

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Rickey Fuller, Pastor @ **Beacon Light, Vernon** was scheduled to have hip replacement surgery in the morning, but that has been postponed. The last word I had was that we should know something in the morning about when the surgery will be. Let's lift our brother, his family, and his church family up in prayer just now.
- I find myself back in the role of pastor – albeit interim. This is a role I have known all of my adult life. For the past 18 1/2 years I have not been active in the roles except in short periods when I'm serving one of our CNYBA church as interim pastor. From my perspective, I am more honored to serve in this role than in any other ministry role. To be the messenger of God to one of His churches is an awesome honor – one that that comes with a tremendous responsibility. Honor your pastor. Lift him up in prayer. He carries a much heavier load than most church members realize. Watch your inbox for a HART BEAT Addendum regarding Seven Myths About a Pastor's Workweek.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with our new temporary church family at **Emory Chapel, Waverly**. Getting to know these sweet folks is going to be a joy. Some we have known for a while through our relationship with the Chapel over the years. Some are new to us. We look forward to getting to know all of them and to helping them move to the next stage in the history of Emory Chapel.
- Tonight, I started a nine week Discipleship Class at **Emory Chapel, Waverly**.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** had their Children's Christmas Play last Sunday morning, Christmas Caroling on Tuesday evening past, and a Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday evening past. They plan a Work Bee on the evening of January 6th to take down the Christmas tree and get the Sanctuary back to normal. They will have a Communion Service on January 11th during the morning worship time. A Fellowship Meal is planned for after service on January 18th. Ed Hart is Interim Pastor.

- **Northside, Liverpool** baptized one this week-end. They plan a Red Cross Blood Drive at their facility on January 3rd and they have a \$50,000 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.
- **Stamford BC** had a group out Christmas Caroling in the community last week and they will hear John and Dody Martin in concert next Sunday morning. They have a goal of \$400 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** had their Kids' Christmas Play last Sunday morning and Christmas Caroling last Sunday evening. They had a Christmas Eve Candlelight service on Wednesday evening past. Sam Macri is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

29th Rickey Fuller (P @ Beacon Light, Vernon) Hip Replacement surgery

30th BD Elise Bissell (Wife of Tim, NAMB Church Planting Catalyst)

1st New Year's Day

1st BD Meena Biswa (PW @ Nepali, Syracuse)

➡ **January Ministry Anniversaries**

- Dan Studt – Associate Pastor @ Northside, Liverpool since Jan 2001
- Roscoe Lilly – Pastor @ Northstar, Clifton Park since Jan 2003

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- **A Long Walk to Hear About Jesus**

(Northern Africa) Dan,* a Southern Baptist worker supported through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering sat in a hut listening to 14 men, some of whom had walked three days to hear the teaching. One man shared that his donkey ran off. He chased it down and found another farmer holding the donkey's lead. The other farmer asked, "Do you know who created this donkey?" Thus began a storied account of the Gospel, starting with the creation of the world, including donkeys. The donkey's owner heard the Gospel and accepted Jesus as Savior. Over the next three days, the two farmers pored over God's Word. Within four months, 12 households – more than 200 people – followed Christ. *Name changed.

- **Putting Marriages Back Together**

(Ohio) In the fall of 2001, RODNEY and SHANNON MILESKI didn't know if

their marriage would last. Young and unsure of where to go for help, the Mileskis turned to a local church in Dayton, Ohio. Through the ministry of North Dayton Baptist Church, the couple put their marriage back together and began a relationship with Christ. More than a decade later, the Mileskis are passing on that legacy by starting a new church, Connection Church of Carmel, which helps to strengthen families as they introduce them to Jesus. Your prayers and gifts through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® are helping the Mileskis pass on Christ-centered spiritual legacies to their church members.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- I figured that at age seven it was inevitable for my son to begin having doubts about Santa Claus. Sure enough, one day he said, "Mom, I know something about Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and the Tooth Fairy." Taking a deep breath, I asked him, "What is that?" He replied, "They're all nocturnal."