

## Hart Beat

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

24 August 2014

### ➡ Hart to Heart

- The BCNY Disaster team has been called out. They are in need of assessors, mud out teams and a cooking team as soon as possible. Please call Mike Flannery @ 716-432-5333 if you are available to serve.
- This has been a full week. > On Monday I was in Syracuse for a rather lengthy BCNY Administrative Team Meeting in preparation for the Annual Meeting in late September. > On Tuesday Lyn and I observed our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We had actually celebrated with family and friends all during our vacation trip this summer. We marked the actual day with visits to the chiropractor and a nice long leisurely dinner at Red Lobster. Thanks to the gift card we received from the Women of Grace @ Living Water, Owego, we'll be enjoying another visit there soon. > On Wednesday I accompanied a couple of guys from Davis College and picked up some fire-proof filing cabinets they had bought (on E-bay) in East Syracuse and Utica. They dropped me at the BCNY office and drove my truck and trailer back to Davis College. I picked up the BCNY Disaster Relief truck and one of the Mud-Out Trailer units and brought them home. > On Thursday past Lyn followed me to Long Island where I left the disaster relief unit and rode home with her. > On Friday both our classes started at Davis College and I attended the late afternoon funeral services for the mother-in-law of Andy Smith, the Associate Pastor @ Emmanuel, Cortland.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at Canastota BC, where I was privileged to preach. After service I facilitated a visioning session of sorts looking at various possibilities for the future of the church in the wake of the death of their long time pastor, Jeff Scott. Please continue to pray for this congregation as they sort out their future.

### ➡ News From the Churches

- Bellewood, North Syracuse the hilarious film, *Mom's Night Out*, on Friday evening, August 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM. Matt Hallenbeck is Pastor.
- Stamford BC has been blessed with the gift of a children's play fort for their outdoor children's play area. Waylen Bray is Pastor.

- **Missio University, Syracuse** will launch a second missional community (Bible Study) in the Salt Springs area at the end of September. They have a host home identified for the new group and leadership is in place for both their groups. They are also looking to start a missional community focused on college students in the near future. Church Planter/Pastor Brandon Owen believes that if they can set the DNA for multiplications now in the hearts of their people, they can continue to be a community that seeks to saturate the entire university neighborhoods through decentralized groups.
- **Newark BFC** baptized two this morning in their morning worship service. John DePugh is Pastor.

### ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 25<sup>th</sup> BD Ed Hart (CNYBA Director of Missions)
- 29<sup>th</sup> BD Donna Martin (CNYBA Missionary to Peru)

### ➡ **4th Sunday – The Gospel According to Holly** (re-run from 2 March 2006)

- Chapter eighteen of my evolving book (inspired by my wife's Pomeranian puppy) "The Gospel According to Holly" is entitled **It's Your Move**. I know this will come as a shock to you, but Holly sleeps on the bed with us. She loves to lie against our feet. When we move – therefore causing her to have to move, she growls at us. Later she finds that it's actually more comfortable up around, under, or on the pillows where she usually winds up for most of the night. Now isn't that just like most Christians. We hate to move from the spot where we are, even though it's actually more comfortable elsewhere. And one more thing, Holly goes through this same routine almost every night. Like Holly, we seem to have short term memory loss ourselves. Rather than voluntarily going to a more comfortable, productive place, we growl because we are forced to move. Well, if we want an encounter with God that leads to a growing relationship, we're likely going to have to move from the spot where we are. I know I'm not going to quit moving just because Holly doesn't want to move. I'm pretty sure God is not going to quit moving just because we like this spot.

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken."

She said I wasn't funny and sent me to the principal's office.

I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was.

I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous person I admired most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders."

Guess where I am now...