

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- The Mid-year Meeting of Central New York Baptist Association will convene next Saturday, May 4th, at **Newark Baptist Fellowship Church** beginning with Congregational singing at 9:50 AM. The agenda will center around various ways to share the Gospel. The program agenda calls for us to dismiss at 12:05 PM. Bill Lower is Moderator.
- I have posted the Book of Reports for the 2019 CNYBA Mid-year Meeting on the CNYBA web site (www.cnyba.org) in both Word and PDF formats. Find it under the Information Center tab/Book of Reports. Please print it off before attending the meeting.
- The last three pages of the Book of Reports for the 2019 CNYBA Mid-year Meeting is a list of possible mission trip projects Manuel Sorensen and I discovered on our recent Vision Trip to St. Thomas & St. John. I have also posted this report separately on our CNYBA web site (www.cnyba.org) under the Information Center tab/Special Reports.
- I just learned of an exciting web site. Let me encourage you to check out www.blesseveryhome.com. This is a ministry web site where you can sign up and begin to pray for your neighbors. There are short videos that explain the ministry and give you direction for your involvement. I just signed up. We are in the process of praying for every household in a three mile radius of where we meet at **Open Bible, Catatonk**. I think this will give us a more focused approach.
- **North Fenton BC** hosted a Ladies' Conference on April 13th with ladies from **Northside, Liverpool** serving as presenters. They had 31 in attendance and a good time was had by all. Rodney Kochmanski is Pastor.
- **Northside, Liverpool** saw 1661 people attend a worship service over Easter week-end. Nine made professions of faith. On Sunday past they began a new series called 'Invitation to the Journey'. For five weeks they will be considering who's your one to pray for, encourage, and invite to take this journey with Jesus. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** has begun live streaming their Thursday night services on Facebook. We begin streaming at 7:15 PM. In order to watch "live" you have to join the OBF Facebook page. Otherwise you can watch it anytime later. In order to "join" and watch live, go to the Open Bible Fellowship

@ the Antique Mall at Bostwick's Facebook page and click the "join" button on the left just under the picture. Once you join" you can look on the right under the photo and add friends. On Thursday past at least 70 people were "watching" live.

- **Stamford BC** hosted Randy Simpson in concert during their Sunday morning service yesterday. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **Emory Chapel, Barton** will host a Mother's Day Tea Party on May 4th. Ladies are asked to bring a tea cup and saucer to decorate. The party will include fellowship, games, and finger foods. > On May 8th they will hold their monthly coffee hour at 6 PM at Bethie's Place in Chemung. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** baptized 4 on Saturday evening past. Ronnie Wyatt is Pastor.
- **Grace, Rome** plans VBS for July 15-19. Pastor Trent Williams is planning a trip to the Holy Land this coming month.
- On Monday evening past I met with the CNYBA Leadership Team via Go-to-Meeting. We discussed several aspects of CNYBA life and decided by consensus to make a couple of recommendations to the Association in Mid-year session.
- On Thursday night past I was doing one of my favorite thigs to do – enjoying my self at both the fellowship meal and the service that followed at **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk**, where I serve as Pastor and Friend.
- On Saturday morning past I participated in our first Prayer Drive at **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk**. We plan to pray over our 3 mile radius "Jerusalem" at least twice before making an at-the-door contact with the roughly 300 households in that 3 mile radius later this summer.
- On Saturday afternoon I met with the folks at **Fellowship, Norwich**. After a great lunch, we talked about strategies for the way forward for the church in light of Pastor Harold Lefler's announcement that he will be leaving the church and moving to Little Rock, AR within the next six months. Please be praying for this congregation.
- On Sunday morning past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Grace, Rome**, where Trent Williams has been pastor since September 2015. After service we enjoyed a time of fellowship with Pastor Trent and long-time servants of the Lord, Paul & Ozzie Bodner. I praise the Lord for folks (and there are several of them still around) who have labored long and faithfully to develop the Southern Baptist work for the Lord that we have here in CNYBA. They laid the

foundation upon which we are now building. May the Lord bless them one and all.

May Church Anniversaries

- Milt Kornegay – Pastor @ Central, Syracuse since May 1996
- Rickey Fuller - Pastor @ Beacon Light, Vernon since May 2002
- Dan Schallmo - Pastor @ Summit, Cazenovia since May 2005
- Ken Fallon - Pastor @ Crossroads, Sherburne since May 2005
- Andy Smith – Assistant Pastor @ Emmanuel, Cortland since May 2009
- Phil Wright - Pastor @ Canastota BC since May 2014

Missionary of the Week

- Today we're going to pray for Gretchen Snow, one of our missionaries serving in West Africa. We can easily imagine that she needs our prayers, because West Africa is a very difficult place to live. Now just imagine how hard would it be for a Deaf person to live and serve there! Gretchen Snow is Deaf. She is one of many Deaf missionaries we Baptists now send around the world to share the Gospel with people who cannot hear. But we're going to change continents now - to Mexico. Before Gretchen moved to West Africa, she served in Puebla in northern Mexico. While she was there she learned Spanish sign language - "Lengua Senas". In a church for Deaf people there, Gretchen taught two women how to teach the Gospel in that sign language - how to tell Bible stories, how to pray. Gretchen moved to West Africa, but those two women, Selene and Ana, are still teaching, using what they learned from Gretchen. Aren't you glad our church supports Gretchen through our Cooperative Program giving each month? Let's pray that God will keep her safe now in West Africa and help her to be effective in her outreach to Deaf people there. And let's also pray for those Deaf people in northern Mexico. Even Deaf people need to "hear" the Gospel!

Have You Heard This One?

Notes to the Pastor:

- Pastor, Is the New Testament the upgrade of the old one? Joey, age 8
- Pastor, When exactly will hell freeze over? My dad said that's about the time I'll get my new pony. Tricia, age 10
- Pastor, Why is Sunday School on Sunday? I thought it was supposed to be a day of rest. Andrea, age 6
- Pastor, Can you tell me how to go to Heaven. I'd like to go someday because I know my brother won't be there. Angela, age 8
- Pastor, Why didn't Noah take any pets on the ark? Was it because it was already raining cats and dogs? Antonio, age 9

- Pastor, I saw the sunset last Tuesday. Doesn't God know that orange and purple don't go together? Sean, age 8
- Pastor, Was the first commandment when Eve told Adam to eat the apple? Judy, age 10
- Pastor, I liked your sermon on Sunday – especially when it was over. Marie, age 7