

Hart Beat

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

29 June 2014

➡ **Please Pray**

- By now most of you have heard of the home going of Diane Douglas, wife of Terry Douglas, the Director of Missions who preceded me in Southern Tier Baptist Association – now part of CNYBA. Let's continue to pray for Bro. Terry as he adjusts to a new normal in his life.
- On Wednesday past Jenny Grove, the 6 week old granddaughter of Pastor Calvin & Darlene Stedge (**Maryland BC**), passed away. The funeral will be held at Sidney Bible Church on Tuesday, July 1, at 3 PM. Pray for this family.
- Word came this week that Tommy Echols' wife, Linda, has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will have surgery on Monday, June 30. Tommy is the Church Growth Team Leader at the Baptist Convention of New York. Let's lift this family up in prayer.

➡ **Hart to Heart**

- The 50th wedding anniversary trip continued this week. From the family reunion in South Arkansas we traveled to Branson, MO. > On the way we stopped by Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas – where the ministry and the marriage began. Almost everything has changed since 1966. We also stopped by to see friends we haven't seen in about 35 years – two brothers who married twin sisters who all grew up in Lyn's home church together back in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The other couple (retired now) lived with us for a time way back when. > While in the RV park in Branson we met a couple who were members of a church my dad pastored in south Arkansas years ago. My parents had eaten many meals at their house. They knew all about me and my siblings. Small world. > On Thursday we headed toward St. Louis. While there we visited with one of Lyn's former teaching assistants and with Pastor Clint & Pauline Potter (**North Fenton BC**), who wee in St. Louis because his father is in critical condition in ICU and does not have a good prognosis. > On Friday we arrived in Red Bud, IL, where we spent the week-end visiting (and of course eating) with 6 or 8 of Lyn's cousins and their families.

- Lyn and I worshipped today with some of her cousins and the good folks at First Baptist Church in Waterloo, IL.

➡ News From the Churches

- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** is involved with a program called “Jobs for Life”. Currently there are 15 men who have been homeless going through the program that will guarantee them a job interview when the program is finished. > They continue to pray about relocating the church into a building and are looking at possible sites. > Yesterday they participated in another monthly unified community worship service with the **Nepali, Syracuse** and Burmese churches near them. > During July & August they will partner with Child Evangelism Fellowship to do children’s outreach in nearby Schiller Park. > Pastor Ronnie Wyatt preached at **Living Water, Owego** last Sunday, while Pastor Wayne Sibrava was on a mission trip to Dominica, and there were two professions of faith.
- **Nepali, Syracuse** has announced a two day 5th Anniversary celebration on July 12-13. > They participated in another monthly unified community worship service with **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** and Burmese churches near them. > Bhim Biswa is Pastor.
- **RiverEdge, Baldwinsville** plans an outdoor service & picnic at Mercer Park on June 29. They also plan a baptismal service at Cross Lake on Thursday, July 3rd. Allen Covington is Pastor.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** baptized 11 today in Cazenovia Lake. They thought they were baptizing 7, but during the service 5 more responded and were baptized. Dan Schallmo is Pastor,
- **Lyons Falls BC** baptized 9 this afternoon at the river. One was the oldest son of Pastor Jeff Ford.
- Pastor Bill Lower @ **West Hill, Ithaca** led a mission team of 11 persons from WHCC to Maine this past week to do roofing on a new church building. They followed a team that included Pastor Sam Macri and some folks from **Crosspoint, Whitesboro**, who were there the previous week. They are praying about returning to help the church further in late summer or early fall.

➡ This Week in Preview

- 30th ANV Eddie & Jane Hatcher (Assoc. P&W @ Northside, Liverpool)
- 1st BD Cherlyn Bray (PW @ Stamford BC)
- 1st BD Dan Schallmo (Pastor @ Summit, Cazenovia)
- 4th US Independence Day

➡ **July Ministry Anniversaries**

- Bruce Aubrey – Northside, Liverpool since July 1993
- Daniel Song - Pastor @ Korean, Vestal since July 2005

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- One day a housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt.

Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to his wife, "What setting do I use on the washing machine?"

"It depends," she replied. "What does it say on your shirt?"

He yelled back, "Syracuse University."