

Hart Beat

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

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➡ **Hart to Heart**

- This week is the Week of Prayer for BCNY Missions. I have posted the Prayer Guide for this week on our CNYAB web site. Look under the Information Center tab and go down to the last item – Prayer Guide. I have printed the guide and Lyn and I will include it in our daily morning devotional and prayer for missionaries. I urge you to go to our web site, print the prayer guide, and use it this week. I hope you will not only pray, but also make a contribution through your church to the James Mission Offering that is being received in connection with the Week of Prayer.
- If you're on Facebook you may already know. Mama has begun the puppy hunt! We still miss our beloved Holly Berry, who passed away on August 3rd, but we both feel like it's time to adopt another small creature to share our home. Stay tuned.....
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Christ Is King, Syracuse**, where Jon Speed has been pastor since the church began in September 2011.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Summit, Cazenovia** baptized 3 last Sunday in a Cazenovia Lake Beach Baptism service, including one Cazenovia College student. They have also kicked-off their Fall Semester with a monthly Men's Breakfast and six Life Groups. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.
- Pastor Phil Huber, Pastor @ **Inlet CC**, started a new four week sermon series entitled "Word Pictures" which will help members understand the roll of God's Word in their lives. This series will set the tone for a new discipleship small group that is intended to help individuals give the Word of God a platform to speak into their lives.
- **Missio University, Syracuse** experienced such growth over the summer that they are dividing into two groups meeting on different nights. > Also, a large group of college students began attending at Missio and they had 40 people at an initial interest meeting this week! This new college age ministry will kick off with weekly meetings next week. > The discovery group they initiated starts this week and already has 7 confirmed unbelievers coming to

engage in discussion of biblical topics. Brandon Owen is Church Planter/Pastor.

- Devon Bartholomew, Baptist Campus Ministry leader in Syracuse, led a team of 8 to work a day in the BCNY Disaster Relief effort in Central Islip on Long Island. The team was able to help two homeowners clean out their basements after the flooding.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** baptized one today. Ronnie Wyatt is Pastor.
- **Common Grounds, Beaver Meadow** has started a new Bible Study at an unusual time and place – 2 AM Saturday morning at Dunkin Donut in Norwich. One of their guys, who gets off work and goes by DD for coffee after work, reported to Pastor Mitch Mullenax that there were quite a few people in there at 2 AM and asked if they could start a Bible Study. Why not?
- **Emory Chapel** is planning a baptismal service for 6 on October 12th at **Living Water, Owego**. Emory Chapel Pastor Gary Culver has announced his retirement effective near the end of November. He will retire from his secular job on October 1st. He and his wife, Margaret, plan to spend the winter near their son in San Antonio, TX.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 24th - BD Darlene Stedge (PW @ Maryland BC)
- 24th – Discipleship Class @ Agape, Norwich
- 25th – BD Connie Sibrava (PW @ Living Water, Owego)
- 25th – ANV David & Lori Kreydatus (P&W @ Eternal Life, Auburn)
- 27th – BCNY Ladies' Meeting in Nanuet, NY

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- **An Encouragement to Find a Believer**
(Japan) In Japan, when someone moves into a new community, the custom is to introduce oneself to the neighbors. In a country where less than 0.5 percent of the population is Christian, it's very unusual to find another believer. But as two missionaries, who are members of the South Tokyo Team, went from house to house to introduce themselves, they discovered the woman across the street is a Christian! The Japanese woman shared that she is the only believer in her home, and she asked them to pray for her

husband's salvation. Cooperative Program funds support the South Tokyo Team as they prayerwalk in their neighborhoods seeking opportunities to share the Gospel.

- **Equipping Others For Ministry**

(Arkansas) Being a bivocational minister is tough. He must constantly balance ministry, work and family. The side effect is that a pastor is forced to enable and equip people within the church to minister and help. Working bivocationally also allows pastors opportunities to be in the community where they can interact with people who would normally never visit a church. Mosaic Church in Arkansas strives to be a real church for broken people and for people who feel they don't fit in church. As we faithfully give to missions through the Cooperative Program, we are helping missionaries like MICHAEL and MARSHA WALKER share the Gospel with unreached people.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

"Hello, hello?" shrilled a mature female voice over the phone. "Is this the SPCA?"

"Yes."

"Could you to send somebody over right away?"

"What's wrong?"

"There's a magazine salesman sitting in a tree teasing my dog."