

Hart Beat

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

Day Month 2019

Hart to Heart

- Save the Date: October 19th. That's the date of the CNYBA Annual Meeting. I don't want anybody to inadvertently schedule a previous engagement. The meeting will be held somewhere in the Syracuse area and will have a missions theme. There's no reason why we couldn't have 100 in attendance at the annual meeting. There is value in associating.
- Bruce Aubrey, senior pastor at **Northside, Liverpool**, is still hospitalized. The latest diagnosis is meningitis. Let's continue lifting this brother up in prayer.
- Gary Culver, pastor at **Emory Chapel, Barton**, is still battling bone cancer. He's still preaching on Sunday, but it is becoming increasingly difficult. On June 23rd I'll be preaching at **Emory Chapel** and then after the regular service, leading an anointing prayer service for Pastor Gary and a couple other people in the church, as instructed in James 5:14. Let's continue lifting this brother up in prayer.
- I believe I mentioned a couple weeks ago that we had a response to my call for a volunteer to take over the oversight of our CNYBA block party and tent trailer ministry. John Mark Bray, retired military son of Pastor Waylen Bray @ **Stamford BC**, has answered the call. Effective immediately he will be in charge of all things CNYBA trailers. His contact information is as follows: Email john.bray1964@gmail.com and Phone 607-651-4031. If your church would like to use these resources, please contact him directly.
- I am learning about a New York state law that requires EVERY organization (including churches) to have a plan for dealing with sexual harassment. There are human resource companies who will do the training for you – for a fee, or you can go to a state government web site and download everything you need to meet the requirement for free. Our Insurance agent is in the process of getting that information to me. When I get it, I'll pass it along. As I understand it, ALL staff, pay or volunteer, must have this training and be aware of the organization's plan to deal with sexual harassment, should it ever occur. This is just one of a number of things we should be doing as churches to protect ourselves against lawsuits. Claiming that "it will never happen here" is not an acceptable plan.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** held their monthly Bless-a-Business Sunday at the Apple Kitchen, located at The Shoppes at Johnny Appleseed! Dan Schallmo is Pastor

- **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** has finished the Prayer Driving (since this is a rural area) of every road and street within the three mile radius of our meeting place. Every family living in the 3 mile radius area has been prayed for verbally - and not far from their front door. The challenge now will be to visit each of those 300 + homes with a personal introduction to OBF and the gospel. Ed Hart is Pastor.
- I am always looking for information about our churches to pass on to our other churches via this newsletter. If something is being planned or has already happened at your church, please let me know. People love to hear about what is happening around CNYBA.
- On Sunday past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Beacon Light, Vernon**, where Rickey Fuller has been Pastor since May 2002. In the special business meeting that followed the morning worship service, the congregation voted to cease operations effective at the end of May.
- Next Monday (May 27th) is Memorial Day. Lyn, the Boys, and I will leave on Memorial Day on a three week vacation. We'll be meeting my brother and his wife down at The Ark Encounter in KY, then going on up to Omaha, NE to visit a couple days with my sister, who is in the midst the chemo part of the treatment plan to fight pancreatic and kidney cancer, and then we'll go on up through Minnesota to visit the church we planted there, as well as our "surrogate" daughter and her kids, whom we haven't seen in 5 years or so. But not to worry. I will have my phone and my computer with me, so I will be in touch" as we travel – mostly every other day. Feel free to call, text, or email as usual.

This Week in Preview

- Wed (22nd) Meeting at the pole barn with new CNYBA Trailer Coordinator.
- Thurs (23rd) Open Bible Fellowship, at the Antique Mall in Catatonk

Missionary of the Week

- [Today](#) we're going to pray for two of our missionaries serving in a country in Southeast Asia that we will not name. And we are using made-up names for the missionaries because we don't want them thrown out of the country or worse because we talked too openly. Missions is dangerous in many places and this is one of those. We'll call them Clay and Amy. Have you ever thought about what people believe before they believe in Jesus? In much of Asia, they believe in spirits. They believe spirits are evil and are always trying to hurt people. Where our missionaries serve, that's the way most people are. A man we'll call Ketoot was a welder by trade. He was scared to death of spirits. He made offerings and prayed to the spirits, fearing they would hurt him. When Clay and Amy told this

man God loves him, has a plan for his life and sent Jesus to die for him, Ketoot was interested. As a test, he quit giving the spirits offerings - and nothing happened. He became a follower of Jesus Christ. His fear went away. A year later, his wife was saved. Some of our church's Cooperative Program dollars find their way to Clay and Amy all the way over in Southeast Asia. So we rejoice with them when we hear victory stories like this. Let's ask God to bless them and their ministry and let's ask God that thousands and thousands of people will turn from evil spirits to the one true God of love!

Have You Heard This One?

- The Sunday School teacher had spent three weeks teaching the story of the prodigal son to her second grade class. She wanted to make sure the children understood every important point of the story – including the resentful brother, the loving and forgiving father, and so on. As she was quizzing her class, she came to this question: “Now children, out of all the characters in the story, who was not at all happy to see the prodigal son returning home?” “I know, I know,” shouted sweet little Marianna. “It was the fatted calf.”