

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- A couple of our CNYBA Pastors are recuperating from major health issues. A couple more are still in the midst of chemotherapy treatments – albeit different regimens. Please continue praying for Waylen Bray (recouping from a stroke) and Dan Schallmo (recouping from bypass surgery). Also pray for Clint Potter (**North Fenton BC**) and Milt Kornegay (**Central, Syracuse**) as they battle through chemo.
- The latest updated 2014 CNYBA Block Party Trailer & Tent Use Schedules have been posted to the CNYBA web site under the Information Center tab.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Crossroads, Sherburne**, where Ken Fallon has been pastor since May 2005. And wouldn't you know it, they were having a fellowship meal after church! I can't see very well nor hear very well, but apparently I can smell food – from afar. It did dawn on me recently that fellowship meals are Biblical. In the Book of Acts the early church broke bread together on a regular basis.
- As most of you know by now, Lyn and I sold the big 5th wheel and bought a smaller, lighter pull behind travel trailer. We took it out for the first time on Friday past. We camped near South New Berlin and I did a “Render Unto Creaser Without Being Rendered” seminar on pastoral compensation on Saturday morning at Berean Baptist Church in New Berlin, where one of my former students from Davis College, Aamir Din, is pastoring. It was a short drive over to Crossroads for the service this morning.
- Julie DePugh, daughter of John and Jayne Depugh (P&W @ Newark BC) was married yesterday. She is now Julie Myles.

➡ News From the Churches

- June 20-29 Pastor Wayne Sibrava (**Living Water, Owego**) and Lary Hyde (former member who is moving back here from Arizona) will join approximately 30 people from the Arizona Baptist Convention to build several houses and to do Vacation Bible School in Dominica. Oct 24 – Nov 4, Pastor Wayne will lead a mission team to the Ayacucho Province of Peru. While there he will also visit and encourage Rick and Donna Martin, former

CNYBA pastor who will be in language school in Arequipa preparing to plant churches.

- Stephen Switzer (Minister of Worship @ **Lakeshore, Cicero**) and his wife Kayla, are expecting their first child in November – just before Thanksgiving. They have just returned from a mission trip to Guatemala, where they served in a small village just outside the local dump. They have sensed the Lord’s call to become missionaries to Brazil, working with an orphanage in the Amazon region. They plan a month long trip there this next winter to gather more information and pictures to help in fund raising. You may find more information, pictures, prayer requests, and updates about both the Guatemala trip and the future ministry in Brazil by visiting their new web site and Facebook pages - www.switzerupdates.weebly.com
www.facebook.com/switzerupdates

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 25th ANV Clint & Pauline Potter (P&W @ North Fenton BC)
 - I performed that ceremony and remember it well
- 26th ANV Sam & Darlene Macri (P&W @ Crosspoint, Whitesboro)
- 27th Ravi Zacharias @ North Syracuse Baptist Church
- 28th BD Lyn Hart – wife of DOM
- 28th BD Robyn Hart – daughter of DOM
- 28th BD Calvin Stedge (Pastor @ Maryland BC)
- 29th BD David Kreydatus (Pastor @ Eternal Life, Auburn)
- 30th BD Ariel Ruiz (Pastor @ Nueva Esperanza, Syracuse)
- 31st BD Francis DeGarmo (former PW @ Jefferson BC)
- 31st CNYBA Leadership Forum @ Emmanuel, Cortland

➡ **4th Sunday – The Gospel According to Holly** (re-run)

- Chapter fifteen of my evolving book (inspired by my wife's Pomeranian puppy) "The Gospel According to Holly" is entitled **The Benefits of a Leash**. When we take Holly anywhere outside the house we use a leash because it’s usually the law, for one thing, but also because Holly gets so excited about exploring everything and does not seem to hear when we call her. At least, she doesn’t respond. I contend that she, like many Christians, has selective hearing. We keep a leash by each door and one in the truck. I even put a “dog latch” on the handle end of the one in the truck so we can hook her to the golf cart while we play. Recently I bought one of those retractable leashes that allows her to run out up to 25 feet without me having to run along. Holy does not like the leash – any kind, any time, any place, for

any reason. She thinks she should be able to roam free and explore anywhere her heart desires. She does not realize that the leash is for her protection. We want her to be safe and not get into situations where she could be harmed. This is just another reason I contend she's a Christian dog. We act the same way. Many of us think the restrictions we find in God's Word are unfair. We want to "roam" and explore all sorts of things that might wind up being harmful to us. Like Holly, we have selective hearing, especially when we're caught up in the excitement of hunting and exploring. It's a good thing the Holy Spirit tugs at our heart to restrain us. Lacking this restraining, we would likely be in all sorts of trouble.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

Why Teachers Go Gray – part 1

- These are reported to be actual test answers from various schools in a major metropolitan area:

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does "varicose" mean?

A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term "Caesarean Section."

A: The caesarean section is a district in Rome.