

## Hart Beat

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

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### ► Hart to Heart

- Some of you may not have heard of the death of Pastor Jeff Scott (**Canastota Baptist Church**) last Monday. He died in his sleep while taking a nap after lying down because he was not feeling well. He was 50 years old. I officiated at his funeral on Friday past. I was pleased to see at least 7 CNYBA pastors and 3 BCNY representatives present for the calling hours and/or service. Please pray for Cindy and the boys, as well as for the church family as they make major adjustments. I'll be meeting with the church on August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Lyn and I are grieving tonight. Holly Berry, our 10 1/2 year old Pomeranian puppy passed away this morning while we were at church. Yesterday we had pulled the camper up to a campground near where I would be preaching today so it wouldn't be so far to church this morning. When we returned to the camper after church we found Holly in one of her favorite napping places – on the floor beside Lyn's side of the bed. We had intended to stay over until tomorrow morning, but on the advice of our vet, broke camp immediately and returned home to bury Holly late this afternoon between the bird feeders in the spot where she liked to lay in the grass and watch while I feed the birds. She brought us a lot of joy. We will surely miss her cute little face and her wonderful personality.
- Clint Potter, (**North Fenton BC**) continues cancer treatments. The latest news was encouraging. Tests show that all three tumors have decreased markedly in size. You will remember that we were praying for Pastor Clint as he traveled back to St. Louis for his father's funeral last month. This week he sent an email expressing his appreciation for all the cards, calls, and prayers he received from CNYBA folks. He also mentioned that the flowers from the association were beautiful.
- While talking with Waylen Bray (**Stamford BC**) this week, I learned that Pastor Waylen had taken a little fall recently. He tripped on a rock and fell into his small gold fish pond. He has a bruise, but is recuperating well.
- Dan Schallmo, CNYBA Moderator and Pastor at **Summit, Cazenovia**, has two tickets he cannot use to the Willow Creek Global Leadership Conference on August 14 & 15. It's a simulcast hosted by Syracuse Vineyard Church

(Lakeland NY) [www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership](http://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership). If you can use the tickets, call Pastor Dan ASAP at 315-315-491-3020.

- The Baptist Convention of New York Women's Ministry (Tapestry) is planning a Women's Conference in conjunction with the annual BCNY Meeting. It will be held on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9 AM to 3 PM at Grace Baptist Church, 20 Demarest Avenue in Nanuet, NY. There is no cost, but **registration is required by September 19<sup>th</sup>**. Online or printable registration available on the BCNY web site ([www.bcnybc.org](http://www.bcnybc.org))
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Crossroads, Sherburne**, where I was privileged to preach in the absence of Pastor Ken Fallon, who is on vacation with his family.

### ➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Clyde BC** has purchased a mobile home to be used for guest housing. They are having Celebration and Revival month in August. Today was Knapton Sunday as Pastor Roger and Mary celebrated their 71<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary (which was yesterday) with their oldest nephew, Jim Knapton (a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary) as guest speaker. August 10-17 will be revival services under the tent with Mike Dillinger from North Carolina as evangelist. Guest speakers for the last two Sundays of the month will be Terry Robinson on the 24<sup>th</sup> and Ed Hart on the 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Central, Syracuse** will be holding their annual captain and crew golf outing and luncheon on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Orchard Vali Golf Club. Registration is now open. The \$75 registration fee includes cart, snacks, lunch, and prizes. (\$30 lunch and prizes only). Teams are now forming. Contact [officecbcsyr@gmail.com](mailto:officecbcsyr@gmail.com) or call 315-475-5012. Milt Kornegay is Pastor.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** has several prayer requests. > they continue to look for a building for relocation. > They have only a few more gatherings in Schiller Park with Child Evangelism Fellowship. They are praying that the Lord will use this time for His glory. > They just had a mission group from "down south" and they will host another one from VA in a few weeks. They are excited about how God might use this group for His eternal purposes. > They ask prayer for their monthly Unified Community Service with the Nepali and Myanmar (Burmese) Churches, that this will continue to be a great benefit to all three congregations as well as the community at large. Ronnie Wyatt is Pastor.

- This week-end Pastor Bruce Aubrey @ **Northside, Liverpool** finished a six week series called “He Speaks to Me”. Their next series will have an apologetics flavor (defending the faith) and will be based in I Peter 3:15. During the month of September they will have a four week series from the Book of Matthew entitled “Follow”.

### ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Today BD Pam Hundley (PW @ Emmanuel, Cortland)
- 6<sup>th</sup> BD Karl Novak (Pastor @ Lakeshore, Cicero)
- 6<sup>th</sup> ANV Bruce & Kathy Aubrey (P&W @ Northside, Liverpool)
- 8<sup>th</sup> ANV Mitch & Lisa Mullenax (P&W @ Common Grounds, Beaver Meadow)
- 8<sup>th</sup> BD John Talada (Pastor @ Good News, Waverly)
- 9<sup>th</sup> ANV David & Vickie Barrows (AP&W @ Clyde BC)
- 10<sup>th</sup> ANV Matt & Kristen Hallenbeck (P&W @ Bellewood, N. Syracuse)
- 10<sup>th</sup> BD Duane Arnold (Pastor @ Southport, Elmira)
- 10<sup>th</sup> ANV Karl & Bonnie Novak (P&W @ Lakeshore, Cicero)

### ➡ **August Ministry Anniversaries**

- John DePugh – Pastor at Newark BC since August 1994
- Jeff O’Brien – Assoc. Pastor @ Northside, Liverpool since August 1994
- Milt Kornegay – Pastor @ Central, Syracuse since August 1996
- Mitch Mullenax – Pastor @ Common Grounds, Beaver Meadow since August 2009
- John Talada – Pastor @ Good News, Waverly since August 2009
- Greg Johnson – Pastor @ Cornerstone, Endicott since August 2011
- Devon Bartholomew – Student Ministry since August 2013

### ➡ **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Missionary Story (International)**

- (South Asia) “Here he is!” Southern Baptist worker **CLIFTON MELEK\*** exclaimed. “Here is the first baptized believer since you began praying for the Bedia five years ago.” First Baptist Church in Centerton, Ark., began a journey with the Bedia of South Asia in 2006. Around 250 church members committed to pray daily for the Bedia until believers are baptized and a new church is planted. Heavy persecution by Hindu village leaders halted mission work and communication with the Bedia. But the church continued to pray. Cooperative Program gifts support missionaries who were placed near the Bedia, opening the door for a Gospel witness. The work continues, but less than 1 percent believe in Christ. *\*Names changed.*

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

The day I immigrated to the United States, I was given an alien ID card that featured a cute photo of me at age 15. Years later, when I went to the courthouse to become a citizen, a clerk confiscated my card.

"What will you do with it?" my wife asked.

"We burn it" was the answer.

"Could you please cut the photo off and let us keep it?" asked my wife.

"Certainly not," said the clerk. "This card is official U.S. government property. As such it cannot be mutilated before it's destroyed."