

Hart Beat

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

23 September 2018

Hart to Heart

- Lyn and I are attending the 49th Annual Session of the Baptist Convention of New York being held at Trinity Baptist Church in Schenectady. The meeting began on Sunday evening and will continue through tomorrow morning.
- The 17th Annual session of the Central New York Baptist Association will be held at **Emmanuel, Cortland**, where Jim Hundley is Pastor, on October 20th beginning at 9:45 AM and finishing around noon. Some of you will remember that Emmanuel hosted monthly meetings through the year 2000 when CNYBA was being formed, with the 1st annual session being held at Emmanuel in October 2001. Our guest missionary speaker this year will be Dr. David Pope, who was Chairman of the Facilitating Committee that formed CNYBA from the merger of all or part of three associations, and served as its first moderator.
- November 6th will be Election Day across the United States. If you are not registered to vote, I would urge you to get registered AND go to the polls and vote on November 6th. In my opinion, this is the most important privilege and responsibility we have as Americans citizens.
- **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk**, where I am serving as Church Planter/Pastor, will have a shoebox packing party for Operation Christmas Child on Tuesday, November 6th.
- **Baptist Campus Ministry Church, Syracuse University** held a day long retreat on Saturday past, which included several activities in and around Syracuse. Devon Bartholomew is Director/Pastor.

Messages I have been asked to rerun

- Northside Baptist Church in Liverpool, NY, invites you to attend a training workshop for short-term missions team leaders. If you would like to learn how to organize effective, successful, meaningful short-term missions teams, this workshop will give you the tools you need. The workshop will be held from 7:00-9:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 and 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20. It will be hosted by Northside Baptist (7965 Oswego Rd, Liverpool, NY 13090) and presented by Don Johnson of SEND International. The cost of the workshop is \$60/person, and includes a Team Leader's Manual as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday (travel & accommodations are the attendees' responsibility). If you're interested, you can register on-line at

<https://www.send.org/events/details/o9team-leader-training> or by mail at the address given on the SEND web page.

- Tim Bejian, former pastor at **Grace, Rome**, retired military chaplain, and current member @ **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** is leading a 10 day trip to the Holy Land (Israel) - Departing May 13th from New York. The package price, air and land per person in a double room, is \$3,200. Contact Bro. Tim at chappietim@gmail.com or via cell phone @ (315) 271-8311.

This Week in Preview

- Sun – Tues (23th -25th) – 49th Annual Session of BCNY
- Tues (25th) – BD Connie Sibrava (PW @ Living Water, Owego)
- Thurs (27th) – Open Bible Fellowship
- Fri (28th) – BD Terry Robertson (Executive Director of BCNY)

Missionary of the Week

- Today we're going to Africa for a special victory celebration with missionary Gregg Fort. Our churches supports him through our Cooperative Program giving. Gregg worked with an older man named Sungwa (say SUNG-wah). Sungwa practiced witchcraft until the day he accepted Christ. He threw out all the charms and potions and things he used in witchcraft. But evil spirits came and whispered to him: If you are baptized, you will die! Word got out that the witch doctor would be baptized as a Christian, and a big crowd appeared to see if the spirits would indeed kill Sungwa. Sungwa went bravely into the water and was dipped under. As he came up, he stood silent for a moment. Everyone stared. A big smile spread across Sungwa's face, and he began singing in a loud voice, "Praise the Lord! I was bound by the chains of Satan, but I've been set free! Praise the Lord!" Sungwa was celebrating his victory! We Christians know that God will defeat Satan and evil spirits every time. As we pray for Gregg let's also pray that people will experience God's power for themselves as they come in faith to Jesus Christ. Pray the celebrations never stop!

Have You Heard This One?

- A young woman was on vacation in the depths of Louisiana. She wanted a pair of genuine alligator shoes, but didn't want to pay the high prices. After unsuccessfully haggling with one of the shopkeepers, the young woman said, "Maybe I'll just go out and catch my own alligator, so I can get a pair of shoes at a reasonable price." Later in the day, the shopkeeper spotted the young woman standing waist deep in the water, shotgun in hand. She took aim at an alligator, killed it and hauled it onto the swamp bank. Lying nearby were several more of the dead creatures. The shopkeeper watched in amazement as the young woman

flipped the alligator on its back and shouted in frustration, "This one isn't wearing any shoes either."