

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- As you probably know, I spent a week with my sister, Marie, before, during, and after a lengthy cancer surgery in Omaha, NE. I am thrilled to report that she is doing better than was expected. During the first week after surgery she has moved from ICU to PCU and on Thursday past (one week to the day after surgery) she moved from the hospital to a rehab center. Thank you for being part of the prayer team that has been and is still praying for her complete recovery. Her goal is to be back home in Arkansas for Christmas.
- All of a sudden we are moving into fall. And that means we are moving closer to the annual meeting of Central New York Baptist Association. The meeting will be held on October 19 at **Casa de Paz, Syracuse** beginning at 9:45 AM and ending at Noonish with lunch catered by Chick-fil-a. Our missionary speakers this year will be Rick and Donna Martin, our missionaries to Peru. Rick is a twice former pastor in our association and we support him and Donna through our CYBA budget.
- We still need at least 9 more volunteers for our CNYBA Association sponsored Mission Trip to St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands set for December 31 through January 7. At least one of those should be a cook. We will be working with Pastor Robert Nelson and the Bivonia Baptist Church doing VBS in an apartment complex and painting the outside of the church building. I am working to keep the cost down to a minimum. If we can use one of the church vans on the island, the cost will be \$150 per person plus air fare. If not, the cost will be slightly higher. I should know about this soon. Of course the sooner air fare is purchased the cheaper it will be. Let me know if you'd like to be on the team – either as a VBS worker, a painter/repairman, or a cook. Email or text me ASAP.
- **Northside, Liverpool** welcomed their Pastor, Dr. Bruce Aubrey, was back to the pulpit week-end before last after a lengthy absence due to illness. His new sermon series is entitled "Journey to Healing". Northside will host the 50th Annual Meeting of the Baptist Convention of New York on September 22 & 23. You can register for the annual meeting at www.bcnysbc.org. Immediately following they will host the 2019 Keep the Fire Burning Conference, a ministry begun in 2011 at Northside designed to encourage pastors and church leaders from throughout the northeast and beyond. O.S. Hawkins, James Merritt and David Smith will speak during the conference. The conference is 9:30-noon on Tuesday and Wednesday morning and 6:30 to 9:00 in the evenings. *You can still register at northsideonline.org or ktfbny.com.*

- **Starpoint, Clifton Park** will hold Fourth Annual COLOR WAR on Sunday September 22nd where students (grades 6-12) will be wear all white and have an all-out Color War - playing games and covering their friends and leaders in powder paint! Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- **Open Bible Fellowship, Candor** has initiated a Care Group Ministry. We had Care Group Leader Orientation last night at the Candor Fire Hall. Initially we will have 5 Care Groups, in addition to the Pastor's Care Group made up of the Care Group Leaders. Each group will have some regular attenders, some irregular/non attenders, and some snow birds.
- **Baptist Campus Church @ Syracuse University** baptized one on Sunday past. Devon Bartholomew is Pastor.
- John DePugh, Pastor @ **Newark Baptist Fellowship Church** had a heart cauterization this past week. Test went well. The procedure open up a small blockage. He is home with several days of restrictions, will be put back on cholesterol medication, and must lose weight. Prayers appreciated.
- **Faith, Oneida** is trying to start a CEF Good News Club. Bob Teachout is Pastor.
- On Sunday past Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Clyde BC**, where Al Weaver has been pastor since October 2018. They had, what I believe was, the largest attendance I recall ever seeing at Clyde. Pastor Al has been busy remodeling the church building. I was impressed with the new flooring in the sanctuary and fellowship hall, the finished window trim in the auditorium, and the fresh paint everywhere. The Sanctuary and the fellowship hall were clean and uncluttered. Work continues on other parts of the building. I predict a great future for this small congregation.
- After service they happen to be having a fellowship lunch. Of course we stayed and enjoyed great fellowship. One of the guys had a banjo and an extra guitar. Pastor Al is a real guitar player. I was persuaded to use the extra guitar and we had quite a lengthy "jam session" after lunch, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I hadn't played in some time, but I think I'll get my guitar out and get it tuned up.

This Week in Preview

- 15th BD Tim Bissell – Church Planting Catalyst
- 20th ANV Pedro & Ana Abreu – P&W @ Transformation, Syracuse

Missionary of the Week

Our missionary prayer time today is taking us to Malden, Massachusetts, which is roughly five miles north of Boston. About 60,000 people live in Malden and more than a third of them were born outside the United States. Our missionaries, Dan and Caroline Ko, have moved to Malden with their four young children to plant Seven Mile Road Church. They meet in a school on Salem Street, in the northwestern part of the city. Like the city, members of the church have come from all over the world. It's a poor [area](#), where many of the high school kids get just one meal a day at home, plus whatever [free food](#) they get at school. Overall, Massachusetts has few believers - many towns have no evangelical church. Dan and Caroline [agree](#) the spiritual climate is cold, but they insist that - with lots of time - people can still be reached for Christ. They spent four years being friends with Bobby, one of their neighbors born and bred in Boston. They talked often and invited him to church over and over, until one day he finally came. He kept coming back! He brought his wife, who invited her sister, Karen, who invited Angela and so on - and they all accepted Jesus Christ as Savior. Baptists have sent many church-planting missionaries to the Greater Boston area - and we're helping [support](#) all of them through the Cooperative Program, including Dan and Caroline. Just think - our church is helping lives be turned inside out in Malden, Massachusetts through the power of the Gospel! Now, let's pray especially for Dan and Caroline.

Have You Heard This One?

When my wife and I arrived at a car dealership to pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. 'Hey,' I announced to the technician, 'its open!' His reply, 'I know. I already did that side.'