

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Happy Fathers' Day! I was blessed beyond measure today to hear from both my daughters and a couple of "adopted" daughters as well.
- Today Roger and Doris Best celebrate 65 years of marriage! Roger is Pastor Emeritus of Grace, Ogdensburg and former pastor of Inlet CC, where they are still actively involved. May the Lord continue to bless the lives and ministry of these faithful servants.
- This past week was much like others here in CNYBA. I had opportunity to serve the churches by responding to Pastors who needed something, visiting with and encourage Pastors, preaching in the absence of a Pastor, and meeting with two churches who are considering merging. Thank you and your church for supporting the CNYBA. I love serving the Churches and Pastors of this association and your financial support makes that possible.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at Newark Baptist Fellowship Church, where John DePugh has been pastor since August 1994. Seeing my wife's usual Sunday morning post on Facebook indicating where we are headed to church, Pastor John texted to ask if I would be willing to preach this morning. Since we were already on the road, I asked Lyn to text back that I would do the best I could. Twelve years ago or so I was intimidated and therefore reluctant to accept a preaching assignment, missed the opportunity, and have felt bad about it ever since. I asked the Lord for forgiveness and have never done that again. I enjoyed preaching this morning.
- AND they were having a fellowship cook-out today after church, wouldn't you know. Yes, of course we stayed for lunch. After lunch, Lyn and I began our 50th Wedding Anniversary vacation trip – although our actual anniversary is not until mid August. We are headed to Arkansas first for a Hart Family Reunion, then on to Missouri, Minnesota, and Michigan. Rather than having a phone and a pen to work with, I will have a phone and a computer. So I'll be working as we travel. Feel free to call, text, or email as normal and I will try to be of service.
- Beginning in late August, Lyn and I will once again be teaching a course each at Davis College. Lyn will teach "Foundations of Special Education" for

the second time. I will teach a new course, “The Church in the 21st Century.” We feel blessed to be able to help influence future pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers.

➡ News From the Churches

Christ Is King, Syracuse is on the cusp of moving their meeting place from a home to a store front. They will rent a 2,000 square foot storefront which will mainly be used as a used book store. The church will meet there on Sundays and for other evening meetings. They plan to use special events at the store to bridge the gap between our postmodern culture and the gospel by hosting carefully selected book signings and lectures as well as community outreaches - including hosting literacy tutoring and perhaps English as a Second Language classes. They expect to start meeting in the new location July 1 and will roll out the book store in mid-August.

➡ This Week in Preview

- 15th ANV Roger & Doris Best (Former P&W @ Inlet CC)

➡ 3rd Sunday – Missionary Stories (Home)

- (Washington D.C.) **CLINT CLIFTON** is the Send North America: Washington D.C. city coordinator. He grew up in Florida and became a Christian at age 15. His pastor taught him about ministry and planting churches, instilling in him a passion for church planting. At 17, he helped plant a church near his hometown, and he has been planting churches ever since. Currently he works to start new churches in and around Washington D.C., for the many people groups and the military population there. Clint and his wife, **JENNIFER**, are in the process of adopting two children from Haiti. Pray for a speedy process and protection for the children until they come home. The Cliftons give special thanks to you for investing a percentage of your church budget to give to support the missions and missionaries through the Cooperative Program.

➡ Have You Heard This One?

The room was full of pregnant women with their husbands.

The instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier.

Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surface like grass or a path."

"Gentlemen, remember -- you're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both."

The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information.

After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?" said the Instructor.

"I was just wondering if it would be all right, if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

Brings a tear to your eye, doesn't it? This level of sensitivity can't be taught.