

Hart Beat

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

4 March 2018

Hart to Heart

- **Reminder:** Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, March 11th. Set your clocks ahead!
- This past week I got the following information about Roger Best, Pastor Emeritus @ **Inlet CC**. Roger will turn 90 years old March 20th. He came to NY the first time in August 1964 and joined **Central, Syracuse**, where he taught Sunday School. In December 1964 he and his family came to Inlet for the first time. He preached there the Sunday before Christmas. In April 1965 ICC called him as
- **Crossroads, Sherburne** is experiencing growth with the addition of a family of 4 plus another mom and daughter added recently. They are looking forward to a VBS this summer with missionaries they support from Haiti. They are gearing up to use some of their property down by the river as a campground this summer. In addition to the work at the church, Pastor Ken Fallon is also working at the new Christian Counseling Center that is housed in the property of **Agape, Norwich**.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** had an outing at the local Roller Rink for ages 1-99 on Saturday past. A fun time was had by all. On March 7th at 6 PM they will have "Coffee Hour" at the Sayre, PA McDonald's. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **Baptist Campus Church, Syracuse University** is acting on the belief that wisdom is knowledge applied and this month they are seeking God's wisdom in the book of Proverbs. As students seek knowledge, they are also seeking advice about what the best next step is in their lives, and pondering the implications of how they respond in the face of the world's problems. Through small groups, random acts of kindness, and community service, their goal remains: engage our neighbors in conversation so they can break free from a cycle of worldly proverbs, and hear the good news of Jesus instead. BCM is looking to hire an assistant church planer and another campus minister. These will be self-supported staff positions that will enable BCM to share Christ with more people on campus. If you know someone interested in either of these positions, ask them to contact our Student Ministry Director, Devon Bartholomew @ dtbartho@syr.edu or at 716-983-7786.
- **Northside, Liverpool** is beginning a new monthly ministry called Northside Playdate on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. Some classrooms will be set up with different sensory activities, games and toys geared for children preschool age and under. Parents of participants are

encouraged to bring coffee, snacks, etc to share. > Easter services are planned for Friday night (March 30th) at 6 PM, Saturday (March 31st) at 6PM, and Sunday (April 1st) at 9:30 & 11:00 AM. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.

- This coming Tuesday evening at 7 PM I will host the monthly session of Ministry 101 via Go-to-Meeting. If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining this discussion, just contact me and I will send the information you'll need to join the meeting on line.
- On Thursday past I was privileged to lead the weekly **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** service, where we had a fellowship meal, sang, prayed, took up an offering, and looked at Scripture about sharing our faith. Attendance was 32.
- Yesterday I worshipped with the good folks at **Crosspoint, Whitesboro**, where Sam Macri has been Pastor since October 1990. Yesterday I was privileged to preach and officiate the Lord's Supper at both the 8 AM service at the New Hartford campus and at the 10:30 AM service at the Whitesboro campus, in the absence of Pastor Sam, who is fighting laryngitis and bronchitis. Youth Pastor, Bobby Allen, is also down with the flu. I am always grateful for the privilege of preaching and honored to be asked to "fill the pulpit" for a pastor who is away for whatever reason.
- As you probably know, Lyn is just getting over the flu and is not back to full strength just yet. So yesterday she elected to stay at home and worship at **Living Water, Owego**, rather than try to make the 12 hour day with me.
- As I've mentioned in this report previously, in just a day over three weeks from now I will be leading a team of 23 on a mission trip to St. Croix, Virgin Islands to undergird the church planting ministry of Pastor John Smith and the Shephard's Fold Community Church. We'll do two VBSes and some work projects during the week, plus three evening worship services, and an Easter sunrise service on the beach, as well as attending the Shepard's Fold regular morning worship service. We are looking for churches, classes, groups, and/or individuals who will covenant to pray for this mission effort – before and during.

This Week in Preview

- Mon – In person Ministry 101 forum
- Tues – On line Ministry 101 forum
- Wed – Pastor Ed's brother Carl's birthday
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship Leadership Team Meeting
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Missionary of the Week

- Please pray for two of our collegiate missionaries who serve in Washington State. They are our missionaries because our churches supports them through our Cooperative Program giving. Jacob and Jessica Dahl (say like DOLL) serve in Ellensburg, which is a university town less than a two-hour drive southeast of Seattle. Our missionaries are campus ministers who are working to reach the some 12,000 students who study on the 380-acre campus of Central Washington University. It's a big mission field when you consider that only about one in 10 students is a Christian. Washington State needs new churches, but the liberal/secular mindset in the state makes outreach slow. The busiest time for Jacob and Jessica is in the fall when nearly 2,500 new students arrive to start their studies. They go all out to make early contact with the students before they settle into a church-free routine for the year. Let's pray for Jacob and Jessica and their very challenging ministry.

Have You Heard This One?

- Two men died and went to Heaven. St. Peter greeted them, and said "I'm sorry, gentlemen, but your mansions aren't ready yet. Until they are, I can send you back to Earth as whatever you want to be." "Great!" said the first guy, "I want to be an eagle soaring above beautiful scenery!" "No problem," replied St. Peter, and POOF! The guy was gone. "And what do you want to be," St. Peter asked the other guy. "I'd like to be one cool stud!" was the reply. "Easy," replied St. Peter, and the other guy was gone. After a few months, their mansions were finished, and St. Peter sent an angel to fetch them back. "You'll find them easily," he says, "One of them is soaring above the Grand Canyon, and the other one is in a snow tire somewhere in Detroit!"