

Hart Beat

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

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► Hart to Heart

- Last week I failed to include Jon Speed's birthday (Sept 4) and his Church Anniversary (Sept 2011). Sorry about that Jon. My i-phone has been doing some weird things lately.
- Please pray for: 1) Pedro Abreau (Pastor @ Transformation, Syracuse is quite ill with flu like symptoms 2) Cindy Schallmo's (PW @ Summit, Cazenovia) dad passed away earlier tonight.
- A thank you note from Cindy Scott, widow of Jeff Scott (Pastor @ Canastota Baptist Church) who passed away recently.

Dear Ed and Association Members

*I want to thank you for the generous gift of money you gave my family. It greatly lightened our burden during this difficult time. I also want to thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent. Probably few people knew this, but Jeff loved flowers. He probably would have had a greenhouse if he had time. Jeff was always supportive in his thoughts and prayers of the association and was blessed to have your fellowship. God bless you all.
Cindy*

- Although I had given up on the request I made to IMB many months ago, this week I got confirmation that a current IMB missionary working in Southeast Asia had agreed to speak at our annual meeting on October 18th at Crosspoint, Whitesboro. Last week I announced that Dr. Charles Brock, retired IMB missionary to the Philippines and the founder of Church Growth International, would speak at our annual meeting. SO, we will hear two missionaries. You won't want to miss this annual meeting!
- Keith & Diane Sherwood, members at Christ Is King, Syracuse, have a marriage enrichment ministry. In the world today couples become so involved in the day-to-day concerns of their lives--job, children, home, social activities-- that they can lose touch with each other and their married relationship. The Marriage Encounter Weekend helps a couple discover each other again. To learn more about Marriage Encounter and the upcoming

weekend at Asbury Retreat Center, October 24-26 or to receive a brochure and application form please call Keith & Diane Sherwood at 315-492-2372 or email ksher1021@aol.com .

- On Wednesday evening past, at the invitation of Pastor Jon Jablonski, I started a series of weekly Discipleship Development classes at **Agape, Norwich** which should continue through the Wednesday evenings in September and October. Based on Matt. 28:19-20 and a working definition of disciple as a believer who is being transformed into the image of Christ – both in character and conduct, the class is designed to enhance the transformation process in current attendees and to help them think through an intentional plan to disciple others who make the decision to be followers of Christ. As time and schedule permit, I am available to do these classes in any of our CNYBA churches.
- Yesterday I attended the meeting of the Baptist Convention of New York Executive Board and afterward picked up one of our tent trailers at **Northside, Liverpool** and brought it home with me.
- Last evening Lyn and I attended the Doctoral Graduation Celebration for Pastor Greg Johnson @ **Cornerstone, Endicott**. Pastor Johnson has graduated from Northeastern Seminary with a Doctor of Ministry degree. Congratulations Dr. Greg!
- Lyn and I worshipped this morning with the good folks at **Maryland BC**, where Calvin Stedge has been pastor since November 2011. On the way we stopped by the Associational Pole Barn, put the tent trailer I picked up yesterday in the barn, and took the scaffolding trailer out of the barn and delivered it to Maryland BC.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Clyde BC** has received members in every way Baptist churches normally receive members during the past two weeks. Today they received two for membership - an adult lady by transfer of letter and an adult lady by statement of faith. I forgot to mention in last week's HART BEAT that they received a member by profession of faith and baptized her in the service last Sunday while Lyn and I were there to participate in the last of their August special services. Roger Knapton is Pastor

- **Newark BFC** kicked off the new Sunday School year this morning with a program that included a juggler. Tonight they held a family movie night, screening the film “God is Not Dead,” John DePugh is Pastor.
- **Canastota BC** began their Pastor search process today by selecting a three person Pastor Search Committee. Bob Teachout was elected as church moderator.
- **Christ Is King Syracuse** is sharing space with a used bookstore being run by Pastor Jon Speed. The Grand Opening for the bookstore, located at 6142 South Salina Street in Syracuse (Nedrow), is Tuesday, September 9th. Pastor Jon is offering a 20% discount to all CNYBA church members and BCNY staff during the month of September. Store hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM.
- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** will hold their Quarterly Informational Meeting & Pot-luck Meal on September 14th. Attendance in last week’s worship service was 183. They have Pastor Appreciation Sunday scheduled for October 12th and they will host the Annual CNYBA Meeting on October 18th. Sam Macri is Pastor.
- **Northside, Liverpool** baptized 5 last Sunday. They will have a Beth Moore simulcast on September 13th and a Father-Son Retreat on September 19=20. Breuce Aubrey is Senior Pastor.
- **Stamford BC** had a dis-to-pass fellowship meal after services this morning. Their Friday Night Family Movie Night on Friday night will feature the film, “Redeemed.” And they will host a Red Cross blood drive at their facility on October 14th. Waylen Bray is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 8th CNYBA Leadership Team Meeting4
- 10th BD Matt Hallenbeck (Pastor @ Bellewood, North Syracuse)
- 10th BD Debbie O’Brien (PW @ Northside, Liverpool)
- 10th Discipleship Class @ Agape, Norwich
- 11th BD Sue Fallon (PW @ Crossroads, Sherburne)
- 12th BD Christina Lower (PW @ West Hill, Ithaca)
- 13th Central, Syracuse Golf Tournament
- 13th Davis College Golf Tournament
- 14th ANV Jim & Pam Hundley (P&W @ Emmanuel, Cortland)

➤ Missionary Moments

- Utilizing Cooking Skills to Teach Others

(Thailand) Four nights a week, LORENA MAYHUGH leaves the tiny, dorm-style room she calls home and heads to her classroom at the Baptist Student Center, which is maintained by Cooperative Program gifts, to teach English to her adult students, including two men in their 60s. Most teachers at the school are volunteers like Lorena, but there's one major difference — Lorena is 92. For 10 years, Lorena has lived in Thailand, where she served first as an appointed masters missionary with IMB and now remains as a volunteer. She has taught close to 3,000 students at the center. She sometimes uses cooking to teach English, and she estimates she's gone through 200 brownie mixes and numerous batches of oatmeal cookies with her students.

- Praying for Life Change

(Nevada) Las Vegas is much more than the Strip and casinos. It is a sprawling western city devastated by the real estate bust and a struggling economy. With just shy of 2 million people, Las Vegas has only 102 Southern Baptist churches, with an SBC church-to-population ratio of 1 to 19,313. Estimates show that only one out of 10 residents in Las Vegas expresses evangelical faith in Christ. Send North America: Las Vegas city coordinator EDDIE HANCOCK is thankful for your support of the Cooperative Program and asks that you join him and his wife, TERRI, in praying for lives to be changed and souls saved through new church starts.

➤ Have You Heard This One? - Unusual Signs

On a tree across the way from a deer stand:

Warning

Baiting Deer is illegal

This corn pile is intended for squirrels, chipmunks, and other such animals
Any deer found eating this corn will be shot

On a bulletin board in a counselor's office:

Relationship Tip for men:

When a woman says "Correct me if I'm wrong", DON'T DO IT!
IT'S A TRAP! DON'T DO IT!

On the bulletin cover at a class reunion:

The most memorable people in life
Will be the friends who loved you
Even when you weren't very lovable

On a Landscape Company Sign:
Spring is here!
I'm so excited I wet my plants!

On the gate of a fence around a remote cabin
Due to the rising cost of ammunition
I cannot afford warning shots

On the gate of a fence around a remote cabin
Trespassing violators will be shot
Survivors will be shot again