

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- **West Hill, Ithaca** voted to receive 5 new members yesterday. They have a group from the church going to Lowell, MA in late June to help build a church for a Chinese Bible Church. Bill Lower is Pastor.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** will be conducting their regular second Saturday in the month visitation on May 12th where they meet at the Church at 10 AM and spend a couple of hours visiting those in need. They will have a Communion Service during their regular Sunday morning worship on May 13th. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **Three Pines, Doraville** hosted their annual ladies luncheon on Saturday past. Women from several church and even un-churched women attended. The guest speaker was Debbie Vaughan with the theme blooming hope / resting on God's promises. > Memorial Day weekend they will host their annual community garage sale, where the church has free food and drinks and donated items are sold to support their expansion fund. > They postponed their ground-breaking festivities scheduled for yesterday because of the possibility of rain. It is re-scheduled for May 20th. Mike Brown is Pastor.
- On Wednesday evening past Lyn and I attended the Coffee Hour hosted by **Emory Chapel, Waverly** at the McDonald's in Sayre, PA. We enjoyed the fellowship.
- Twice this past week I was privileged to have lunch with one of our CNYBA pastors. I would urge you to pray for your pastor AND the other pastors of our association. They labor faithfully and sometimes under enormous pressures. I am always honored to spend a little time with these men of God.
- This year I have initiated a monthly Ministry 101 Forum with men who are either already in ministry or feel a call to it. On Thursday past I facilitated the Face-To-Face session with three men. On Tuesday I will host the Go-To-Meeting session on the same topic, which this month is time management. These sessions are scheduled on the 1st Thursday afternoon and the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month. If you, or someone you know, would like to join these sessions, just let me know and I will send information about how to do that.
- On Saturday past we held the 2018 Mid-year Meeting of CNYBA at **Stamford BC**. We heard from Doug Bagg, founder of Grief Care Ministries, Lary Hyde,

SBC Disaster Relief's Northeast Region Coordinator for Mass Feeding, Dan & Madel Beck, members at **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** who are headed to Haiti on a full time basis in September, and I gave a Report and then a Challenge from Ezra 3 and Haggai 2. In addition we adopted a policy regarding having an outside professional bookkeeper/accountant, as well as amended a current policy on Leadership Team Structure and amended the current Treasurer's job description. We also approved the remodeling project at **Summit, Cazenovia** as the recipient of the 2018 Knapton Associational Mission Offering, which will be received in connection with the week of prayer for associational missions coming up at the end of May. And then we also elected Karen Sorensen, a member at **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** as the back-up check signer for CNYBA on an emergency basis (due to the sudden move of Billie Winskie, our current treasurer, to VA) – to serve from now until the annual meeting in October. The ladies of Stamford BC provided an excellent lunch following the meeting.

- Yesterday Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Transformacion, Syracuse**, where Pedro Abreu has been pastor since November 2009. I was honored to participate in the ordination of one their members, Alex Rivera, to the Gospel Ministry. Alex already has a Tuesday evening Hispanic Bible Study started and is using the facilities of **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse**.

This Week in Preview

- Tues – Ministry 101 (Go-To-Meeting)
- Thurs – OBF Leadership Team Meeting
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship Church service
- Fri – Preaching at Clyde BC's Friday Night Worship

Missionary of the Week

- Today we want to pray for Jason Vance who serves in Surprise, Arizona, which is in the northwestern part of Greater Phoenix. Let me ask you something. What if you were called to start a new church in a place where more than 100 other church planters had tried to start churches and failed - just gave up and left? That's exactly Jason's situation. Surprise has grown very rapidly. Today more than 120,000 people live there - three times the number there in 2000. So there's a big need for churches. But there are only two Southern Baptist churches in town and, besides Jason's, just one other new church being started. For now Jason's church, Valley Life Church, meets in a high school. They have to set up chairs and equipment and then tear it down every Sunday. Despite all this, they are reaching people. A while back they baptized a young woman in her 20s, another young woman in her 30s, and then Mary, who is 72. We support Jason in this challenging place through our Cooperative Program giving. Let's pray for him

now. Pray he will succeed in planting a healthy, growing church that will be a source of Living Water in that dry land.

Have You Heard This One?

- A man was on a long walk in the country. He became thirsty so decided to stop at a little cottage and ask for something to drink. The lady of the house invited him in and served him a bowl of soup by the fire. There was a wee pig running around the kitchen, running up to the visitor and giving him a great deal of attention. The visitor commented that he had never seen a pig this friendly. The housewife replied: "Ah, he's not that friendly. That's his bowl you're using."