

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

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Hart to Heart

- The 2019 annual Meeting of Central New York Baptist Association will be hosted by **Casa de Paz, Syracuse** on Saturday, October 19th from 9:45 to Noonish with a Chick-Fil-A catered lunch to follow. The address of the church's new location is 800 North Salina in Syracuse. MARK YOUR CALENDAR.
- A couple months ago I reported that every organization in New York State is now required to have a sexual harassment prevention policy in place by the end of the year. Below are some links where you can find templates for acceptable policies. If you have questions, our insurance guy will be happy to answer your questions, and if necessary meet with your church to explain and advise.

[Model policy statement - PDF format](#)

[Sexual harassment prevention poster \(optional\) - Word format](#)

[Minimum standards for sexual harassment prevention policies](#)

[Sexual harassment prevention toolkit for employers](#)

- **Clyde BC** conducted a bake sale on August 15th to raise funds to send youth to the Kingdom Bound event. Al Weaver is now Pastor.
- **Good News, Waverly** is planning a special service for Saturday September 7th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. The theme is "Hope for the Nation" and will include special music, prayer and a message for the Church. John Talada is Pastor.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** will host the Singing Churchman from Columbus, MS on Tuesday September 3rd at 7:00PM as part of their Pastor Encouragement tour through New Jersey, New England, and New York! All are welcome to attend. There will be coffee and deserts following the performance. > On Friday September 6th at 7:00PM they will be hosting a Beautiful Mess night of Refuge worship. This is a para church ministry they have partnered up with for the last three years or so. Their Mission statement is "Unify in music, Mobilize in mission." Churches from all over the Syracuse area gather together to worship God in music then work together implementing outreach / missions projects around the city. Lakeshore is currently partnered up with the Connected Church on the Southside near Salina and Colvin Street. They pass out Blessing Bags and pray with people once a month. > On Saturday September 7th from 1:00PM - 3:30PM they will be hosting a community block party with the help of the CNYBA Block Party trailer. With an assist from Beautiful Mess and the United Methodist Church in Liverpool, they will be busing folks up from the City to participate.

They are also using this event as a follow up to their VBS! Mike McMahon is Pastor.

- **Three Pines, Doraville** baptized 9 Sunday before last. Mike Brown is Pastor.
- **Jefferson BC** will have a baptismal service on Sunday, Sept 8, followed by a fellowship meal. Frank Adams is Pastor.
- Nearly 4,500 students attended Syracuse University over the summer, compared to the 23,000 that attend during the academic year, when most student activities and university sponsored programming happens. This summer, **Baptist Campus Ministry** hosted two summer picnics, one welcoming new students arriving for the mid-summer session, and the other celebrating the close of summer courses. They were excited to host 130 students for Part I and around 60 for Part II. Most attendees were first-time visitors, and expressed an interest in learning more about fall programming, which Devon & Kate Bartholomew (our missionaries to students on the campus of Syracuse University) have been working on all summer. **Baptist Campus Church** resumed Sunday worship services on Sunday past.
- I have posted the latest Missions Report from Rick & Donna Martin, our missionaries in Peru. You can read their report on our CNYBA web site (www.cnyba.org) under the Information Center tab/Missions Report.
- On Monday past Lyn and I celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary. The Lord has been good to us over these years and we feel blessed to be able to continue serving Him and His people.
- On Sunday past I celebrated my 75th birthday doing what I love to do – preach. I was privileged once again to fill the pulpit for Frank Adams, Pastor at **Jefferson BC**. Lyn and I always enjoy our time with these good folks.
- On the way home from the day's activities, we stopped off at Cracker Barrel and picked up our anniversary/birthday presents to each other – a pair of matching rockers for the front porch. Now to find time to use them.
- Following the service at Jefferson I delivered two hot water heaters (reclaimed from the remodel of the BCNY Disaster Relief Shower/Laundry Unit) to **Stamford BC** for use at their church camp facility in Maryland, NY.
- On Sunday evening Lyn and I enjoyed a time of fellowship with several folks from **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** at a local pizzeria.

This Week in Preview

- 25th BD Ed hart – CNYBA Director of Missions
- 29th BD Donna Martin – Missionary to Peru

Missionary of the Week

We know that our six Southern Baptist seminaries are important because they prepare pastors and missionaries for lifetimes of ministry. That's why our church supports them through our Cooperative Program giving and that helps keep tuition low. Today we want to pray for one of the graduates of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, which is in Louisville, Kentucky. After John Folmar graduated from Southern he served for several years with a church in Washington, DC. Then in 2005 he made a big move - about 7,300 miles away, in fact. He became pastor of the United Christian Church in Dubai (say DUE-bye), a city in the Middle East that is located beside the Persian Gulf. It is part of the United Arab Emirates. The church's members include people from more than 50 nations, people who have come to live and work in Dubai. The main religion in Dubai, of course, is Islam. So serving here presents many legal concerns and restrictions. But John tells the church that the worst thing that could happen would be that their Christian witness have no impact on local people. Let's pray now that God would keep John safe for continued service, because he is in a place where the Gospel is desperately needed. Let's ask God to bless this church for the same reason.

Have You Heard This One?

Three men worked in the Empire State Building on the 102nd floor. One day the elevator was out of service, so they had to walk up to their office. To pass the time, they decided that one would sing a song, one would tell a joke, and the third would tell a sad story - each taking a turn every floor until they reached the top. Finally, as they reached the 100th floor, one man sang his last song. As they reached the 101st floor, the second guy told his last joke. As they ascended the flight to the 102nd floor, the third man said, "I forgot the key."