

Hart Beat

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

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► Hart to Heart

- The Mid-year Meeting of CNYBA was held yesterday at Living Water, Owego. Our Assistant Moderator, Jeff Ford, Pastor @ Lyons Falls BC, did an outstanding job leading the meeting.

The attendance was lower than I had hoped, but the Holy Spirit of God was there and we had a great time in the Lord. Lyn Finch shared with us about how churches could better minister to folks with hearing impairments, I brought a challenge message about the importance of obedience, and Ronnie Wyatt did a fantastic job stirring our hearts as he shared what the Lord is doing with his mission work in Syracuse.

In addition to the above, we voted to accept the recommendations of the Leadership Team to adjust slightly our policies regarding reserving our tents and block party trailer. Then we elected two people to finish out terms of two folks who have left the Leadership Team.

It was good to have Waylen Bray and Clint Potter in attendance at the Mid-Year Meeting. These are two of the Pastors we have been praying for lately as they endure some health issues. Although they were present for the meeting, we need to continue lifting them up in prayer – in addition to Dan Schallmo, Chrissy Lower, and Bonnie Novak, who are also still recuperating from health related issues.

I got word yesterday another CNYBA Pastor is battling a health issue. Milt Kornegay, pastor @ Central, Syracuse, is undergoing very aggressive therapy for an illness diagnosis back in 1994. The current treatment is designed to lessen the possibility of this disease ever becoming cancerous. Let's lift him up in prayer.

- Lyn and I worshipped today at our home church, Living Water, Owego, where I preached in the absence of Pastor Wayne Sibrava, who is on a mission trip to Peru. The music today was outstanding.

► News From the Churches

- **West Hill, Ithaca** will send 11 people, including Pastor Bill Lower, on a mission trip to Standish, Maine, June 20-27 to help build a new church building. I'll be at a family reunion in Arkansas during those days, otherwise I'd be planning to go along. Anyone who is interested in joining this mission trip can call Pastor Bill Lower @ 607-227-4646.
- **Agape, Norwich** will ordain Jon Jablonski to the gospel ministry on Saturday, May 10th at 3 PM. Dinner to follow. You are all invited – especially ordained men, who will form a presbytery. Harold Lefler is Pastor.
- **Central, Syracuse** will be hosting Bro. Royce Williams (SBC Evangelist - Rocky Mount, NC) for our Annual "Old-Fashioned Revival." (May 27 - June 3, 2014) – Service times are 7:00 PM nightly except Thursday (May 29th no service), Saturday (May 31 @ 3 PM), and Sunday (June 1st @ 10:00 AM – when they'll combine the service with their Pastors' Anniversary). A Fellowship Dinner will follow service on Sunday morning. Milt Kornegay is Pastor.
- **Good News, Waverly** began a monthly First Sunday Evening Hymn Sing tonight. John Talada is Pastor

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 5th BD Milt Kornegay (Pastor @ Central, Syracuse)
- 5th BD Kristen Hallenbeck (PW @ Bellewood, North Syracuse)
- 5th Last class of spring semester @ Davis College
- 10th Ordination of John Jablonskie @ Agape, Norwich

➡ **1st Sunday – Missionary Story (International)**

- (Tanzania) **DR. LARRY** and **SALLY PEPPER** are Southern Baptist missionaries to Tanzania. Before serving as a medical doctor through the International Mission Board, Larry was a flight surgeon for NASA, supporting the space shuttle program from 1988-95. Larry says friends and colleagues thought he was crazy when he left NASA for the mission field. But the Peppers don't agree. Since being appointed 17 years ago, they have worked in Uganda, Lesotho and Tanzania, where Larry now works in Kigoma Baptist Hospital. The Peppers share the Gospel with the Ha people and work to revive the evangelistic nature of the hospital. Cooperative Program gifts support practical – and life-changing – ministries such as medical missions.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A little old lady answered a knock on the door one day, only to be confronted by a well-dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner.

"Good morning," said the young man. "If I could take a couple of minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners."

"Go away!" said the old lady. "I haven't got any money!" and she proceeded to close the door.

Quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed it wide open. "Don't be too hasty!" he said. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration."

And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure onto her hallway carpet and said, "If this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder."

She said, "Well, I hope you have a good appetite. The electricity was cut off this morning."