

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Next Sunday is Time Change Sunday – fall back
- There will be a free showing of the movie, “God’s Not Dead” on Friday, Nov. 21 @ 7 PM at Agape Church in the Best Western Inn in Johnson City. This is an opportunity to see this Christian film and support Guy Newman and the Agape Church plant. I’ve been talking with Pastor Guy for some time and have preached at Agape. Lyn and I are planning to attend this movie night.
- For the past couple of weeks I have been fighting through what I thought was a head cold. It turns out to be a sinus issue that turned into bronchitis. I finally saw the doctor and got some cough medicine and some antibiotics and thought I was on the mend. But Friday afternoon I took a turn for the worst and have been extremely exhausted and coughing without relief. I plan to see the doctor again as early this week as possible.
- On Wednesday evening and Thursday morning I was able to attend the viewing and funeral service for Luke Flannery, the 31 year old son of Mike & Beverly Flannery, who died suddenly last Saturday. Mike is Director of Missions in Frontier Baptist Association (Buffalo area). Please lift this family up in your prayers for the next few weeks as they adjust to this new normal for their lives.
- Lyn and I worshipped at home today. She convinced me that I needed to stay in and try to get ready for a full schedule this coming week. We worshipped with Dr. David Jeremiah and the folks at Shadow Mountain Community Church via television.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Northside, Liverpool** finished the three-week series entitled, Game Changer. They have also added Scott LeClair to the staff as Community Connections and LIFE Groups Coordinator. The LeClairs have been members at Northside for the past seven years. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- **Missio University, Syracuse** recently had a booth at the Westcott Cultural Fair for the second year in a row. They now have 3 missional communities meeting in the university area. Their plan is to continue to see

these groups grow and multiply into every neighborhood in the area. Currently they are identifying/evaluating leadership for each of these groups. One of their groups is hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for international students. Brandon Owen is Church Planter/Pastor.

- **Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM), Syracuse** has been welcoming new students, who are settling in and finding a community and family in BCM. On October 14, they came together for a family dinner. They sat together, ate a hearty meal, and enjoyed each other's company. Student Ministry Director, Devon Bartholomew, used that time to give an update about those who have graduated from BCM and are now serving around the world. He also announced the 2015 Spring Break mission trips to NYC, Long Island, and Alaska! I may have to see if I can tag along on the Alaska trip!
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** currently has two Somali refugees visiting the Bible Study. They hope to begin a Somali church.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 29th BD Billie Winskie (CNYBA Treasurer for the past 18 years)
- 29th Discipleship Class @ Agape, Norwich
- 30th Coffee with new pastor @ Canastota
- 30th Lunch with church planters in Westmoreland
- 31st BD Rickey Fuller – Pastor @ Beacon Light, Vernon
- 1st BD Waylen Bray – Pastor @ Stamford BC
- 1st ANV Yong & Soon Rhee – P&W @ River of Joy, Syracuse

➡ **November Ministry Anniversaries**

- Waylen Bray – Pastor @ Stamford BC since Nov 1977
- Roger Knapton – Pastor @ Clyde BC since Nov 2005
- Calvin Stedge – Pastor @ Maryland BC since Nov 2011

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- **Discovering the Unreached**
(Paraguay) God took missionaries STEVE and MARILYN HAINES on a winding route to their current assignment in Paraguay. When first considering missions, they had a heart for Europe. But God sent them to Costa Rica, and then to Colombia, where they adopted twin girls, Rachel and Rebecca. In 1991, they went to the Ukraine to work with a seminary and plant churches. Then God led them to Paraguay to reach the 20,000

Ukrainians living there. God even moved them into a German community. Today they lead efforts to discover the unreached people groups of Paraguay. Gifts through the Cooperative Program provide the means for missionaries to follow God wherever He leads.

- **Setting the Imprisoned Free In Christ**

(Oklahoma) DON WILLIAMS is a North American missionary serving the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma as Criminal Justice Ministry Coordinator. Our commitment to mission giving through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® helps Don and his wife, LORI, engage, encourage and equip Oklahoma Southern Baptist volunteers to reach more than 25,000 people incarcerated in the state's 24 prisons and 77 county jails. Pray for the safety of Don and the volunteers who serve God inside prisons, and for many lives to be transformed by the power of the Gospel.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position. As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, 'Relatives of yours?' 'Yep,' the wife replied, 'in-laws.'