

## Hart Beat

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

27 June 2014

### ➡ Hart to Heart

- The family of Diann Douglas thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy. The flowers were lovely. *Terry Douglas & Family.*
- Save the Date: Saturday, September 27, 2014 – BCNY Women’s Missions Celebration preceding the BCNY Annual Meeting (Sept 28-30) at Grace Baptist Church, 20 Demarest St, Nanuet, NJ.
- On Wednesday night past I was privileged to teach on The Biblical Perspective on Stewardship, Tithing, and Debt at Cornerstone, Endicott. I appreciate the invitation of Pastor Greg Johnson. Over the past 18 years I have done seminars, workshops, and/or teaching sessions on various subjects (How to write a church constitution, Handling Church Finances, How to Pay the Preacher, How to Build a Kingdom Focused Church, Leadership Development, Discipleship Development, Prayer, Stewardship, Treasurer Training, etc. etc.) in multiple churches inside and outside CNYBA. I am available to do one or more of these sessions for your church or any group within your church. I can do one time one hour sessions or multiple sessions as requested. Let me know if I can serve you in this way.
- Lyn and I worshipped this morning with the good folks at Missio, Syracuse, where Jordan Stinziano has been pastor since the church began in September 2007. Today, Bernie Elliott, one of the church elders, preached.
- Two of our CNYBA churches are in a pastor search process. Please join me in praying for Grace, Rome and Emory Chapel, Waverly.

### ➡ News From the Churches

- The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse had 9 saved this month – 2 adults and 7 at their Child Evangelism Fellowship meetings in Schiller Park. One adult was baptized this month. Ronnie Wyatt is Church Planter/Pastor.
- Christ is King, Syracuse has scheduled a baptismal service for 5 people on August 31<sup>st</sup> when they will do church at Jamesville Beach Park. The Martins will be their musical guests and it will also be an outreach event. > On August 10th they will participate in a community festival in Nedrow (a community on the south side of Syracuse) by providing volunteer assistance with various game booths, cleaning up, and doing a wordless book gospel bracelet craft for kids. > They are in the process of remodeling and renovating a local Nedrow store front,

which will serve as a used bookstore AND meeting space for the church. By providing a place for use by literacy volunteers, book signings by local authors, lectures, and Bible studies, they hope to be effective in reaching a lot of people. Jon Speed is Church Planter/Pastor.

- **Renovation, Syracuse** has a Missional Community (Bible Study) in Cicero/North Syracuse that is growing rapidly... 17 adults last time. They are beginning to talk about planting another church with this group in 3 years or so. Mike Mazzye is Church Planter/Pastor.
- **Missio, Syracuse** has launched a “Decades to Come” initiative, which seeks to raise \$80,000 by the end of 2014. This would allow them to pay the \$50,000 deposit on the building, make some needed renovations to the facilities, and have some funding to use for the missionary expenses of the church. > They are also moving the children’s ministry from the parish house to the educational building, which will enlarge the children’s education space. Jordan Stinziano is Pastor.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** baptized 2 this afternoon in a local swimming pool. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- **West Hill, Ithaca** hosted a mission group of 25 youth and 8 adults from Maryland this past week. They did VBS (70 kids & 2 professions of faith), 2 Back Yard Bible Clubs, and a work day helping church members clean up downed trees from two recent storms. They worshiped at WHCC this morning before leaving for home. Bill Lower is Pastor.

### ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Today BD Daniel Song (Pastor @ Korean, Vestal)
- 30<sup>th</sup> ANV Jeff & Debbie O’Brien (P&W @ Northside, Liverpool)
- 31<sup>st</sup> BD Lori Kreydatus (PW @ Eternal Life, Auburn)
- 1<sup>st</sup> ANV Dan & Jennifer Study (P&W @ Northside, Liverpool)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ANV Roger & Mary Knapton (P&W @ Clyde BC)

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

- Chapter seventeen of my evolving book (inspired by my wife's Pomeranian puppy) "The Gospel According to Holly" is entitled **In The Presence of the Master**. Holly does not like to be left alone. She can tell when I’m getting ready to go somewhere. She begins her “begging” routine. I really don’t know what it’s like to be left behind when I go somewhere, since I always go with myself when I go. But it must be lonely because Holly really carries on when I latch the door as I’m leaving. If it’s not too hot or too cold to leave her in the truck for a while, I sometimes take Holly with me. She really likes that. She loves sitting on the

console in the truck or standing on my leg and looking out the window. I'm sure she has no idea where we're going. She doesn't seem to care where we're going as long as she can go. I don't know for sure if she really wants to be with me or if it's that she just likes to go. I'm believing it's the former. If so, we can learn a lesson from this 5 pound dog about our relationship with the Master. Even if we're not sure where we're going, it's always good to be with the Master. It's pretty lonely when we can't sense His presence.

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

The pastor, an avid golfer, was taking part in a local tournament. As he was preparing to tee off, the organizer of the tournament approached him and pointed to the dark, threatening storm clouds which were gathering.

"Preacher," the organizer said, "I trust you'll see to it that the weather won't turn bad on us."

The pastor shook his head. "Sorry," he replied. "I'm sales, not management!"