

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- We're just about a month away from the "Keep the Fire Burning" Conference at **Northside, Liverpool** scheduled for March 6-8. The program goes from Sunday evening through Tuesday noon. I hope as many of you as possible will make plans to attend as much of the conference as possible. You will come away blessed and challenged. To register ahead of time, go to www.northsideonline.org or call the church at 315-652-3160.
- The CNYBA Pastors' Gathering (via Go-to-Meeting) scheduled for Thursday, February 11 at 10 AM & 7 PM has been moved up to Tuesday February 16th because Open Bible Fellowship now meets on Thursday evenings.
- Plans are firmed up for the CNYBA Mission Vision trip to St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Bill Lower (**West Hill, Ithaca**), Dan Schallmo (**Summit, Cazenovia**), and I will travel there March 31 – April 4 to visit with Church Planter John Smith about ways CNYBA churches can do some hands on mission work in the future. We will be asking lots of questions and taking in all kinds of information such as where and how to lodge and feed groups who might travel there in the future. Since this is an English speaking environment, I expect that many of you can be of great assistance in establishing churches on St. Croix – and perhaps later on St. John and/or St. Thomas.
- Today Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Emory Chapel, Waverly**, where Gary Culver has been pastor since the church began in December 1998.
- This afternoon, I facilitated a meeting of the Church Finance Committee at **Living Water, Owego**, where Wayne Sibrava has been pastor since December 1997.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Cornerstone, Endicott** showed the film "War Room" last Friday evening. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** will hold their annual Schiller Park Easter Egg Hunt on March 26th. If you would like to provide eggs (plastic filled with candy) or help with the hunt, contact Pastor Ronnie Wyatt at tncsyracuse@gmail.com or 315-876-0558. > It appears that things are moving forward with a building on Pond St, in Syracuse. It is the former Allied Electric

building. The owner is getting things in order with the city concerning codes, restrictions, etc. The rent will be \$850.00 a month. > In other news, Pastor Ronnie will have gall bladder surgery on Wednesday.

- **Inlet CC** Pastor, Phil Huber, started a sermon series entitled “Marriage In a Nutshell.” Through the month of February they will search the book of Proverbs for marital and other relationship advice. > Tonight they had a Super owl party. > On Tuesday, Billy’s restaurant in Old Forge will hold a fundraising dinner for their Mexico Mission Trip coming up this summer.
- **Outpouring, Oswego** Pastor Zach Neyhard a promotion and a job change at his secular job. Then he contracted pneumonia, which took nearly 8 weeks to recover from. Newborn Amelia Grace and Becca (wife) are both healthy! Their prayer requests include: (1) only \$3000 remaining needed to be raised in new support partnerships to meet our estimated financial needs in 2016, (2) pray for wisdom and scheduling efficiency for Zach as he builds relationship with the three young men he plans to disciple individually this semester, (3) pray for our plans to roll all our existing community groups this spring semester into one larger Wednesday night group, focusing on basic discipleship habits, character, and skills, and on building a more relationally connected church, (4) pray for connections to local church leaders, as this potentially opens up doors for churches and individuals committing to pray for and support us financially. (5) pray for wisdom, patience, and courage, for one of their student leaders whose parents do not wholly approve of her commitment to follow Christ. (6) pray for opportunities for them and the students to share their faith and make new disciples of Jesus!
- **Living Water, Owego** will have a Church-wide Valentine Party on Friday, February 12th. Wayne Sibrava is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 9th BD Jim Hundley – Pastor @ Emmanuel, Cortland
- 10th Ronnie Wyatt’s surgery
- 11th Open Bible Fellowship
- Dish-to-pass & Movie matinée @ Emory Chapel, Waverly

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Montana] MARK LANGLEY serves as the state director of evangelism for the Montana Southern Baptist Convention. His task is to strengthen Montana churches to lead their communities to Christ. Mark provides tools and resources for churches and pastors to equip their people for ministry, especially evangelism. This large state has only 134 SBC churches and the state convention

staff is small. Your support through the Cooperative Program will ensure that Montana churches will have the tools and resources they need to reach their communities for Christ. Pray that lostness and spiritual darkness will be pushed back in the great state of Montana.

- [Central Asia] Because JUSTIN and SUE KAISE* often have guests in their home, much of their ministry is hospitality. In one year they had 270 nights of overnight guests. They also invite many Muslim friends and business relationships over for dinner. The Kaisers strive to do ministry together as a family. They have taken trips throughout the Middle East as a family, and the trips were more successful because their children were with them. You support their family and provide for their home through the Cooperative Program. The Kaise family serves as representatives for Christ in a part of the world that is desperate to know Him.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A woman walking down a residential street, noticed a little old man rocking in a chair on his porch. She called out to him as she passed. "Hello there! I couldn't help but notice how happy you look. What's your secret for a long happy life?" "I smoke three packs of cigarettes a day," he replied. "I also drink a case of whiskey a week, eat nothing but fast food, and never exercise." "Wow!" The woman was amazed. "How old are you?" she asked. "Twenty-six," he replied.