

Hart Beat

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

14 August 2018

Hart to Heart

- Where has the summer gone? It seems like only yesterday I was wondering if summer was ever going to materialize and now I'm wondering how I'm going to finish the tasks I intended before summer ends. Soon I'll be gathering the CNYBA tents, trailers, and block party trailer to get them "in the barn" before snow flies – to say nothing of trying to "button things up" on the house project on which I am working in time for winter.
- **Missio, Syracuse** has 12 portable church equipment containers they would like to give away. They are 6'H x 4'W x 2' deep. If your church can use one or more of these, let me know. I plan to pick up some this week and would be happy to deliver as needed.
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** had a baby dedication as part of their worship service on Sunday past. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.
- **Starpoint, Clifton Park** will host an outing for young adults 18- 30 something to the Black Hole, a swimming hole with a rope swing and a 15' drop. On Saturday, August 25, they will be partnering with Kohl's Department Store and Cheryl's Lodge to sponsor a program called "Shop With A Star." In it, children will be teamed up with church volunteers to go shopping for an hour at Kohl's with a \$100 gift card, provided by the church. Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- Sadly, **Southport, Elmira** has suspended operations following the death of Pastor Duane Arnold, Sr. They are donating a communion set, hymnals, and other miscellaneous things to CNYBA for distribution to other churches as the need arises. Remaining members are seeking other places to worship.
- The Baptist Convention of New York Disaster Relief is offering a two-day training for Disaster Relief Chaplaincy. An expert trainer, Naomi Paget, will lead the training and help equip you in the necessary areas of competency. **What:** Take a look at this article... <https://bcmd.org/stories/what-is-unique-about-a-chaplain-in-disaster-relief/> **When:** October 1 – 2, 2018 / 9AM – 5PM each day. **Where:** Bible Church International, 791 NJ-10, Randolph, NJ 07869 **Who:** Active Badged (trained) BCNY Disaster Relief volunteers **How:** Please register via the Eventbrite link or contact Mike Flannery @ 716-432-5333 **Cost:** \$20.00 for training materials

- On Sunday past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Renovation, North Syracuse**, where Mike Mazzye has been pastor since the church began in September 2013. On this Sunday they were having a joint worship service with **Iglesia Missional**, a Hispanic mission church they help support, which is meeting in the facilities of **Missio, Syracuse** and the mission pastor preached through an interpreter.
- On Sunday evening past, Lyn and I enjoyed fellowship with several of our **Open Bible Fellowship** family at a local pizza place.
- If we live until next Sunday, Lyn and I will celebrate our 54th wedding anniversary while we worship with the good folks at **West Hill, Ithaca**, where I'll be reporting on the mission work being done in and through Central New York Baptist Association and preaching a missions message as part of their annual month long August missions Emphasis.

From Terry Robinson

Executive Director of the Baptist Convention of New York

The Baptist Convention of New York Executive Board had a very significant meeting in April. The following decisions were made:

- An offer for the sale of the building at 6538 Baptist Way, which has been used for the BCNY offices since 1987, was accepted.
- The Executive Director/Treasurer was authorized to enter into a lease for the lower floor of the same building through September 2019. This was a buyer contingency for the purchase.
- The Administrative Committee was authorized to appoint a Task Force to initiate a Planning Process. Their responsibilities include selecting a consultant to lead the process and to recommend a committee to work with the consultant to prepare recommendations to be received by the Executive Board no later than August 2019.

I am writing today:

- 1) To officially announce that the BCNY Offices are now located on the lower floor of the building we previously owned. All but a few remaining items have been moved and the staff is transitioning to the new temporary downstairs accommodations.
- 2) The Task Force will present their recommendations for both a consultant & a committee to guide the planning process to the Administrative Committee August 13 and the Executive Board August 25. More information will be presented at the BCNY

Annual Conference/Annual Meeting at Trinity Baptist Church Niskayuna NY
September 23-25.

This Week in Preview

- Tues (14th) – ANV Jeff & Jessica Ford (P&W @ Lyons Falls BC)
- Thurs (16th) – BD Charles Matthews (Pastor @ Church Street, Elmira)
- Thurs (16th) – Open Bible Fellowship
- Fri (17th) – BD Harold Lefler (Pastor @ Fellowship, Norwich)
- Sat (18th) – ANV Dan & Cindy Schallmo (P&W @ Summit, Cazenovia)

Missionary of the Week

- We are going to Africa today to pray for one of our missionary families. Timothy and Rebecca Braden have moved with their three children into an area where people practice folk Islam or else they believe in witchcraft and that spirits are everywhere. The people are fearful because they think the spirits want to hurt them. They often perform ceremonies they think will keep the spirits away. Every day Timothy and Rebecca hear guns fired or the beating of drums which are part of these ceremonies. At this point there are just two Christian believers in their area - just two! Our church's Cooperative Program giving is supporting the Braden family there in Africa. They are in a hard place where spiritual warfare is being waged in ways we cannot imagine. But they say God is being faithful to sustain them in this sin-darkened area where they serve. Can we pray for them now and ask God to keep them safe, to give them opportunities to share the good news and to bring many new believers into this area?

Have You Heard This One?

- A man went camping in a state park. Before leaving his car to go hiking he left a note on the dashboard saying, "The stereo is broke." He did this to deter thieves from breaking into his older model car. When returning from his hike the man noticed his car window was broken and the stereo was cut from the dashboard. A note was left by the thief saying, "We'll fix it."