

Hart Beat

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

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➡ **Hart to Heart**

- It that time of year again! Don't forget to Spring forward (turn your clocks up an hour) next Saturday night so you won't miss church on Sunday.
- This week (March 6-13) is the Week of Prayer for North American Missions. I hope your church is participating and that you will pray for the featured missionaries throughout the week. There is also an annual Annie Armstrong Offering that is connected to the Week of Prayer. Lyn and I have already made a contribution through our home church. All the funds given to the AAO goes directly to NAMB to support home missions. Please be as generous as you can in supporting this offering.
- Lyn and I worshiped today with the good folks at our home church, **Living Water, Owego**, where I was privileged to baptize John Sheehy, who has been one of my golfing partners for a couple of summers, my current gym buddy, and faithful attender at our Thursday evening Open Bible Fellowship Bible study since we began in September past. When I preached at Living Water a couple of weeks ago, John came forward to make a public profession of faith and ask for baptism. Pastor Wayne Sibrava graciously invited me to do the baptism. It was my joy and honor to baptize my friend and brother this morning.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Stamford BC** schedule of activities for March include a March 13-16 Spring Revival w/Seminary Student from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary preaching, a March 25th Good Friday Candlelight service, and an Easter Sunrise Service @ 7 AM. On April 9th they have scheduled a Leadership Workshop led by DOM Ed Hart from 9 AM – Noon. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **Clyde BC** will participate once again in the annual evangelism initiative by Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary which sends seminary students across America to preach revivals during spring break. They will hold revival services with seminary student, Kortney Fenley, preaching March 13-16. They will finish the week with revival services led by various preachers, including DOM Ed Hart, who will preach the final service on Sunday morning, March 20th.
- **Baptist Campus Ministry** leader, Devon Bartholomew (whom we support through our CYBA budget) led a group of students from Syracuse University on a mission trip over Winter Break (Dec. 28 to Jan. 11) to Nepal. The eight person

team partnered with Baptist Global Relief (Southern Baptists' International Disaster Relief organization, to disassemble crumbled homes destroyed by last year's devastating earthquake, making plots ready for rebuilding. > In January they hosted Raleigh Sadler with Let My People Go ministry, who spoke about how to fight human-trafficking. The Daily Orange, an independent student newspaper, wrote a great article about Raleigh's lecture and work. > In February they collaborated with People's Place Cafe to share the love of Christ through a coupon for a free cup of coffee during the bitter cold week before Valentine's Day. They called the event Coffee Love!

- **Bellewood, North Syracuse** will hold a Church Spring Clean Up Day Saturday, March 19th and a Good Friday evening Worship service on March 25th. They will host a VBS Leaders Training on Saturday, April 9, and have a VBS Pep Rally on Sunday, April 10th during the morning Worship Service. Matt Hallenbeck is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 6th – 8th Keep the Fire Burning Conference @ Northside, Liverpool
- 7th BD Carl Hart – Pastor @ Sylvian Hills BC - Camden, AR and younger brother of our DOM
- 10th BD Kathy Aubrey – PW @ Northside, Liverpool
- 10th Open Bible Fellowship
- 11th Bhim Biswa – Pastor @ Nepali, Syracuse

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [New Jersey] TIM and ROBIN NUSSBAUMER have been in New Jersey for more than 10 years planting gospel-centered churches. One of Tim's goals from the beginning has been to partner with local school systems. One elementary school allowed the church to rent school facilities on Sundays, but it still took time to build trust between them and the church. To build this trust, the church cancelled a morning service to instead clean the school and do landscaping. Eventually, this relationship led to a tutoring and ESL class for the families of students. Pray for more church planters to have a heart for the Northeast and support them by giving through the Cooperative Program.
- [Mali] For more than a month heavy rains prevented LAURA REECE* from traveling to her village. Laura used this time to go to different churches in town and meet with believers. She learned about the spiritual warfare going on in one area. Friends shared that nonbelievers had buried things in the churchyards to put spells on the area, make evil things happen and fight against Jesus coming to their towns. Laura asks that Christians pray for the believers who are fighting

against things that we cannot even imagine. Thank you for your prayers and for giving to the Cooperative Program, which brings light to the darkness.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- Two 90 year old men, Bob and Roy, had been friends all their lives. When Bob fell ill, Roy visited him every day. As death seemed to be moving closer, Roy said, “Bob, we’ve both really enjoyed playing golf for many years. Please do me one favor. When you get to heaven, somehow you’ve got to let me know if there’s golf in heaven.” Bob agreed to do all he could to let Roy know. Around midnight a few weeks after Bob passed, Roy was awakened by a blinking flashing light and a voice calling his name. He bolted upright in bed and said, “Who’s there?” Then he heard, “It’s me - Bob. I have good news and bad news. The good news is that there IS golf in heaven. Better yet, everybody here is young again, it’s always summer, and it never rains. We can golf as much as we like and never get tired.” “That fantastic!” said Roy. “So what’s the bad news?” “ You have a tee time on Tuesday morning.”