

## **Hart Beat**

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

**24 June 2019**

### **Hart to Heart**

- I'm a little late with the Update this week. Had a computer issue.
- Looks like summer may have arrived after all. PTL
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** has announced that beginning in August, the new Pastor of The Neighborhood Church will be Upstate NY native and long-time Syracuse local, Bob Harris. Bob has been with TNC since the very beginning. Current Pastor Ronnie Wyatt will be moving back to NC to plant another church similar to TNC.
- **Inlet CC** had a "going away party" after services on Sunday past to say farewell to Wende Swick (formerly Wende Woods), who has served as Director of Children's Ministry for the past two years. She is moving with her new husband to Middleport. They will have a special business meeting on Sunday, June 30, following the morning service, to vote on a recommendation from their search committee to hire April Hance to take over for Wende and fill the position of Director of Children's Ministry. She is a current member, already involved in the children's ministry, and has an extensive background in education and childcare. On July 14<sup>th</sup> they will have a baptismal service. Phil Huber is Pastor.
- **Bellewood, North Syracuse** plans VBS for July 15-19. Matt Hallebeck is Pastor.
- **Stamford BC** plans a reading and hearing of the book of Revelation on Sunday, July 14, 5-7 PM. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- I know it's a long way off, but I wanted to let you know about a special opportunity for CNYBA. Lyn and I want to invite you to join us for an incredible weekend of fellowship, inspirational teaching, and powerful worship at the 2020 Todd Starnes Getaway! Get ready to experience church camp for grownups! Sit by the giant fireplace or on the expansive porch, be inspired and challenged, eat great food, fellowship with other believers from all across the country, and take in the majestic view of God's handiwork!

The Todd Starnes Fall Getaway will be held **Oct. 23-25, 2020** on the beautiful grounds of the Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove in Asheville, NC. This exciting weekend begins on Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon.

Dennis Swanberg, the Minister of Encouragement, will be the keynote speaker for the weekend. The Erwins, one of the top groups in Southern Gospel music will be our worship leaders and provide special music throughout the weekend.

The food is incredible! Meals included throughout the duration of the weekend are dinner Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday morning prior to checkout. The food is served buffet-style. It's all you can eat -- and you are going to be filled to the brim!

The weekend will consist of 5 jam packed sessions that will sure to be a blessing. Check-in for the getaway will open at 3:00pm on Friday, October 23, 2020 and kicks off at the Training Center with dinner at 6:15 PM. A final schedule of all activities will be sent the first week of October 2020. You can expect for the getaway to conclude by 12:30pm on Sunday, October 25, 2020 following session 5. Dress is casual all weekend.

I have become friends with Todd since he spoke at one of our CNYBA Mid-year Meetings a couple of years ago. He has graciously agreed to give folks that sign up as part of the CNYBA Group a discount. The discount will apply only to double occupancy.

To get the discount, click on the link below, click on the green Register button, and then scroll down to the bottom of the registration categories to CNYBA Group. As far as I know, registering through our group is the only way to get the group discount.

If you have any trouble registering, just let me know and I can help walk you through it.

[Todd Starnes' 2020 Fall Getaway at the Cove in Asheville, NC](#)

- On Sunday past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Emory Chapel, Barton**, where I had been invited to preach, followed by an anointing & prayer for healing service as described in James 5:14. 11 people, including Pastor Gary Culver and his wife, had asked to be included. Certainly a first for me, but a great sense of the presence of the Lord in the service. Lary Hyde, assistant pastor at **Living Water, Owego**, came along to observe but was pressed into service to help with the praying. As I anointed each person with oil, he or I lifted that individual person up to the Lord in prayer. May the Lord add His blessing to our attempt to follow the instructions in His Word.

### **This Week in Preview**

- 23<sup>rd</sup> BD Jeff O'Brien – AP @ Northside, Liverpool
- 27<sup>th</sup> Open Bible Fellowship

## **Missionary of the Week**

- Today we want to pray for a Christian family in one of those countries in East Asia that is closed to missionaries - the government there does not allow churches to do much. Our missionaries who serve in this country have to work quietly as they share the Gospel and train Christian leaders. They have to find creative ways for the Gospel to go forth. Recently our missionaries have been working with a man we'll call Peter Lee, and of course that's not his real name. Peter and his young family were sent to this East Asian country to plan new churches among the refugees who have come to [escape](#) the violence in their [home](#) country. Because of the difficult conditions in this country, Peter must [start](#) a [business](#) in [order](#) to both make a living and also have a reason to continue living here. Today let's pray for Peter and his family - that the Lord will keep them safe so they can keep serving. And let's pray for our missionaries we are supporting there. Even though we are not speaking their names today, the Lord knows them, for He has called them to this place of service. Remember that, because our church supports missions through the Cooperative Program, we are supporting missionaries across East Asia, even in some very dangerous places.

## **Have You Heard This One?**

- Pastor Chris pleaded with the congregation to dig deeper for the offering. "Drawing a halo over Abe Lincoln's head doesn't make the five go any further."
- When asked how the membership drive was going, Pastor Lary said, "many are called, but pews are open."
- Pastor Ed said, "Some folks spend the first six days of the week sowing wild oats, then go to church on Sunday and pray for a crop failure."