

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- **Summit, Cazenovia** had a church-wide picnic on Sunday past at the Highland Park Community Shelter in Fabius, NY. They are also planning a Music Festival for Saturday, August 11, at the property they are acquiring on Route 13 south of Cazenovia. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** has seen great things happen with their “Women At The Well” (the new name for their stripper and prostitute friends that work in in and around their neighborhood and building). They had five women from the clubs at the most recent Bible Study. Three have accepted Christ and are pursuing work away from the club scene! Pray that God helps them to move forward, past “their past”. Pastor Ronnie Wyatt asks prayer for their Summer Kids Program and for a nearby neighborhood and housing project that he believes may be a focus of a new bible study and possible church plant opportunity.
- **Open Bible, Catatonk**, where I am serving as church planter/pastor, will have another baptismal service on August 5 @ 2 PM using the facilities of **Living Water, Owego**, where Wayne Sibrava is Pastor. So far we have 3 candidates ranging in age from 58 to 77. There were 32 in attendance last Thursday evening.
- **West Hill, Ithaca** hosted 17 youth and 5 adults from Elders Baptist Church in MD who came up to help with VBS and some youth activities. This church has taken mission trips to West Hill in the past, even helping to build the building back when. In addition to VBS, the group helped WHCC youth with working on cottages for homeless men, working at Lamoka Christian Camp, singing at a couple of nursing homes, and doing some outreach at a local RV camp. Pastor Bill Lower says, “It was a full week, but many seeds were planted for Christ.”
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** baptized one adult male on Sunday past. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.
- John and Dody Martin attend **Open Bible Fellowship** faithfully and provide special music regularly. They have awesome harmony. They would appreciate opportunities to sing at your church as you work on your church calendar of events. They do have some Sunday mornings open over the next several months but are also willing to come on Sunday evenings or other dates that fit your schedule. They also do home concerts where a few neighbors are gathered. You can contact them at (607-539-6810), (800-862-7846), (607-759-8278), or

johnanddodymartin@gmail.com. You can also get more information by visiting their web site, www.martinministries.org.

- On Friday evening past I was privileged to participate in a ministry licensing advisory council at **Summit, Cazenovia**. I am always honored to be asked to be involved with one of our CNYBA churches as an outside observer/counselor. It is my joy to be of service to our CNYBA church whenever and however possible.
- On Sunday past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Christ Is King, Syracuse**, where I was privileged to preach. Pastor Jon Speed was in attendance, but was just getting back from vacation and I was happy to preach. After service we enjoyed a time of fellowship at the home of one of the member couples where they had a church picnic and pool party. No, I didn't get in the pool, but I did eat.

This Week in Preview

- Mon (today) – BD Andy Smith (AP @ Emmanuel, Cortland)
- Thurs – BD Wayne Sibrava (Pastor @ Living Water, Owego)
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship
- Fri – BD Daniel Song (Pastor @ Korean, Vestal)

Missionary of the Week

- Today we want to pray for two missionaries serving out in cowboy country - Wyoming. Jeff and Sheila Brown serve in Jackson, Wyoming. We support them through our church's Cooperative Program giving. We think of the West as an area that welcomes churches, and that is generally true, but not so much in Jackson, a wealthy, liberal and "politically correct" area. Most people there reject Jesus and Christianity without knowing anything about it. Despite this, people still need Jesus and many there have become Christians. One man had given up on God and was generally bitter and angry with life. He told people he actually hated God. For some reason he began attending Jeff's Bible studies. As he bathed in God's Word, he slowly changed. He was saved and became the first person to join the new Baptist church Jeff and Sheila were starting. Jeff pastors two churches in different towns and also helps a Spanish-language church in Jackson. One of these churches has grown big enough to need a building. Today let's pray for God to bless Jeff and Sheila. And while we're at it, let's ask God to make it possible for them to have a new building. We're thankful they need it!

Have You Heard This One?

- We had built our dream house some years ago, and furnished it with quality pieces as we could afford them. Now the delivery truck carrying the last purchase, a new bedroom suite, was pulling into the driveway. "Finally!" I

exclaimed, flinging open the front door as the driver walked up to the house. "I've been waiting twelve years for this!" "Don't blame me, lady," he said. "I just got the order this morning."