

## **Hart Beat**

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

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### ➡ **Hart to Heart**

- Yesterday it was my joy and privilege to lead Treasurer Training @ **Christ Is King, Syracuse**. They will soon begin meeting in their new store front facility, which will also house a used bookstore run by Pastor Jon Speed.
- In the normal course of most weeks I communicate with pastors via phone, text, and/or email – even when I’m “on the road”. This week I’ve enjoyed several great face-to-face times of fellowship with pastors, as well as a time of fellowship and dialogue with Jim Murphy, Associate Pastor @ **Missio, Syracuse** and a new part-time North American Mission Board Church Planting Catalyst. I know that budget and time constraints make electronic communications necessary, but I do so much enjoy the opportunity to visit with pastors face-to-face over coffee and/or lunch. I almost always come away from such occasions encouraged.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Grace, Rome**, where I was privileged to preach. Pray for this congregation as they seek a pastor.
- On the way home from Rome today we stopped by Norwich, where I met with Pastor John Jablonski regarding his request for help with Discipleship Development. I will be leading weekly Wednesday evening sessions on Discipleship during the months of September and October.
- Lyn and I want to express our sincere and heart-felt thanks to all of you who took time to call or send a card, email, text, call

### ➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Living Water, Owego's** Ladies Group, Women of Grace, filled 20 backpacks with school supplies donated by church members and had enough supplies for another 8. Whatever is not used for their own kids, and/or kids who attended VBS, will be donated to Pastor Bill Deckert at Freedom Fellowship in Binghamton (who are also doing a school supply outreach ministry) or added to boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Wayne Sibrava is Pastor.
- **RiverEdge, Baldwinsville** held their Sunday worship services in the gazebo in Mercer Park on the Seneca River again today. They celebrated a

significant event in the life of one believer who was baptized immediately following the service. Allen Covington is Pastor.

- **Summit, Cazenovia** had a church picnic this afternoon at Highland Forest Park in Fabius, NY. Dan Schallmo is Pastor

### ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Today – BD Harold Lefler (former Pastor @ Agape, Norwich)
- 18<sup>th</sup> – ANV Dan & Cindy Schallmo (P&W @ Summit, Cazenovia)
- 19<sup>th</sup> – ANV (50<sup>th</sup>) Ed & Lyn Hart (CNYBA DOM & Wife)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – BD John DePugh (Pastor @ Newark BFC)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – ANV Frank & Julie Adams (P&W @ Jefferson BC)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – ANV Phil & Sue Huber (P&W @ Inlet CC)
- 21<sup>st</sup> – BD Zach Neyhard (Pastor @ Outpouring, Oswego)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – BD Ken Fallon (Pastor @ Crossroads, Sherburne)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – ANV John & Jayne DePugh (P&W @ Newark BFC)

### ➡ **3rd Sunday – Missionary Story (Home)**

- (Pennsylvania) **CHRIS AUTRY** and his wife, **BECCA**, moved to Pittsburgh to plant Abide Church. Pittsburgh is a city of 4 million people living in 1,600 boroughs, each with its own identity and characteristics. One commonality the boroughs share, though, is their slowness to accept Christianity. They have lived there nearly a year and just recently began having spiritual discussions with acquaintances. The process of developing relationships and sharing the Gospel is slow but it's a process where God is developing His people and awakening them to His glory. Pray for God to bring together people to form the core for their church and for the growth of small groups, and pray for continued support through the Cooperative Program to allow for more planters like the Autrys to start conversations that eventually start churches that make Christ known.

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

An elderly gentleman checked into a New York hotel. The clerk mentioned the phone service the establishment made available for calling guests who wished to rise at an early hour.

"No need for that, young man," snapped the old timer. "I always wake up at five A.M. sharp without an alarm clock."

"Very good, sir," the clerk replied. "Would you mind calling me at six?"