

## **Hart Beat**

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

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### ► **Hart to Heart**

- Clint Potter, pastor @ **North Fenton BC**, is home from the hospital, having had two procedures this past week. He continues with a regimen of chemotherapy as he fights cancer. Let's not forget to pray for our brother.
- Yesterday we concluded our three session 2014 Spring Leadership Forum series. Several ideas arose from our concluding discussion.
- Today marks the beginning of my 19<sup>th</sup> year as Director of Missions, having assumed this role on June 1, 1996. Much has changed over this period of time, but much has remained the same. My desire to serve the churches, my love and concern for the pastors, and the Grace of God has not changed. May God continue His blessings upon us.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Jefferson BC**, where Frank Adams has been pastor since April 2009. My instincts must be fading. Their fellowship meal had been postponed a week. On the way, Lyn posted our itinerary for the day on Facebook and one of the members over at **Stamford BC** messaged her and invited us to come on over to their fellowship meal after church. Since Pastor Frank and Julie already had other plans for after church, we accepted the invitation and enjoyed a good time of fellowship and food with the good folks at Stamford.

### ► **News From the Churches**

- **Agape, Norwich** pastor, Harold Lefler, has announced that he will retire from the pastorate effective July 1. Bro. Harold has served churches in the Baptist Convention of New York for many years – both as pastor and church planter. He has retired a couple times before, so we'll see what the Lord has in store.
- **Jefferson BC** is planning an addition to their building that will include a new kitchen, restroom, and possibly a shower. Plans have been "in the works" since January and the committee will present a proposal to the congregation for vote next Sunday. Frank Adams is Pastor.

- **Stamford BC** will have a Family Movie Night this coming Friday, screening the film “Finding Normal”. The church will participate in the local Flag Day Parade on June 14 and plans VBS for August. Pastor Waylen is back in the pulpit and seems to be fully, or at least nearly fully, recovered from his recent stroke.
- **Northside, Liverpool** will host Upward Basketball Camps for boys and Girls, as well as Cheerleading Clinic, in July. Members have been filling baby bottles with change to benefit New Hope Family Services. And they will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.

### ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> BD Jessica Ford (PW @ Lyons Falls BC)
- 4<sup>th</sup> ANV Ken & Sue Fallon (P&W @ Crossroads, Sherburne)
- 4<sup>th</sup> BD Faith Smith (APW @ Emmanuel, Cortland)
- 6<sup>th</sup> BD Bruce Aubrey (Pastor @ Northside, Liverpool)
- 7<sup>th</sup> ANV Tim & Elise Bissell (Church Planting Catalyst & Wife)
- 8<sup>th</sup> ANV Bob & Julie Teachout (AP&W @ Canastota BC)

### ➡ **June Ministry Anniversaries**

- Ed Hart – Director of Missions since June 1996
- Duane Arnold Sr. – Pastor @ Southport, Elmira since June 1996
- Karl Novak – Pastor at Lakeshore, Cicero since June 2000
- Tim Bissell – Church Planting Strategist/Catalyst since June 2004
- Zach Neyhard – Pastor @ Outpouring, Oswego since June 2007
- David Kreydatus – Pastor @ Eternal Life, Auburn since June 2008
- Charles Matthews – Pastor @ Church Street, Elmira since June 2010
- Brandon Owen – Pastor @ Missio University, Syracuse since June 2013)

### ➡ **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Missionary Story (International)**

- (Mexico) After more than 13 years of hard work in greater Mexico City – the largest urban center on the planet, by many estimates – missionaries **WILLIAM** and **ORPHA ORTEGA** are seeing the church-planting vision they share with Mexican Baptist churches and pastors succeed. Much of the awakening is the movement of the Holy Spirit. Churches and pastors also are open to trying new things, such as three “subway churches” started by a creative pastor on subway trains. One church planter trained by William has helped plant more than 30 churches in the past year. Cooperative Program

gifts will help meet the goal to plant 1,500 churches in the metro area by 2020.

## ■ **Have You Heard This One?**

### **Why Teachers Go Gray – part 2**

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

Q: What is a seizure?

A: A Roman emperor.

Q: What is a terminal illness?

A: When you are sick at the airport.

Q: What does the word "benign" mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Q: What is a turbine?

A: Something an Arab wears on his head.

Q: What is a Hindu?

A: It lays eggs.