Johnny, stop that! The cat is afraid of water!" Johnny looked up at her and said, "He should have thought about that before he joined my church."