

Hart Beat

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

29 April 2018

Hart to Heart

- The 2018 Mid-year Meeting of CNYBA will be held next Saturday, May 5th at **Stamford BC** beginning at 9:55 AM. **The Book of Reports for the Meeting is posted on the CNYBA web site (cnyba.org) in both PDF and Word formats.** Look for it under the Information Center tab/book of reports.
- Please continue praying for Jessica DePugh, daughter of Pastor John & Jayne DePugh @ **Newark Bible Fellowship Church**. Jessica remains hospitalized 185+ days after a horrific auto accident.
- Please continue praying for Diane Brown, wife of Pastor Mike Brown @ **Three Pines, Doraville**, who is battling breast cancer. She has finished chemo treatments and will have surgery on May 7th.
- Please continue praying for Pastor Gary Culver @ **Emory Chapel, Waverly**, who continues to battle bone cancer.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** will have a Coffee Hour Fellowship at 6 PM on Wednesday, May 2nd at the McDonald's in Sayre, PA. on Saturday, May 5th, they will be holding a Tea Party to honor Mother's. During the tea party they will be making hats to wear during the special party. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **Open Bible, Catatonk** approved a Constitution, Articles of Faith, a Church Covenant, a Pastor's Job Description, and a couple of Policies proposed by the Leadership Council, which is working on additional Job Descriptions and Policies to be considered by the congregation in due time.
- **Starpoint, Clifton Park** baptized 8 last Sunday. On May 4th they will begin a 4-week class called "Fresh Start" for people who are just starting a relationship with Jesus or who are just returning to church. On May 6th they will begin a 6-session Beth Moore Bible study for women entitled "Entrusted!" Dr. Roscoe Lily is Pastor.
- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** will have Family Movie Night on Saturday, May 12th at 6 PM. Movie title to be announced. > The next step in their Worship Center renovation at the Whitesboro campus is the replacement of the carpet. So far they have received \$3,738.88 toward that project. > Their Book Club Discussion Group has just finished reviewing Anne Graham Lot's book "The

Magnificent Obsession.” The next book to be read and discussed will be Ravi Zacharias' book - "Has Christianity Failed You?" > They will hold a Youth Yard Sale on Saturday, June 30th at their New Hartford campus. All proceeds go towards their local summer youth outreach, which includes youth week and other events throughout the summer. > Youth week 2018 will be July 30th – August 3rd. Sam Macri is Pastor.

- **Northside, Liverpool** baptized 6 this past week-end. > They will be holding a 50th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday June 3rd. > Men's Softball has games Friday nights at Santaro Park in Clay from late April through late July. > A Men's Basketball pick -up league will be held on Tuesday nights from 6:30 – 8:30 for men ages 18+ beginning Tuesday, April 17th. > They will be hosting a Concert Wednesday, May 2nd, from 7-9 PM featuring: LHS Stage Band under the direction of Stephen Salem, LHS Jazz Ensemble under the direction of James Dumas, University of Michigan Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Ellen Rowe and the Grand Finale with all 3 bands combined! > This year's Spring Women's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 5th. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- **Transformation, Syracuse** will ordain Alex Riveria to the gospel ministry during the morning worship service next Sunday, May 6th. Bro. Alex already has a weekly Hispanic Bible study going on the north side, using **The Neighborhood Church** facilities, averaging 25-30. Pedro Abreu is Pastor.
- On Saturday past I was at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester to visit with Jessica DePugh, the pastor's daughter who has been hospitalized for 185 + days since being in a horrific auto accident. Then I made my way over to **Clyde BC**, where I intended to enjoy their spaghetti dinner and gospel music concert. However, it was from 2-4 PM, not the 6-8 PM I had on my calendar. Maybe next time.
- Yesterday Lyn and I worshipped with the good folks at **Cornerstone, Endicott**, where Dr. Greg Johnson has been pastor since August 2011.
- Last night Lyn and I enjoyed fellowship with some OBF folks at a local pizza place.

This Week in Preview

- Mon – BD Cindy Scott (widow of Pastor Jeff Scott)
- Thurs – Ministry 101 face-to-face session
- Sat – BD Kristen Hallenbeck (PW @ Bellewood, North Syracuse)
- Sat – BD Milt Kornegay (Pastor @ Central, Syracuse)
- Sat – CNYBA Mid-year Meeting @ Stamford BC

May Ministry Anniversaries

- Milt Kornegay – Pastor @ Central, Syracuse since May 1996
- Rickey Fuller – Pastor @ Beacon Light, Vernon since May 2002
- Dan Schallmo – Pastor @ Summit, Cazenovia since May 2005
- Ken Fallon – Pastor @ Crossroads, Sherburne since May 2005
- Andy Smith – Associate Pastor @ Emmanuel, Cortland since May 2009
- Phil Wright – Pastor @ Canastota BC since May 2014

Missionary of the Week

- Our prayer time today is going to be sort of a lock-in because we want to think about the Louisiana State Penitentiary. With more than 6,000 prisoners and covering 18,000 acres, the Louisiana State Penitentiary is the nation's largest maximum security prison. It is bordered on three sides by the Mississippi River. Most prisoners there have been sentenced to life in prison for terrible crimes. But here's some better news. The prison also has a Baptist church; prisoners arrive wearing shackles. There's also a Bible college operated by New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and, yes, that's one of the six seminaries our church supports through the Cooperative Program. The person in this prison we want to pray for today is one of the Baptist chaplains named Rick Sharkey. He teaches the Bible and disciples the prisoners who become followers of Christ. But he does not preach because he wants the prisoners to do the preaching. We know that Rick's ministry is both very difficult and very rewarding. Rick is one of the more than 3,000 chaplains endorsed by our North American Mission Board, which our church also supports through the Cooperative Program. Let's pray for Rick now.

Have You Heard This One?

- A wife with a depressed husband tried to cheer him up. "What do you mean you have nothing to live for? We still have to pay for the house, the car, the TV and the refrigerator."