

## Hart Beat

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

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### ➡ Hart to Heart

- I don't know what it means, if anything, but this past week I reached the biblical age of three score and ten (Psa. 90:10). I'm not sure how I'm supposed to feel since I've never been this age before. Some have asked what my plans are for the future. I don't really have any specific plans. Every time I make a plan, things change. So until He says otherwise, as long as the Lord blesses with health and strength, I'll just continue to do all I can, whenever I can, the best I can, for as long as I can for the Lord.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Clyde Baptist Church**, where Roger Knapton has been pastor since the church began in November 2005. I was privileged to preach today to finish up their month long special services. After church they had a surprise birthday party lunch for both me (August 25) and Vickie Barrows (September 2), wife of the Associate Pastor @ Clyde BC – complete with a cake with our names on it and ice cream.
- Don't forget that the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Baptist Convention of New York will be held at the Grace Baptist Church in Nanuet, NY on September 29-30. On Saturday, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Women's Mission Celebration held at Grace Baptist Church. On Sunday evening, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be a time of Fellowship and Worship at the near-by French Speaking Baptist Church in Spring Valley, NY. I would like to see a good representation of CNYBA churches in these meetings. I am confident that you will receive a blessing if you attend.
- I hope you have already marked your calendar for the Annual Meeting of Central New York Baptist Association to be held at **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. Our missionary speaker will be Dr. Charles Brock, retired IMB Missionary to the Philippines and founder of Church Growth International Ministries. I know Dr. Brock personally and can assure you that you will go away from the meeting challenged.

### ➡ News From the Churches

- **Grace, Rome** has called Dan Hammond as Interim Pastor with a unanimous vote. Dan is a member at **Northside, Liverpool** and teaches at the Faith Heritage Christian School in Syracuse.

- **Renovation, Clay** held an outreach BBQ in Cicero where they would like to start a Bible study with a view toward planting another church. 15 unbelieving neighbors attended. Mike Mazzye is Church Planter/Pastor.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** hosted a mission team from Southside Baptist in Suffolk, VA last week. The mission group was primarily a puppet ministry team. They ministered almost constantly throughout the week-end. Six people made professions of faith. Pastor Ronnie Wyatt has a special place in his heart for this puppet team because he was a member of an earlier version of this team several years ago right after he came to Christ.
- **Outpouring, Oswego** is planning a weekend trip to Lake Placid in October for their first Student Fall Retreat in several years! They plan to hike Catamount mountain, contained within some DEC wilderness area near Taylor Pond as part of the retreat week-end. Zach Neyhard is pastor.
- **Christ Is King, Syracuse** held a baptismal service for 5 new believers using the back yard pool of one of their members. They also hosted special music guests, John and Dody Martin, for the morning worship service. Jon Speed is Pastor.

### ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 1<sup>st</sup> LABOR DAY
- 2<sup>nd</sup> BD Vickie Barrows (APW @ Clyde BC)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ANV Devon & Kate Bartholomew (University Student Ministry)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Discipleship Course – Agape, Norwich
- 6<sup>th</sup> BD Rick Martin (Missionary to Peru)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Doctoral Graduation Party for Greg Johnson  
(Pastor @ Cornerstone, Endicott)

### ➡ **September Ministry Anniversaries**

- Jordan Stinziano – Pastor @ Mission, Syracuse since Sept 2007
- Eddie Hatcher – Assoc. Pastor @ Northside, Liverpool since Sept 2010
- Bhim Biswa – Pastor @ Nepali, Syracuse since Sept 2009

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- 🚩 Sent in by a “HART BEAT” reader – maybe in response to my recent birthday!

I've Been Thinking. At my age, some things don't make sense.

- If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
- A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, but is still fat.
- A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years, while a tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet it lives 150 years.

And they tell me to exercise? I don't think so.

Lord, just grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to remember the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered

- I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
- My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.
- I finally got my head together, but my body is falling apart.
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- It was a whole lot easier to get older, than to get wiser.
- The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
- If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
- These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter ... I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm "here after."
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- **HAVE I SENT THIS MESSAGE TO YOU BEFORE?**

