

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- There will likely not be an issue of HART BEAT next week. I will be with a team of 23 volunteers serving on a mission trip to St. Croix March 27-April 3. Let me urge you and your church to pray for us while we are on this trip.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** will sponsor a night of Gospel Music at Elizabeth Square in Waverly on 28 March at 5:30 PM, featuring Jamie Wilkinson and her guitar. On Friday night, 30 March at 6 PM, they will have a Good Friday service, which will include observance of the Lord's Supper. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **The International Learning Center, Syracuse** is a new initiative, which we support through our CNYBA budget) for teaching English to speakers of other languages. They need volunteers. Right now they are looking for a Director of Operations, a Publicity Manager, and a Student Engagement Specialist. If you live in the Syracuse area and are interested, contact ILC Director, Kate Bartholomew, via email at ilckateb@gmail.com or via phone at 716-531-0564.
- **Korean, Vestal** held a revival last week with an evangelist from Houston, TX. The report is that it was a great time of challenge and renewal among the members. > They have 7 awaiting baptism, which is scheduled for April. Daniel Song is Pastor.
- **Northside, Liverpool** will celebrate Easter with services as follows: Good Friday, March 30th at 6:00 PM, Saturday, March 31st, at 6:00 PM and Sunday, April 1st, at 9:30 & 11:00 AM. > Yesterday they hosted "Road to the Cross" ~ Easter Family Event, from 5-7 PM. Participants walked through the last week of Jesus as a family - Palm Sunday, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Last Supper, Calvary and the Resurrection at their own pace. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- **Northstar, Clifton Park** has changed their name to **Starpoint**. They will celebrate the Easter season beginning with an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 31, where they will have bounce houses, pony rides, games, face painting, popcorn, cotton candy, etc, for kids up to 5th grade! Then they will conduct a special Good Friday Experience where adults drop in anytime from 6-8pm for a reflective and prayerful journey through several stations intended to prepare hearts for Easter. Then they will have FOUR services...Saturday, March 31 at 6pm, and Sunday, April 1 at 9 AM, 10:30 Am, and Noon! Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.

- **Stamford BC** will host a mission group from Community Christian School in Tallahassee, Florida, April 5-12. They will be staying and working at the Emmanuel Conference and Worship Center in Maryland, NY. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- On Monday past Lyn and I attended the funeral of Mary Knapton in Pen Yan. We praise the Lord for a life lived for the glory of the Father.
- On Tuesday past, at the invitation of Pastor Dan Schallmo, I joined him in a walk through of the building being purchased by **Summit, Cazenovia**. I pledged to help get volunteers to do some repair work after they finalize the deal and before they can move in – mostly mold issues and water damage. The main (and probably first) thing they will need is a new roof. I'm looking for outside help, but I will be putting together a "mission trip" for folks in CNYBA for some time in late spring or early summer. Get out your tools men!!!
- On Tuesday afternoon past I was honored to be asked to meet with a former student from my time at Davis College to talk about how to go about planting a new church. Pray that the Lord will use me to encourage this not-so-young man and that I can be a mentor to help him take the first steps toward a new church plant.
- On Wednesday past, in my role as a Regional Coordinator (CNY & Thousand Islands) for BCNY Disaster Relief, I had the opportunity to sit down with the Assistant Director of Emergency Services for Broome County to talk about who we are as Southern Baptist and how we are able to help them in an emergency. Let me urge you and your church to take advantage of the training that will be upcoming in CNYBA so you can join the growing number of trained volunteers who can respond when called upon – especially when the disaster is in our CNYBA territory.
- On Thursday past I was able to have coffee with one of our CNYBA pastors and then, of course, lead the service at **Open Bible, Catatunk**, where 31 of us gathered for a fellowship meal, worship, prayer, and study of God's Word. Please pray for this church plant effort as begin to implement an aggressive outreach effort this spring and summer. Our goal is to reach at least 50 in attendance by fall.
- On Saturday past I was privileged to meet with another CNYBA pastor, have lunch and talk about upcoming events in the life of his church. I do enjoy being called on for consultation, input, and affirmation.
- Yesterday Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Korean BC, Vestal**, where Daniel Song has been pastor since July 2005.

- Tomorrow morning (before breakfast) I will pick up one of our OBF guys and head for Syracuse and a flight to St. Croix and a week of missions. You can start praying around 4:30 AM.

This Week in Preview

- Mon – BD Frank Adams (Pastor @ Jefferson BC)
- Wed – BD Diane Brown (PW @ Three Pines, Doraville)
- Fri – Good Friday
- Tues – Tues St. Croix Mission Trip

Missionary of the Week

- Baptists start many new churches and some of us wonder: Do those churches survive? The answer is yes! Most of them do survive and grow. Today we're going to Chicago. It's a big city with big problems. Many older churches have closed over the years, so new churches are desperately needed. One new church is Church of the Beloved; our church's Cooperative Program giving helped start it two years ago. And in 24 months they've grown to about 400 members with three worship services. Now they have started a second church, and the pastor of that church is who we want to pray for today. His name is Daniel Chung. His parents moved to the United States from South Korea, but Daniel grew up in Maryland and Virginia. Daniel served two years as worship leader and student pastor at Church of the Beloved. Now he leads the new church, Church of the Beloved, Near West, which meets on West Roosevelt Road, not far from Lake Michigan. Daniel is one of many missionaries our church supports in Chicago through our Cooperative Program giving. Let's pray that this new church will also grow quickly and share the gospel with thousands.

Have You Heard This One?

- Two men went bear hunting. While one stayed in the cabin, the other went out looking for a bear. He soon found a huge bear, shot at it but only wounded it. The enraged bear charged toward him, he dropped his rifle and started running for the cabin as fast as he could. He ran pretty fast but the bear was just a little faster and gained on him with every step. Just as he reached the open cabin door, he tripped and fell flat. Too close behind to stop, the bear tripped over him and went rolling into the cabin. The man jumped up, closed the cabin door and yelled to his friend inside, "You skin this one while I go and get another!"