

## Hart Beat

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

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### Hart to Heart

- I hope you all made it to church on time yesterday, the first day of Daylight Savings Time 2018. My sister said she heard Baptist were exempted from Daylight Savings Time because that lost hour was actually saved last fall and Baptist believe “once saved, always saved.”
- Baptist Convention of New York Upstate VBS Training will be held at **Bellewood, North Syracuse** (445 Church Street) from 9:00 AM – Noon on Saturday, April 7. The cost is \$5 per person. For more information and/or questions contact Steve Sallis @ 800-552-0004.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** observed the Lord’s Supper during the morning worship service yesterday. Next Sunday afternoon (18 March) they will use the facilities at **Living Water, Owego** to hold a baptismal service, after which they will gather back at their facilities for a time of light refreshment, celebration, and fellowship. Gary Culver is Pastor
- A good bit of time has been given this past week to preparing for our Mission Trip to St. Croix March 27 – April 3. I think all the arrangements have been made, tweaked, and checked again. We have 13 folks from CNYBA churches and 10 folks from Serena Lake Baptist Church going on this mission trip. We’re looking for prayer support before and during the mission.
- On Tuesday past I facilitated our monthly Ministry 101 Forum via Go-To-Meeting with 5 participants. We began a discussion on Vision.
- On Thursday evening past I led the weekly session of **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk**. 27 of us gathered for a fellowship meal, worship, prayer, and a time of studying God’s Word. We finished up our look at Sharing our Faith. Next Thursday night we will begin a new study that will dove tail nicely into our sessions on sharing our faith. We will begin looking at the Book of Acts.
- On Friday past Lyn and I traveled out to Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester to spend some time with Jessica DePugh and her parents. It was good to hear her talking and participating in a short conversation, although she is in almost constant pain. This was the first time we heard talk of thinking about moving out of ICU to a step down unit. Not sure if and when that will be possible, but it was good to hear it at least mentioned. Please keep praying for this courageous young lady.

- Yesterday Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Central, Syracuse**, where Milt Kornegay has been pastor since August 1996. After church Pastor Milt left to take his older son back to college in Ohio and Lyn and I had the privilege of taking the pastor's wife, Patricia, and their younger son, Simeon, to lunch. We had a great time of fellowship with both Patricia and Simeon. Most 14 year olds, out with his mon, and folks old enough to be at least his grandparents, would have had his head in a iPhone or iPad, but not this young man. We enjoyed his company and his conversation. Good job Mom and Dad.

### **This Week in Preview**

- Sun (11<sup>th</sup>) BD Bhim Biswa (Pastor @ Nepali, Syracuse)
- Tues (13<sup>th</sup>) BD Hannah Song (PW @ Korean, Vestal)
- Thurs (15<sup>th</sup>) BD Kate Bartholomew (PW @ Baptist Campus Church, Syracuse)
- Thurs (15<sup>th</sup>) BD Jeff Ford (Pastor @ Lyons Falls Bible Fellowship Church)
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk

### **Missionary of the Week**

- For our missionary prayer time today, we head out West to Timnath, Colorado, which is on the east side of the larger city of Fort Collins. That's where Kelly and Brandy Parrish went to start a new church called Living Rock Church. They moved from home in Texas to a place where they knew nobody. But as they made this big change, they also prayed for God to give them a great love for the new people they would meet in Colorado. The Parrishes come up with lots of ways to get to know the people in Timnath. They have invited people in for southern-style sweet tea and taken people fly fishing. They gave out Bible verses with candy at Halloween. At Easter they held Easter egg hunts. Gradually people are coming to faith in Christ and Living Rock Church is growing, one person and one decision for Christ at a time. We are supporting Kelly and Brandy in their ministry through our church's Cooperative Program giving. Now, let's pray for God to bless them as they serve Him. And let's ask that many will come to faith in Christ.

### **Have You Heard This One?** - sent in by a reader

- Billy Graham was returning to Charlotte after a speaking engagement and when his plane arrived, there was a limousine there to transport him to his home. As he prepared to get into the limo, he stopped and spoke to the driver. 'You know' he said, 'I am 87 years old and I have never driven a limousine. Would you mind if I drove it for a while?' The driver said, 'No problem. Have at it.' Billy gets into the driver's seat and they head off down the highway. A short distance away sat a rookie State Trooper operating his first speed trap. The long black limo went by him doing 70 in a 55 mph zone. The trooper pulled out and easily caught the

limo. The young trooper walked up to the driver's door and when the glass was rolled down, he was surprised to see who was driving. He immediately excused himself and went back to his car and called his supervisor. He told the supervisor, 'I know we are supposed to enforce the law.... But I also know that important people are given certain courtesies. I need to know what I should do because I have stopped a very important person.' The supervisor asked, 'Is it the governor?' The young trooper said, 'No, he's more important than that.' The supervisor said, 'Oh, so it's the president.' The young trooper said, 'No, he's even more important than that.' The supervisor finally asked, 'Well then, who is it?' The young trooper said, 'I think it's Jesus, because he's got Billy Graham for a chauffeur!'