

## **Hart Beat**

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

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### **➡ Hart to Heart**

- I'm late with the newsletter this week. When I got home late yesterday afternoon my computer had somehow updated to Windows 10. I couldn't find anything !!!! I call my IT guys (who I have on retainer) and sometime last night they were able to un-update my computer so that this morning I can use my computer again. Thanks to those who called or texted about what happened to the newsletter. I have often wondered if anybody would miss it if I didn't put it out.
- The weather is looking much better. I think Spring is finally here. The routine is changing at the Hart household. Somehow I've got to find time to work on the house and play golf once in a while. I keep telling everybody it's all about priorities. So I guess I have to prioritize. And of course high on that list will be the "honey do" list – which is growing all the while.
- Yesterday Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Grace, Rome**, where it was my privilege to preach. Trent Williams is Pastor.
- The first thing I noticed when we arrived at Grace yesterday was the number of cars in the parking lot – much larger than it used to be. Pastor Trent has only been pastor at Grace since September 2015, but there is already a new spirit and enthusiasm, as well as higher attendance. It is evident that the Lord is at work.
- Following a fellowship lunch, at the invitation of Pastor Trent, I did a power point presentation on Missions in SBC Life – explaining our structure and our system of doing missions – which is what the SBC is about. Judging from the questions and comments, this was informative and instructive to some of the newer folks, who like me, did not grow up in Southern Baptist Life.
- Tomorrow evening the CNYBA Leadership Team will meet to set the agenda for the CNBA Mid-Year Meeting, select a project for our upcoming Knapton Offering for Associational Missions, discuss establishing a partnership with the Shepherd's Fold Community Church in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, and probably some other items of interest. Don't forget to save the date of April 30<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. The meeting will be held at **Grace, Rome**. The agenda will be posted on our web site later this week.

### **➡ News From the Churches**

- **West Hill, Ithaca** had about 40 people in attendance on Friday night past for a comedy night with Pee Paw (Pastor Ronnie Wyatt from **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse**) and it was a great time of Laughter. > They will host a Ladies Day event on May 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 AM to 1 PM with author and founder of Galina's Hope Ministry, Galina Messmer. All ladies in our association are invited to attend and bring others, for a day of faith and encouragement regarding facing tragedies and abuse. You can use Galina's web site ( [www.galinashope.com](http://www.galinashope.com) ) to learn more about her ministry and/or to contact her about sharing at your church. > A group from West Hill be traveling to Kentucky in June to work with Builders For Christ to build a new church building. > Also, Albanian Pastor Erion Sylari is looking for partners to help support a Christian school and new church plant in a town that is 90% Muslim. If you or your church might have interest, contact West Hill Pastor Bill Lower at 607-227-4646 or [www.wlower@aol.com](http://www.wlower@aol.com) .
- **Summit, Cazenovia** had a ham and potatoes pot luck fellowship meal after services yesterday. Dan Schallmo is Pastor.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** has called Associate Pastor Mike McMahon to become Pastor June 1<sup>st</sup>. Current Pastor Karl Novak is retiring and moving back to Mississippi.

### ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Tues (19<sup>th</sup>) – CNYBA Leadership Team Meeting
- Thurs (21<sup>st</sup>) – Open Bible Fellowship - Catatonk

### ➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [New York] JEREMIAH BRINKMAN ministers to the people of northern New York as a pastor, church planting catalyst and community helper. He and his family share God's love with the elderly, teens, families and people in need of a refuge. In particular, they work with Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program. Their ministries are aimed at helping people who have problems that are often a result of their background or social status and introducing them to the One who loves them and cares for them. Pray that Jeremiah and fellow church planters will have wisdom as they mentor church planters, church leaders, interns and people in the church, and support them through the Cooperative Program.
- [South Asia] In their first week of living in South Asia, STEPHEN and CHRISTINE LANSDELL\* had opportunities to share the gospel. "I have done countless things wrong. Will I still be accepted?" a man asked Stephen, after hearing about Jesus. "That's the reason Jesus came," Stephen said. "We are all

sinner.” He explained how salvation is a gift and asked if the man wanted this gift. The man believed in Jesus and couldn’t stop smiling. Gifts to the Cooperative Program sent the Lansdells to South Asia, where many more will hear and believe.

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- Each evening bird-lover Tom stood in his backyard, hooting like an owl - and one night, an owl called back to him. For a year, the man and his feathered friend hooted back and forth. He even kept a log of the "conversation." Just as he thought he was on the verge of a breakthrough in interspecies communication, his wife had a chat with her next door neighbor. "My husband spends his nights ... calling out to owls," she said. "That's odd," the neighbor replied. "So does my husband." Then it dawned on them.