

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** baptized 7 yesterday using the facilities of **Living Water**, Owego. They will have a Women's Fellowship at 6 PM on 21 March, which will include soup, devotional, and fellowship. On 24 March at 1 PM they will show the movie "Circle of Love" for teens and adults. And on Sunday 25 March they will have a fellowship meal immediately after morning worship. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **Stamford BC** will host a mission team from Community Christian School in Tallahassee, Florida April 5-12. They will be working at the Emmanuel Camp and Worship Center in Maryland, NY doing repair and painting, as well as some clean-up work. They will also conduct revival services nightly Sunday – Wednesday, April 8-11. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **Our Fall Retreat** is scheduled for September 7-9 in conjunction with the Todd Starnes Fall Getaway at Billy Graham's Training Center, the Cove, near Asheville, NC. The cost is \$400 per person, double occupancy. I have a 20 room block of rooms reserved until May 1. They are already asking me to release some of the rooms if not spoken for, because they are running out of on campus rooms for the Retreat. So if you are interested, please let me know ASAP – even if you need to send the money later or in increments. Unless we have several more sign up, we will be going down in a rental van, which will require a night on the road going and coming. If enough people go, we can have a contract with a Bus Coach company to drive straight through.
- **BCNY Women's Conference** April 28, 2018 @ New Covenant BC, 4317 Co Rd 46, Canandaigua, NY 14424. 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. \$20 Registration fee (includes workshops, materials, and lunch). Register @ www.bcnysbc.org/just-do-something.
- It's not too early to be planning to attend the 2018 Mid-Year Meeting of CNYBA, which will be held on May 5 at **Stamford BC** from 10 AM til noon. Our guest speaker will be Doug Bagg, founder of the Grief Care Fellowship. I know that at least a couple of our churches have, or are, using this support group material. The material looks good to me and it may be something you and your church can use both for your folks and as an outreach tool. Steve Sallis at BCNY has a copy of all the materials, if you'd like to look at them before the Mid-year Meeting.

- Some of you know that Mary Knapton has a stroke and passed away this past week. She and Roger were early Southern Baptist pioneers here in Central New York. Recently they retired again and had moved to an assisted living facility in Penn Yan, NY, close to a nephew who has stepped up to see after their welfares, and near where they both grew up. Lyn and I attended her funeral services this morning in Penn Yan.
- Yesterday Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **North Fenton BC**, where Rodney Kochmanski has been pastor since July 2015.
- Last night Lyn and I enjoyed fellowship with a couple from **Open Bible Fellowship** at the local pizza place several from our fellowship haunt. Some of our folks are still missing our weekly fellowship time after church on Sunday nights, even though we have merged the Sunday night gathering into the Thursday night gathering.

This Week in Preview

- Tues – BD Roger Best (90 yrs) – former pastor @ Inlet CC and one of the pioneers in SBC work in upstate New York
- Tues – Meeting with a Pastor
- Tues – Meeting with former student from Davis College regarding ministry
- Wed – Meeting with Office of Emergency Management for Broome County
- Thurs – Meeting with a Pastor
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship
- Fri – BD Cindy Schallmo (PW @ Summit, Cazenovia)
- Sat – Meeting with a Pastor

Missionary of the Week

- Brooklyn is in New York City, and that's where we're going today. We want to pray for two of our missionaries, James and Natarsha (say nah-TAR-shah) Roberson, who moved there with their three children and started The Bridge Church, which meets in a building on Fifth Avenue. The church is growing and doing well. They have started a clothing ministry for homeless people and are thinking about starting a second church. Some events speak of God's involvement. James tells of one day passing Long Island University's Brooklyn campus, which had been without an evangelical presence for seven years. He placed a hand on a building and prayed that God would open a door for ministry there. When James walked into the building, two students were arguing - amazingly - about whether Jesus is the Son of God. That exchange led to meetings with the university's dean, which led to James starting a campus ministry that includes having his own office inside one of the dorms. We support the Robersons and other missionaries around New York City who are starting

new churches. Today let's pray especially for the Robersons and ask God to start enough new churches that everyone in this city will hear the gospel!

Have You Heard This One?

- When a guy's printer type began to grow faint, he called a local repair shop where a friendly man informed him that the printer probably needed only to be cleaned. Because the store charged \$50 for such cleanings, he told him he might be better off reading the printer's manual and trying the job himself. Pleasantly surprised by his candor, he asked, "Does your boss know that you discourage business?" "Actually, it's my boss's idea," the employee replied sheepishly. "We usually make more money on repairs if we let people try to fix things themselves first."