

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- I always encourage you to pray for our CNYBA Pastors and Wives Family and I hope you are doing that. Three of them need more intense prayer. Jessica DePugh (daughter of Pastor John & Jayne DePugh @ **Newark BC**) has been in the hospital for over 9 months following a horrific auto accident. She is having skin grafts and other kinds of surgeries regularly. Diane Brown (wife of Pastor Mike Brown @ **Three Pines, Doraville**) is finishing up radiation related to breast cancer surgery and will now begin another round of chemo to fight the cancer found in her lymph nodes. Gary Culver (pastor @ **Emory Chapel, Barton**) is still battling bone cancer. PLEASE offer up additional fervent prayer for these three.
- I just can't believe it's the last day of July! It's becoming clearer each day that I will not get as far along on my building project for this summer as I had hoped.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** has a unique ministry called "Woman at the Well" which seeks to reach ladies working in the several strip clubs located near their building. Two more of these ladies have received Christ. They now have 5 ladies that attend a special bible study just for them. They are starting a Summer Kids Club - every Tuesday and Friday for two hours for ten weeks. They are also putting into place actual leaders for various ministries and laying out their responsibilities. Ronnie Wyatt is Pastor.
- **Emory Chapel, Barton** will hold their monthly Coffee Hour @ Wendy's in Sayre, PA on Wednesday, August 1st @ 6 PM. On Sunday evening, August 4th they will hold another Summer Gospel Music Concert Night, beginning at 7 PM, featuring a local trio with piano and guitar. Light refreshments will follow. On August 26th they will have the last of their 2018 Summer Outdoor Services at Waverly Park, followed by a fellowship meal. During a recent Tuesday night Bible study there was one profession of faith. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** had three professions of faith during VBS two weeks ago. On Sunday past those two, and three other youth who had previously made professions of faith, were baptized in Lake Oneida across the road from the church building (largest baptistery in the association). Also, former church plater/pastor, Karl Novak and his wife Bonnie were in attendance on Sunday past and Bro. Karl preached. Mike McMahan is Pastor.

- **Clyde BC** holds a Fresh Beginnings Outreach service every Friday evening at 7 PM. During the summer they hold these services under a tent off the parking lot. This week its Testimony Friday. David Barrows is Pastor.
- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** is having Youth Week this week from 9 AM to 8 PM for students going into 7th grade – just finished 12th grade. Activities will include great food, awesome road trip, dynamic speakers, live music by Life Band, and an all day trip to Great Escape on Friday. They are also planning a Parent/Child Dedication Service for Sunday, August 12th. Sam Macri is Pastor.
- **Northside, Liverpool** high school students are away at camp in the Berkshire mountains this week. Middle school camp was a powerful week for students a couple of weeks ago. They were blessed this past week with what God did through Vacation Bible School. In addition, more than 220 athletes were involved in Upward Basketball and 29 surrendered their lives to Christ. This past weekend, Pastor Jeff Harrison announced in both services on Sunday that he and his family will be moving to the Middletown area outside New York City where he will serve as Lead Pastor for one of five campuses of a church in Orange County. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- On Saturday past I bought another 11 year old Cadillac. It's green and has less than 32,000 miles on it. It was formerly a funeral home car. And no, it's not a hearse. Lyn will "inherit" the '05 and we'll sell the old Lincoln.
- On Sunday past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Three Pines, Doraville** in one of their outdoor services under the tent on the property where they intend to build a new facility. After service we enjoyed a time of fellowship over lunch with Pastor Mike Brown, his wife Dianne, and their two boys.
- Lyn and I are eagerly awaiting the arrival of my sister from Arkansas, who will be with us for a week. We pick her up at the Syracuse airport tomorrow evening.

This Week in Preview

- Mon – ANV Jeff & Debbie O'Brien (AP&W @ Northside, Liverpool)
- Wed – Pick up Marie @ Syracuse Airport
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk
- Fri – BD Pam Hundley (PW @ Emmanuel, Cortland)

Missionary of the Week

- Today we want to pray for Shaun and Monica Stotyn, who are missionaries in Vermont with a double challenge. First, Vermont is one of our nation's least Christian states. Second, they are ministering to college students in several

schools in and near Burlington. Our church supports their work through our Cooperative Program giving. Shaun's Vine Campus Ministry, as he calls it, tries to bring students to faith in Christ and then to disciple them toward deeper faith and commitment. He works with the University of Vermont and Champlain College in Burlington and St. Michael's College in nearby Colchester. Shaun tries to get students into small groups so they can concentrate together on learning about and following Jesus Christ. Shaun says the most rewarding part of his ministry is seeing the eyes of students light up when they finally "get it" about Jesus. Once that happens, he says he begins to see their lives change as well. Today let's pray for thousands of college students to come to a growing faith in Christ, so they in turn can lead many others across Vermont to faith as well. Let's also pray for the well-being of Shaun, Monica and their two young children.

Have You Heard This One?

- A minister was planning a wedding at the close of the Sunday morning service. After the benediction he had planned to call the couple down to be married in a brief ceremony before the congregation. For the life of him, he couldn't think of the names of those who were to be married. "Will those wanting to get married please come to the front?" he requested. Immediately, nine single ladies, three widows, four widowers, and six single men stepped to the front.