

Hart Beat
(An E-update for CNYBA Pastors and Key Leaders)
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Hart to Heart

- Time is running out for signing up for the CNYBA short term mission trip to St. Thomas in the US Virgin Islands. The trip is planned for December 31 – January 7. We will be doing VBS in an apartment complex and painting the exterior of a church building. We need to know if we have a team by November 1 so folks can purchase air fare. The cost will be \$150 per person plus air fare. We do have a cook now, so let me know if you want to be part of this team.
- On Saturday past the annual meeting of CNYBA was hosted well by **Iglesias Casa de Paz, Syracuse**. The 8 recommendations from the CNYBA Leadership Team were adopted, which included (1) revisions to policies and job descriptions allowing the clerk, the treasurer, and their assistants to be elected without being on the Leadership team (2) adoption of a 2020 budget that projects income from churches to be 67,000 (3) adoption of a 2020 calendar (4) adoption of a recommendation that Ed Hart replace Jim Anna on the BCNY Executive Board, and (5) adoption of a recommendation that Dan Schallmo be the CNYBA representative on the BCNY Executive Board to join the DOMs on the new BCNY Leadership Team.
- In other business at the CNYBA Annual Meeting, Linda Cole, Steve Sallis, and Al Weaver were elected to three year terms on the CNYBA leadership Team.
- Officers elected at the recent CNYBA Annual Meeting include Jeff Ford – Moderator, Bill Lower – Assistant Moderator, Lyn Hart – Clerk, Bob Teachout – Assistant Clerk, Lary Hyde – Treasurer, and Karen Sorensen – Assistant Treasurer
- Also at the CNYBA Annual Meeting we voted to accept the property being offered to the association from **Beacon Light, Vernon**, and to expend up to \$2500 during the property transfer, which may take several months.
- **Emory Chapel, Barton** welcomed 10 new members who joined on Sunday past. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **Newark BC** baptized 3 on Sunday evening past in a joint service with **Clyde BC**, including Al Weaver, the new pastor at Clyde who had never been baptized. The two churches have been having joint Sunday evening services periodically. John DePugh is Pastor at Newark.

- **Clyde BC** baptized 2 on Sunday evening past in a joint service with **Newark BC**. After Pastor Al Weaver himself had been baptized, he baptized two others.
- **Baptist Campus Church, Syracuse University** is celebrating all the exciting things that God is doing at SU and ESF. They have made many new connections and are seeing their student leaders take ownership of their role as servants and ambassadors for Christ. Last semester, they asked for more discipleship opportunities, so they are studying [Gospel 101](#) together. Pastor Devon Bartholomew has trained about 50 people to use the 3 Circle wristbands to share the gospel story. Their student leaders have been busy welcoming new students with connection groups and follow up meetings, and sharing more when they get the chance. They had their first baptism on the Quad this month! Fall outreach opportunities include vast quantities of hanging out around a table, inviting the thousands of new and returning students to Taco Tuesday. This year they also did a survey about what community service opportunities in which students are most interested. They found they are most eager to serve at-risk youth!
- On Saturday past, as mentioned above, the CNYBA 2019 Annual Meeting was held at **Casa de Paz, Syracuse**. Although only 12 CNYBA congregations were present, the spirit in the meeting was warm and the fellowship that followed was great – to say nothing of the good Chick-fil-a lunch.
- On Sunday past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at Bible Baptist Church in Oswego, where Steve Sallis is interim pastor. I was privileged to preach in the absence of Pastor Steve, who was in Louisiana preaching a revival. This church is an Independent Baptist Church that is interested in affiliating with Southern Baptist. After a nice lunch, I had opportunity to talk with them about Southern Baptist life – particularly about the local association. I believe this church is already giving to missions through the Cooperative Program of the SBC. I look forward to helping them know more about the mission and work of CNYBA.

This Week in Preview

- 21st ANV James & Juanita Young – P&W @ Gethsemane, Syracuse
- 23rd ANV John & Ginger Talada – P&W @ Good News, Waverly
- 26th Work Day at Emmanuel Conference Center & Camp Ground

Missionary of the Week

Today we're going to Africa. There are many countries in Africa, of course, but we're not going to say just where our missionaries serve. We'll call them Paul and Doris, not their real names. Our story today sounds like what we read about in the New Testament. A woman we'll call Kate was suffering from demons. They attacked her non-stop. She had trouble talking with her family, working or even eating. Demons

always work for evil. Kate's husband, Abe, went to visit our missionaries, Paul and Doris, and asked if they would come to his home and try to help his wife. When the missionaries arrived, they presented Jesus Christ, the answer to all problems, including being possessed by demons. During that visit Abe, Kate and their daughter confessed their sin and yielded their lives to Christ. The demons are gone now, because when Kate feels threatened, she calls on her powerful personal Savior, Jesus Christ, and help is immediate. Folks, our church's Cooperative Program giving helped train and equip Paul and Doris and helped them get to Africa. We continue to help them live and serve there. Aren't you glad that the Gospel is real and that it makes a huge and positive difference in the lives of people! Let's pray now for Paul and Doris, that they will see more victories as they present Jesus Christ to people. Let's pray for this new family of believers and ask God that they may grow in their new Christian faith.

Have You Heard This One?

About 90 fifth-graders piled into the airliner I was flying, on their way home from a school trip. Once we were in the air, and the crew began serving drinks, I could hear them pleading with the children to settle down and let the other passengers get some sleep. No amount of reasoning seemed to help, until I thought of the solution that actually worked. I picked up the PA mike in the cockpit and announced, "Children, this is the captain speaking. Don't make me stop this airplane and come back there."