

**13 April 2014**

## **Hart to Heart**

- I'm not positive, but I believe spring has sprung! Late this afternoon, after getting in from our travels, I started back out to the car and had to stop short and call Lyn to the window. There in full color was a male pheasant – just walking on our grass porch (where a real porch will be one day). My, what a sight! I love living in the country – at least until the bear tears up my bird feeders.
- Later this afternoon we got word that one of the elderly ladies who attends the Ladies' Bible Study Lyn goes to on Mondays, was admitted to the hospital. So we headed on up to the hospital to visit for a while. Please be praying for Betty Harrington.
- From time to time someone calls or emails to say that they didn't get the newsletter that particular week. If that ever happens to you, check your spam or trash folder. Sometimes an ISP will inadvertently dump the newsletter because it thinks it is a mass mailing spam. In the meantime, you can always find the newsletter on the CNYBA web site under the Newsletter tab.
- I have posted an updated CNYBA Block Party Trailer Use Schedule and an updated CNYBA Tent Use Schedule to the web site. If you plan to use one of these resources, please check to see that I have the correct dates for your reservation.
- I spent the better part of Wednesday past at St, Joseph Hospital with the family and friends of Pastor Dan Schallmo as he underwent triple bypass surgery. I am pleased to report at this writing that he is doing fine and recuperation has begun - albeit with much pain. Please keep our brother, his family, and his church family in your prayers.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Beacon Light, Vernon**, where Rickey Fuller has been pastor since May 2002. After service we enjoyed an awesome time of fellowship with Pastor Rickey and his wife, Deanna, over lunch. Having spent more than 32 years in the pastorate, we always love opportunities to spend some quality time with a pastor and wife – just talking and laughing and hopefully leaving them a little more encouraged in the work of ministry. There is no more important position in the Kingdom than the Pastor of a local church.

- The Mars Hill (radio) Network and the apologetic ministry of James Pannafino is sponsoring a presentation by well known apologist, Ravi Zacharias, at **7:00 PM**, Tuesday, **May 27th @ North Syracuse Baptist Church** (420 S.. Main St., North Syracuse, NY 13212). Mr. Zacharias will be speaking on the call of the church to be equipped apologetically in order to address the significant issues of the 21st century. The lecture will be followed by a Q&A session with Pastor's and Church leaders.

## News From the Churches

- **Summit, Cazenovia** enjoyed Tembalami, a gospel singer from Zimbabwe, and his band of three, in concert last night. A free will offering was taken to benefit "Project it takes a Village, Inc, Chidomoyo Hospital, & Harare Hospital Maternity Ward."
- **Bellewood, North Syracuse** had a clean-up day yesterday in preparation for Easter. They had plenty to do for all age and skill levels, inside and out - from cleaning to hauling stone to touching up paint. Matt Hallenbeck is Pastor.
- **Common Grounds, Beaver Meadow** had a men's prayer and breakfast yesterday, followed by a "Church at Work" day. They went to the home of a new family who has just moved to town and into a house that had been vacant for a couple of years with a yard that was a mess. The men did cleaning and yard work for 5 hours. Here's an excerpt from a note from Pastor Mitch Mullenax – "On our way home one of the men with me observed the two other churches in our community. They were also working, but on their own buildings and grounds. He said, 'I see now what you mean by investing in body, soul and spirit not brick and mortar!' A great day. And a great lesson on "The Church Without Walls".
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** is hosting an ecumenical Holy Week Revival nightly this week, Monday through Friday. Worship starts at 7:00 PM. There will be churches from the surrounding community scheduled to serve each night. On Maundy Thursday we will have a combined worship with our Vietnamese congregation. The CHOW ministry of Cornerstone has increased within the last four month from feeding fifty families to almost two hundred families. Families are being added weekly. The Small Groups ministry kicked-off last month with four groups located throughout the tri-cities, these groups are open to the public and persons interested may call the church for more information. The material for this small group session is Steve Macchia book "Becoming A Healthy Disciple". On Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Cornerstone will bw having an open house from 2-4 PM. And finally, in

February, Pastor Greg Johnson successfully defended his dissertation for the Doctorate of Ministry at Northeastern Seminary. Graduation is scheduled for May 17th.

- **RiverEdge, Baldwinsville** plans Easter services at 10 AM at their new temporary location, Village Green Community Center, 100 Village Blvd S, Baldwinsville. Beginning on May 4<sup>th</sup>, they will have a short 15-20 minute informational meeting in the library following the service to share NEXT steps to getting involved with RiverEdge Church. Allan Covington is Pastor.

### **This Week in Preview**

- 14<sup>th</sup> - BD Lisa Arnold (PW @ Southport, Elmira)
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Tax Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Discipleship Class @ West Hill, Ithaca
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday

### **2nd Sunday – Truths from the Old Hymns**

#### **Give Them All to Jesus**

Words and Music by Phil Johnson and Bob Benson

Are you tired of chasing pretty rainbows?  
Are you tired of spinning round and round?  
Wrap up all those shattered dreams of your life  
And at the feet of Jesus, lay them down.

Give them all, give them all, give them all to Jesus  
Shattered dreams, wounded hearts, and broken toys.  
Give them all, give them all, give them all to Jesus  
And He will turn your sorrows into joy.

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

Each evening bird lover Tom stood in his backyard, hooting like an owl - and one night, an owl finally called back to him. For a year, the man and his feathered friend hooted back and forth. He even kept a log of the "conversation." Just as he thought he was on the verge of a breakthrough in interspecies communication, his wife had a chat with her next door neighbor. "My husband spends his nights ... calling out to owls," she said. "That's odd," the neighbor replied. "So does my husband."