

Hart Beat

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

- Pastor Bruce Aubrey (**Northside, Liverpool**) was rushed to the hospital with numbness on his left side and slurred speech late on Saturday past. After several tests of various kinds it was determined that he had experienced a TIA (mini stroke). He remained in the hospital until today. He is now recuperating at home. Let's continue praying for our brother, his family, and his church family.
- On Saturday past the CNYBA Mid-year Meeting was held at **Newark BFC**, with 10 churches represented. The theme was various ways of sharing your faith – from camp ministry, to unique outreach efforts, to “Who’s Your One”, to www.blesseveryhome.com, to short term mission trips, to disaster relief. During the business session we approved two recommendations from the Leadership Team - 1) That we continue to support Kate Bartholomew at the rate of \$100 per month as she changes roles from Director of the International Learning Center to Assistant to the Student Ministry Director (Devon Bartholomew) at Syracuse University. And 2) That we agree to help the SBC churches of St. Thomas and St. John, Virgin Islands as much as we can over the next several years.
- If you did not attend the Mid-year Meeting and would like to see the Book of Reports, it is posted on the CNYBA web site (www.cnyba.org) under the information tab/book of reports. The last three pages of the Book of Reports contain short term mission projects we found on the recent vision tour to the Virgin Islands.
- During my DOM report on Saturday last I mentioned the fact that with the responsibilities of the association plus the demands of the church we're planting, I was feeling the need to take some things off my plate. I've already resigned as Disaster Relief Coordinator for CNYBA & TIBA and am looking for a volunteer to take over our trailer ministries – block party, tents, and scaffolding. Well, a response came this morning. 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.
- **West Hill, Ithaca**'s youth group went to a local nursing home on Palm Sunday (April 14th) to spend time with people who are shut in and to help the adults with the Sunday afternoon service WHCC does once a month at the nursing home. The youth made wordless beads bracelets for everyone and. In the process, shared the gospel by explaining the meaning of the color of the beads. > On April 20th they did a local outreach at Taughannock State Park to assist 'Trumansburg Takes On Pediatric Cancer', a local not-for-profit that helps children who have cancer and their families. Because the weather was damp and wet only about 300 children show up for the Easter Egg Hunt. Many connections were made with families at

this event. > On Easter Sunday morning West Hill had a full house with about 140 in attendance. They served their annual Easter breakfast and gave each child and family a free gift. > During the Saturday outreach and Easter service they gave away about 125-150 smoke Detectors. > On April 27th they held a church spring cleaning event. Yesterday they received three people, who were recently baptized, as members. Bill Lower is Pastor.

- **Starpoint, Clifton Park** is planning a spiritual pilgrimage to Israel in February of 2020! If you are interested in going and would like to know more, contact Pastor Roscoe Lilly at 518-371-2811.
- **Korean Vestal** is planning their annual mission trip to Honduras, which is scheduled for Cambodia in a couple of weeks. Daniel Song is Pastor.
- On Monday past I enjoyed breakfast with our CNYBA Moderator, Pastor Bill Lower. We discussed the agenda for the Mid-year Meeting, which was held on Saturday past. I was also able to hear his heart regarding the ministry he is leading at **West Hill, Ithaca**. I predict good things from the Lord at WHCC.
- On Tuesday I had a chiropractor's appointment to help get me over the mission trip to Puerto Rico, so I attended the Praxis Project Team meeting via phone. PTL for technology that makes it easier to be in two places at once – or nearly at once – in spite of miles.
- I spent the better part of Wednesday getting ready for **Open Bible Fellowship**, which occurs on Thursday evenings. There's not much in life I enjoy more than preparing to teach God's Word – unless it's actually teaching it.
- On Thursday evening Lyn and I worshiped with our church family at **Open Bible Fellowship**, which meets at the Bostwick Antique Mall in Catatonk. I enjoyed teaching from Genesis 24 regarding the story of Isaac and Rebekah as we work our way chronologically through the Bible. We have recently begun streaming the Bible study part of our meeting live on Facebook. If you would like to look in some Thursday evening around 7:15, find Open Bible Fellowship @ the Antique Mall at Bostwick's and click on join the page button. I think you can view the previous sessions without joining the page.
- On Saturday, or course, we spent all day at the Mid-year Meeting and fellowship afterward. The fellowship at the two main meetings of CNYBA each year is sweet. Let me encourage you to save the date of October 19th on your calendar. That's the date of the 2019 CNYBA Annual Meeting, which was set last October at our annual meeting. Put it on your calendar now so you don't inadvertently schedule something else on that day. The October meeting will be held somewhere in the Syracuse area and will have a missions theme. The exact location will be

announced later. I believe there is value in the local association. We have only two “ya’ll come” meetings a year. You will be blessed by attending either one or both these meetings.

- Yesterday Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks **Korean, Vestal**, where Daniel Song has been Pastor since July 2005.
- I finally got to mow my yard today! I thought I was going to have to sow some wild rice, it was so wet. PTL for sunshine and warmer weather – at least on Monday.

This Week in Preview

- Sun (5th) BD Kristen Hallenbeck (PW @ Bellewood, North Syracuse)
- Sun (5th) BD Milt Kornegay (Pastor @ Central, Syracuse)
- Wed (8th) Emory BC coffee hour @ 6 PM

Missionary of the Week

- Picture Las Vegas, Nevada. What images come to mind? Bright lights, casinos, Sin City? All that is there, but here's what we want to focus on today - about two million people live in the Greater Las Vegas area and 92 percent of them do not know Jesus Christ as Savior. What do we call a place where people do not know about Jesus? We call it a mission field. And we send missionaries to a mission field, don't we? That's why we have sent a number of church-planting missionaries to Las Vegas, including Heiden and Neena Rather - we're going to pray for them today. Our church gives through the Cooperative Program and part of that money is supporting them even this month. They have planted a new church called WALK Church, which currently meets in a school just off Interstate 215, south of the Las Vegas airport. But a lot of their ministry happens in teams as they meet in homes during the week. Teams focus their outreach on groups like hotel workers or young people. Let's pray for Heiden and Neena, that their new church will be one of many new churches that will sprout up across Las Vegas. Let's be bold and pray that Sin City can one day be called Forgiven By Jesus City!

Have You Heard This One?

- Today I was at the local home improvement store purchasing a few bags of gardening soil. As I waited in line to pay for my bags of dirt. A guy behind me spoke up; “You gonna do some planting?” I turned to him and, with a very serious face, said “No, I’m buying my land back one bag at a time and I’m getting a receipt this time.” The shocked look on his face was priceless.