

## **Hart Beat**

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

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### **➡ Hart to Heart**

- Dr. Rick & Donna Martin, our missionaries to Peru, have a new Facebook page – Martin’s Mission Peru. Like them and stay up to date on their missionary efforts.
- On Sunday afternoon past Lyn and I set out on our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary “see everybody we know” tour. We have been traveling along at about 300 to 350 miles a day, staying up late watching “Have Gun Will Travel” on DVD, and sleeping in before moving on down the road. Actually, not a bad life. Holly travels well and we’ve met some interesting folks in the RV parks.
- The first leg of our “trip” was spent traveling to and participating in the Hart Family reunion held at my sister’s house in south Arkansas. My sister is an amazing cook – takes after my mother. I have eaten too much and too often. I have been reminded how hot it gets in south Arkansas in the summer. How we survived without air conditioning growing up is a mystery.
- This week I talked with, among others, Clint Potter, pastor at **North Fenton BC**. His father is in serious condition in ICU in St, Louis, MO, is not responding well to treatment, and is not expected to live much longer. Pastor Clint will interrupt his cancer treatment this week and he and his wife, Pauline, will be traveling to St. Louis to be with his dad and family. Please be praying.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at Sylvan Hills Baptist Church in Camden, Arkansas, where my brother is pastor. I preached in the morning service and he preached in the evening service. When we were much younger we did this once in a “youth revival” – one preaching and the other leading music in alternate services.

### **➡ This Week in Preview**

- 23<sup>rd</sup> BD Jeff O’Brien (Associate Pastor @ Northside, Liverpool)

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

- Chapter sixteen of my evolving book (inspired by my wife's Pomeranian puppy) "The Gospel According to Holly" is entitled **Minding Your Own**

**Business.** Sometimes I get a little aggravated because whatever I'm doing, Holly seems to have her nose right in it. I mean, whether I'm trying to take a shower, polish my shoes, take out the garbage, work in my office, visit with someone at the door, or even eat lunch – Holly is not only present, but tries to participate! She apparently has no concept of the fact that there are things I do that does not concern her. Again, she must be a Christian dog, because she acts just like Christians do sometimes. God is at work all around us, always has been, and always will be. We sometimes seem not to realize that God might be involved in something that does not concern us. He was accomplishing His purposes before we arrived on the scene and will be accomplishing His purposes after we leave the scene. There are some professed Christians that seem to want to take over God's job – conviction, guidance, direction, judgment, chastisement, etc. I know I would like Holly to give me some space so I can get some things done that she cannot do and that do not concern her. I would like her to understand that sometimes she's in the way. I'm pretty sure God might have the same thoughts about us sometime.

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

A police officer pulled a lady over who was speeding.

She didn't have her seat belt on so as soon as she stopped, she quickly slipped it on before the officer got to her window.

After talking to her about speeding, the officer said, "I see you are wearing your seat belt. Do you believe in wearing it at all times?"

"Yes, I do, officer," she replied.

"Well," asked the officer, "do you always hook it up with it looped through your steering wheel?"