

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- I don't know about you, but I could stand the kind of weather we're having right now all summer – cool nights, beautiful mornings, warm afternoons, gentle breeze Now if I only had more time to work on the house.
- We have fewer churches registered to use the block party trailer this year than usual. So, there are still open dates, should your church want to use this valuable resource. On Friday of this week I plan to move the block party trailer from Northside to Bellewood, get the two wheel dolly and the popcorn machine (which have been repaired by Pastor Mike McMahon @ **Lakeshore, Cicero**) back in the trailer, and re-pack the trailer according to the scheme posted on the inside of the side door. In order for us to continue offering this resource to our churches, **WE HAVE GOT TO DO A BETTER JOB RE-PACKING** after each use. When you just throw everything in without regard to the re-pack plan, things get broken as the trailer is moved and it makes it very difficult to see what supplies need to be replenished. Use the trailer, by all means. That's why we have it. But let's do a better job of taking care of this valuable resource.
- **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** continues to work toward getting our designated area ready for the opening of the remodeled Bostwick Auction House, now called Bostwick Antique Mall. We appreciate Pat & Laurie Bostwick providing this space for OBF. We hope to be in the new space by the second week of July.
- **Stamford BC** plans VBS for July 30 – August 4. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- On Tuesday past I had lunch and a time of fellowship with Bill Barker, formerly the Director of Appalachian Regional Ministry. Since the North American Mission Board defunded this ministry, the Georgia Baptist Convention took it over, re-named it Appalachian Mountain Ministry, and call Bill Barker as Director. The services offered are basically the same as under NAMB, except that now they want to involve the associations and the churches more. This is a reciprocal type ministry. That is an opportunity to find groups who can come up and help us with projects of all kinds. But it is also an opportunity for CNYBA churches to be involved in missions elsewhere in Appalachia. So if you, or your church, would like to be involved on either end of this opportunity, just let me know. We will be planning a CNYBA wide mission trip to someplace in Appalachia either in the fall of this year or spring of next year. Stay tuned.

- On Wednesday past I spent the morning and then some at a doctor's office in Sayre, PA with Lyn, trying to find out what is causing her "dizzy spells". I finally decided that maybe it was more than all that hair dye she used to use. As it turns out, she has an inner ear issue called positional vertigo, where the crystals in her inner ear gets moved out of position and float around in the three inner ear canals. The doctor did a treatment and she has not had another "spell" to date. She goes back for a follow-up next week.
- On Thursday past Lyn reported that we did not have water in the house. After some detective work, we learned that the well pump was shot. SO, I got my first experience "pulling a well pump", which was 120 feet down. We now have water – with one caveat. All the junk we scraped off the inside of the well casing in the process of replacing the pump is now flowing into the house, stopping up faucets, commodes, etc. Not to worry. I am told that it will return to normal – eventually.
- Yesterday Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Stamford BC**, where Waylen Bray has been pastor since the church began in November 1977. Yesterday, Justin Ham, one of their deacons, preached and did a great job. We were there to deliver 500 toothbrushes the church will donate to the local school district for an on-going oral hygiene program beginning in summer school and continuing into the next school year.
- Speaking of toothbrushes: We still have approximately 60,000 toothbrushes remaining from a gift of 80,000 toothbrushes I received from the sheltered workshop in Cortland several years ago. There are three different versions. Several of our churches are using these toothbrushes in the shoeboxes they pack for Operation Christmas Child. If you, or your church, need toothbrushes for the shoeboxes, or any other worthwhile project, just let me know.

This Week in Preview

- Tues – Foot doctor
- Wed – installing cabinets and counter top @ Open Bible Fellowship
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship
- Fri – moving & re-packing CNYBA block party trailer

Important Life Lessons

4. Try To Make the Way Easier for Others

- In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the King's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it.. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything

about getting the stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway

Missionary of the Week

- Just as we need seminaries in North America to train pastors and missionaries, we also need seminaries in other countries. As our missionaries help bring people to faith in Christ and start new churches, they need seminaries to train pastors and others who will lead churches into the future. All this is to explain why we have a missionary like Billy Hurst. Billy works with seminaries across Mexico and down into Central America to Panama. He helps train the seminary teachers and shows them how to stay focused on teaching Bible truths and staying missions-minded. Our church supports him through our Cooperative Program giving. Let's pray for Billy now and ask God to keep him safe during all his traveling and to stay spiritually strong as he works with seminaries that will have a big influence on churches across a big area.

Have You Heard This One?

- Each evening bird lover Tom stood in his backyard, hooting like an owl - and one night, an owl called back to him. For a year, the man and his feathered friend hooted back and forth. He even kept a log of the "conversation." Just as he thought he was on the verge of a breakthrough in interspecies communication, his wife had a chat with her next door neighbor. "My husband spends his nights ... calling out to owls," she said. "That's odd," the neighbor replied. "So does my husband."

Then it dawned on them.