

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Praise the Lord for a mild winter so far. Let's take advantage of that and be about the Father's business. There are folks all around us who need to hear the good news about salvation through Jesus Christ.
- On Thursday past we resumed the Open Bible Fellowship evening Bible study. We're still averaging between 15 and 18 in attendance. Some older folks have dropped off because of the cold and/or rainy weather, but a few new folks continue to show up. This week we had two ladies attend who do not attend church anywhere. One of them lives just down the road from me. I've been praying that we could reach some "unattached" folks, so this is answered prayer.
- Lyn is under the weather today, so she took some medicine and curled up in the recliner. I worshiped with the good folks at Emmanuel, Cortland, where Jim Hundley has been pastor since Adam was a boy – actually since February 1992.
- Let me encourage you to pray for the messenger of God you call pastor. He has an awesome responsibility and difficult task. Read Hebrews 13:17.
- Thanks for the emails and texts offering sympathy for the loss by the Minnesota Vikings in the final seconds of the play-off game. Not everybody has the constitution to be a Viking fan.

➡ News From the Churches

- Christ Is King, Syracuse reached out with Christmas presents to a poor family of 14. They also distributed 200 wrapped Christmas packages with gospel centered gifts to people at three locations in our community. Pastor Jon Speed, and his wife, will be traveling to Mexico City in July of this year to assist a sister church plant there.
- North Fenton BC has chosen a theme for this year, focusing on "letting our light shine" (Matt. 5:16), learning what that means and how to put it into practice. > For Sunday School they are working chapter by chapter through the book "Not a Fan" (becoming a completely committed follower of Jesus). > They recently decided to study the Psalms for their Wednesday night "Study and Prayer" time hour. > They are restarting their monthly Friday Family Fun Night after taking off a couple months for the Holidays. > They will have a Praise and

Pie evening service on the 5th Sunday of this month, and if we ever receive some snow, a Sledding Party later in January. Rodney Kochmanski is Pastor.

- **Stamford BC** will show the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's video, "The Value of a Soul", during the morning worship service on January 31. Pastor Waylen and Cherlyn Bray will be on vacation January 25 to February 2. They have exceeded their \$400 goal for the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions by \$50.
- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** will begin a new ministry soon called New Dawn Cancer Care Ministry. They will minister to the needs of cancer patients as well as to their caregivers and family members with such things as providing meals, assistance with transportation to and from treatment, home or hospital visits, assisting with minor home maintenance or cleaning, mowing grass, raking leaves or clearing snow, and/or helping to find a specific support group to meet specific needs. Sam Macri is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 12th BD Bernie Elliott – Associate Pastor @ Missio, Syracuse
- 14th Open Bible Fellowship
- 15th BD Yong Rhee – Pastor @ River of Joy, Syracuse

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [North Africa and Middle East] Christian worker CARVER GLADDING* began a Bible-storying workshop by asking the men if they had ever had a dream they thought was from God. One man said that he had dreamt about that very workshop. Unbelievers heard this man's story and how God used a dream to lead him. Carver was able to lead the conversation to the story of Joseph. God continues to speak to people through dreams, and because of the Cooperative Program, workers like Carver are there to point people to Christ. Pray that the truth Carver tells will take hold in the hearts of the people.
- [Alabama] Even as a child, BRITTANY KENT had a God-given desire to serve others through medicine. When she was 7, through the influence of an IMB missionary, she knew she was to serve their spiritual needs as well. In high school she became active in apartment ministry. Today she is a college student in Tuscaloosa, working as a NAMB GenSend campus mobilizer. Brittany mobilizes students for service in Indianapolis, one of NAMB's Send Cities. She and her team serve alongside church planters. Because you give through the Cooperative Program, students are learning to live missionally and people are coming to Christ. Pray for Brittany as she leads students and completes her master's degree.

➡ **The Adventures of Henry & Harley**

- The boys, our two Pomeranian puppy brothers, have never been separated. Except for brief periods when they are being groomed and when they were getting “fixed” at the vets, they are together 24/7. They have become so familiar with each other that they run through the house in synch. When they are looking at you with that quizzical look, they tilt their heads back and forth in rhythm. When they get outside the confines of the house or dog yard, they love to run at top speed – side by side like they were harnessed together. They work as a team. When they want out to harass Patches the cat, they come stand in front of my recliner and just stare up at me. If I don’t see them or choose to ignore them, Harley gives a low quiet bark and Henry will jump up on my lap and stare at me – nose to nose, until I get up and let them out. Wouldn’t it be great if God’s people would work together like that? He told us to in 1 Peter 3:8-9 (NLT) where he said, “Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. Don’t repay evil for evil. Don’t retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing.”

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- An American businessman goes to Japan on a business trip, but he hates Japanese food, so he asks the concierge at his hotel if there's any place around where he can get American food. The concierge tells him he's in luck, there's a pizza place that just opened, and they deliver. The concierge gives the businessman the phone number, and he goes back to his room and orders a pizza. Thirty minutes later, the delivery guy shows up to the door with the pizza. The businessman takes the pizza, and starts sneezing uncontrollably. He asks the delivery man, "What on earth did you put on this pizza?" The delivery man bows deeply and says, "We put on the pizza what you ordered, pepper only."