

**9 September 2018**

**Hart to Heart**

- You probably already know that I've been away at a retreat in NC over the weekend, so I'm late with this week's update. We arrived safely at home on Monday afternoon about 4:30 PM.
- The 17 member CNYBA contingent to the 2018 Todd Starnes Fall Getaway at the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove near Asheville, NC have all returned home safely, although two of us had a minor accident enroute during a rainstorm. The program featured a good deal about the state of religious liberty in America, with interviews with two Christians who have been denied religious liberty, an attorney from First Liberty (a non-profit law firm that represents folks in religious liberty cases), and the president of Truett McConnell University (a Baptist University in Georgia) who is a converted Muslim. Dennis Swanberg and Todd Starnes brought wonderful messages from God's Word. But the best part of the retreat for me were the three worship sessions led by the Annie Moses Band, a Christian family that plays almost every stringed instrument you can imagine.
- During the retreat at the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove, we were treated to the premier of the almost finished movie Unbroken: Road to Redemption. I recommend you see it if at all possible. It comes out in theatres this coming Friday.
- **Clyde BC** will hear a missionary from India during their Fresh Beginnings Friday night worship service this week. On Saturday evening Impact Theatre will make a presentation, followed by pizza and dessert. On Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> they will ordain Al Weaver to the gospel ministry. I will be honored to be a part of that service. David Barrows is Pastor.
- **Stamford BC** joined a church that has been using, and helping to repair, the Emmanuel Campground for a pot luck family day on Sunday afternoon past. The campground is owned by the Stamford church and is located in Maryland, NY.
- **Three Pines, Doraville** will celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this coming Sunday. I remember Emmitt Young and I searching the countryside to find a building in which to start a church. I was able to lease the current building for an amount equal to the property taxes being paid. A youth group from my former pastorate in Illinois came and helped me clean out the building and put on a fresh coat of paint inside and out. As I recall, I painted the high part of the front of the building while Harold Lefler painted the front doors. It was my joy and privilege to preach the first sermon. Later I was able to get a group of volunteers from

“down south” to add a small fellowship hall and two restrooms to the side of the building. Now they have grown and are in the process of building a larger building on a larger piece of property across and down the street from the current facility. Praise the Lord! Mike Brown is Pastor.

- 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:chappietim@gmail.com) or via cell phone @ (315) 271-8311.

### **A Mission Opportunity**

Metropolitan New York Baptist Association has put together a great opportunity for you and your churches called 48 Hours. 48 Hours will be January 18-20 in NYC, MLK weekend. We have designed this to be an introduction to and a vision for urban ministry, and a hands-on training event for all participants.

48 Hours is perfect for

- churches in our near major cities
- pastors who need some fresh perspectives on ministry issues in cities
- leaders who want to develop ministry skills

The cost for 48 Hours is \$225. This includes 3 nights lodging at MNYBA, a metrocard for local transportation, and all ministry materials.

You can see more of the schedule for 48 Hours and register at

<https://www.mnyba.org/48hours>

For more information, you can contact Kevin Cabe at [kcabe@mnyba.org](mailto:kcabe@mnyba.org).

I hope to see you there!

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### **This Week in Preview**

- Mon (10<sup>th</sup>) – BD Debbie O’Brien (APW @ Northside, Liverpool)
- Mon (10<sup>th</sup>) – BD Matt Hallenbeck (Pastor @ Bellewood, North Syracuse)
- Tues (11<sup>th</sup>) - BD Sue Fallon (PW @ Crossroads, Sherburne)
- Wed (12<sup>th</sup>) - BD Christina Lower (PW @ west Hill, Ithaca)
- Thurs (13<sup>th</sup>) – Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk
- Fri (14<sup>th</sup>) – ANV Jim & Pam Hundley (P&W @ Emmanuel, Cortland)
- Sat (15<sup>th</sup>) – BD Tim Bissell (NAMC Church Planting Catalyst for CNYBA)
- Sat (15<sup>th</sup>) – Disaster Relief Training @ Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk

### **Missionary of the Week**

- Today we are going to pray for one of our missionaries in Defiance, Ohio, who has a very difficult ministry. His name is John Cattell and his work is hard because he works with prisoners. He is a chaplain at a state prison, where he talks to the incarcerated about Jesus Christ. He also directs the Disciple House, a ministry in the city of Defiance that helps prisoners adjust to life outside after they are released from prison. John says he helps prisoners start over - but this time with God as the center of their lives. John does not work alone, but has some 200 volunteers who work with him. They help former prisoners find housing and jobs - all the things needed for a life free of crime. Some men go back to crime after they are released. But others give their lives to Jesus Christ and become good citizens. Our church's Cooperative Program giving helps support John in his work there in Ohio. Can we pray for him now?

### **Have You Heard This One?**

- A guy is walking with his friend when he says "I'm a walking economy." The friend asks, "How so?" "My hair line is in recession, my stomach is a victim of inflation, and both of these together are putting me into a deep depression!"