

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- Lyn and I want to express a BIG thank you for the vacation trip love offering put together by our CNYBA moderator, Bill Lower. It was totally unexpected and such a surprise! Since our churches do such a great job with a Christmas gift offering each year, we were blown away with this “special gift offering” from three of our churches. While it is a joy and privilege to serve the Pastors and churches of CNYBA, we offer an extra expression of thanksgiving to **West Hill, Living Water, and Summit Churches** for this over-and-above expression of care and generosity.
- Please continue to be in prayer for our brother Pastor Bruce Aubrey (**Northside, Liverpool**), who continues to be hospitalized with meningitis. Progress has been, and will be, slow. His daughter posted yesterday “Pray that dad continues to respond to treatment and his therapy. Pray for the pressure on his brain to be relieved. Pray for comfort and peace from the Father as he becomes increasingly aware of what he has been through. And lastly, pray for each other. We urge you to draw near to each other and draw near to the Father, and we thank you deeply for interceding on our behalf.”
- **Casa de Paz** is moving. Even before their founding as a church in July of last year, they were meeting for Bible studies in the facilities of **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse**. When they began having Sunday worship services they began to meet at 2 PM at TNC. Now they are moving into their own facilities at 800 North Salina in Syracuse. In the past 10 months they have established three small groups and have baptized 14 people, with two more awaiting baptism in the summer (if it ever gets here). They have been prayer walking and plan an August back to school block party. They are remodeling their new space and should be in it well before their first anniversary service on July 7th. Alex Rivera is Pastor.
- **West Hill, Ithaca** will move their morning worship service to Taughannock Falls Park State Park on June 2nd. There they plan a worship service, a fellowship meal, and a baptismal service for at least seven candidates. Bill Lower is Pastor.
- **Renovation, North Syracuse** was serving North Syracuse on Saturday past by helping to set up for the Family Festival, hosted by The Gathering Place. Mike Mazzye is Pastor.

- **Inlet CC** enjoyed a fellowship luncheon following morning worship on Sunday. Phil Huber is Pastor.
- On Wednesday past I met John Mark Bray, and his wife Carine, at the CNYBA pole barn on the property of **North Fenton BC**. As I mentioned previously, John Mark is taking over the task of seeing after the CNYBA trailers – block party, tents, & scaffolding. He will be handling everything regarding the trailers, including scheduling their use. If you wish to reserve the use of one or more of these resources contact John Mark at john.bray1964@gmail.com or via phone at 607-651-4031.
- On Friday morning past I met with our CNYBA moderator, Bill Lower, over breakfast. We are fortunate to have such a fine young man and pastor serving our churches. Bro. Bill will be leading a team from **West Hill, Ithaca** on a church building mission trip to Tennessee in June. His wife Chris is retiring from her school district job at the end of May and they will be making this mission trip together, pulling their new camper.
- **Save the Date: October 19th.** That's the date of the CNYBA Annual Meeting. 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.
- On Sunday past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Emmanuel, Cortland**, where Jim Hundley has been pastor since April 1991. Thanks to Pastor Jim for asking me to share a few words about CNYBA with the folks.
- As I mentioned previously, we were supposed to leave on vacation On Memorial Day, but the best laid plans of mice and men On Friday past we went to the DMV and got the registration sticker for the camper. When I got ready to affix the sticker on Saturday it was nowhere to be found. So, we'll be leaving on Tuesday morning instead – right after another trip to DMV.
- Franklin Graham has called for a special day of prayer for President Trump on June 2nd. Over 250 other religious leaders in America have signed on the request.
- Franklin Graham's Decision America Northeast Tour will be in Syracuse on May 30th. The event is being held at 7:30 PM in the Lakeview Amphitheater at *490 Restoration Way*.

This Week in Preview

- Sun (26th) ANV Sam & Darlene Macri (P&W @ Grace Point, Whitesboro)

- Mon (27th) Memorial Day
- Tues (28th) BD Lyn Hart & daughter Robyn Hart
- Fri (31st) BD Francis DeGarmo (former PW @ Jefferson BC)

June Ministry Anniversaries

- Ed Hart – Director of Missions since June 1996
- Tim Bissell – Church Planting Catalyst since June 2004
- Charles Matthews – Pastor @ Church Street, Elmira since June 2010

Missionary of the Week

- Today we're going to Canada. Montreal is Canada's second largest city that sits in Quebec Province on the St. Lawrence River, just north of Burlington, Vermont. It's officially French-speaking but most locals seem comfortable speaking French or English. It's a beautiful city many American tourists visit each year. But the most important fact for us [Today](#) is this - out of about four million people who live in Greater Montreal, 99.3 percent are without Christ, unchurched, lost. Today we want to pray for two of our missionaries, James and Albi Copeland, who serve there. Part of the support they need to live and serve in Canada comes from our church's Cooperative Program dollars we give each month. They moved to Montreal with their four young children and started Renaissance Church in the Little Burgundy [section](#) of the city, not far from the river. Getting to know people and sharing the Gospel are slow matters here. When James and Albi met Michael, he said he did not believe in God at all. But he started attending the church. A year later Michael asks questions about God but has not yet made a life commitment. Today let's pray for James and Albi and their family and for the growing number of believers in their church. And let's pray for the people they meet like Michael who believe nothing, yet desperately need a Savior!

Have You Heard This One?

Top ten things you don't want to hear from your real estate agent when you go to settlement on your new home:

1. "I think unexplained crop circles add a unique flair to any home's garden."
2. "Actually, it's only the rear portion of the yard that overlaps the ancient Indian burial ground."
3. "Yes, the last owner did donate the house to the Hell's Angels, but I'm told that the judge has ordered them not to come within 50 feet of it."
4. "One bleeding mirror doesn't necessarily mean it's haunted."
5. "Your neighbor has assured me that, technically, they're not 'killer' bees."

6. "Even if there was a full-scale mudslide, it's unlikely that it would reach as far back as your property."
7. "It's quite common for roaches to grow that big even when not in the presence of radioactivity."
8. "Did you know that the punk band "Grave Robber" holds their practice sessions right next door?"
9. "It's true that they died in the house, but the prosecutor was never actually able to prove it was murder."
10. "You can barely hear the sheet metal factory at night."