

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- Happy Memorial Day! Remembering my Dad and all those who served and are serving in the US Military – especially those who gave the last full measure of service in behalf of the freedoms we have today. May they always be remembered and may we be willing, when necessary, to fight to keep those freedoms they died to preserve.
- On Tuesday past I picked up the BCNY Disaster Truck and Chain Saw Unit and drove them to Southbury, Connecticut, where I spent the better part of last week working on a Disaster Relief Chain Saw crew. The devastation from the micro bursts is extensive. There will be a need for help there for some time to come. I plan to go back in about two weeks for a few days. I'd like to take a team with me to represent Central New York Baptist Association. I'll probably go on June 12 and come back June 16. If you can go with me, let me know.
- While in Connecticut, I was privileged to have dinner one night in the home of Hall & Sharron Haller. Hal is the Church Planting Director for BCNY. On two evenings after work, I was able to bring him a pickup load of firewood to use next winter.
- After working Wednesday through Friday, I caught a ride back to Syracuse with Steve Sallis, from the BCNY Church Growth division, who had brought over some more chain saws for our DR Unit. I picked up my car at BCNY at midnight and made it home shortly after 1:30 AM Saturday morning.
- **Three Pines, Doraville** had their outdoor (under the tent) groundbreaking ceremony yesterday for their new building project. It had been postponed a couple of times due to rain. Mike Brown is Pastor.
- Yesterday Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Jefferson BC**, where Frank Adams has been pastor since April 2009. I was privileged to preach in the absence of the pastor.
- Last night some of our folks from **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** wanted to meet for fellowship at one of our local pizza places. We enjoyed the fellowship, but I was exhausted by the time we got home.

- Today, after mowing the yard, we celebrated Lyn's birthday with John & Kitty Sheehy, who was having a Bar-B-Q at their home for Memorial Day.

This Week in Preview

- Mon - MEMORIAL DAY
- Mon – BD Lyn Hart (DOM's wife)
- Mon – BD Robyn Hart (Dom's daughter)
- Thurs – BD Francis DeGarmo (former PW @ Jefferson BC)
- Fri – BD Kia Smith (Church Planter's wife in St. Croix)
- Sun – BD Jessica Ford (PW @ Lyons Falls BC)

Missionary of the Week

- All of us support the fine men and women who serve in our armed forces, and we're glad they have chaplains to support them. Through our church's Cooperative Program giving, we support our North American Mission Board, which endorses several thousand chaplains, including those serving through the U.S. military. Today we want to pray for one of those chaplains. Tyler Shields serves with the Army National Guard. We know the National Guard has been busy in recent years, helping with all the conflicts overseas. As a Guardsman, Tyler spends several days a month in his chaplaincy ministry serving on military bases. And sometimes he serves for weeks at a time. Along with leading worship services and Bible studies, he spends a lot of time just talking to the soldiers. Tyler is often the first to know when there are problems like depression or troubling family situations. He is quick to point people to Jesus Christ with the Bible as the handbook. Tyler also pastors an active and growing church called Rockhouse Baptist Church in Hyden, Kentucky. Can we pray now for Tyler Shields, our Army National Guard chaplain?

Have You Heard This One?

- "I'm sorry," said the clerk in flower shop, "we don't have potted geraniums. Could you use African violets instead?" Replied the customer sadly, "No, it was geraniums my wife told me to water while she was gone."
- A Sunday school teacher was teaching the Ten Commandments to the children in her class. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor your father and mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'