

Hart Beat

(An E-update for CNYBA Pastors and Leaders)

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➡ **Hart to Heart**

- You will remember Pastor Gary Culver, whom we were praying for recently after he and his wife experienced a house fire. This past week he wound up in the hospital with extreme pain. After several inconclusive tests, they did an exploratory scope procedure and found a collapsed urethra tube, which they stented. He is recuperating at home, but please continue to lift him up in prayer.
- Pastor Wayne Sibrava (**Living Water, Owego**) and his wife Connie just returned from a mission trip to Peru. This afternoon Connie had her foot and hand x-rayed and she did in fact break her toe while on the trip. She also has a sprained hand and is very sore. Pastor Wayne came back with a stomach problem of some sort. Let's lift up this couple in prayer.
- Official word same this week that a new church has formed in Norwich, NY under the leadership of Harold Lefler. This is the maturation of a Thursday night Bible study Bro. Harold has been leading for several years. The new church will be sponsored by **Three Pines, Doraville**, and will be called **Fellowship Community Church**.
- I'm not sure I mentioned earlier, but **Faith Baptist Church**, formerly meeting in Camillus has been revived and is now meeting in a Community Center in Oneida under the leadership of Bob & Julie Teachout.
- Also, while we're talking about new church starts, a new Bhutanese Church, sponsored by our **Butanese CC, Syracuse** (Pastor Stephen Mangar) has been started in Scranton, PA. The new church is led by Pastor Bhim Rai, and will be known as **The Shade Church**.
- The recently formed **Praxis Church, East Syracuse** had decided not to affiliate with Southern Baptists.
- SO, I believe the number of congregations now affiliated with Central New York Baptist Association now stands at 50. Praise the Lord!
- Some have been asking about the status of Open Bible Fellowship, which I lead in Thursday evenings. I think we have arrived at "koinonia" (fellowship) but maybe not quite yet "reached the stage of covenanting together to be a church. I'm

guessing that might come after we begin Sunday evening worship services, which we hope to do around June 1st.

- Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Bellewood, North Syracuse** today where I was privileged to preach in the absence of Pastor Matt Hallenbeck, who is away on vacation with his family during their school's spring break. After service we enjoyed a fellowship meal in the fellowship hall. On the way home we stopped off at the hospital to visit a friend who fell this week and broke her hip. She just had the other hip replaced recently.
- Please continue praying for Lyn, whose knee replacement surgery is scheduled for next Monday, May 2nd. Pray that she will remain infection free so the surgery can go off as scheduled.
- Remember that the CNYBA Mid-year Meeting will be held at **Grace, Rome** next Saturday, April 30th beginning at 9:30 AM. The church will provide a continental breakfast before the meeting and a lunch after the meeting. At the meeting you will learn how to involve your church in your community, how to have a thriving discipleship development plan in your church, and how

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Northside, Liverpool** has a team of 21 people on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic this week. Pastor Bruce Aubrey is traveling with the group. He will be ministering to some pastors and leaders there for part of the trip and the team will be ministering at a ministry called Josiah's place, among other opportunities. In Pastor Bruce's absence this week-end Student Pastor Jeff Harrison preached.
- **Inlet CC** is taking the month of April for focused prayer for their community leading up to Community Pride Day on May 4th, when many people volunteer to clean up the area communities in preparation for the busy tourist season. They are praying for their schools, businesses, residents, elected leaders, volunteer firefighters, children, and for the church's impact in this community. < In other news, they have voted to pursue another bi-vocational pastor to add to their leadership team. They are looking for someone who feels called to serve the Inlet community and who would buy into the bi-vocationally multi-staffed church model. The position calls for a person to work in the community and be committed to work fifteen hours a week for the church. Responsibilities would be dependent on the gifting of the candidate and could include areas like teen ministry, children's ministry, outreach, worship, or discipleship. If you know of any candidates who might be interested, contact Pastor Phil Huber at 315-278-3054 or pandshuber@juno.com

- **Stamford BC** was blessed this coming morning with the music ministry of Randy Simpson, who has been traveling all over the United States proclaiming the Gospel in song for over 25 years now. > Next Sunday, May 1, they will have a covered dish meal after the worship service, followed by a Church conference, where they will have an opportunity to discuss the responses to the recent Membership Survey. > Saturday, May 7, 9 AM-'til ???, they will begin the process of opening the camp property in Maryland, New York, for use for the summer. Tom Hornbeck has offered his skills to help with plumbing and other matters related to the camp. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **Faith, Oneida** will use the CNYBA Block Party Trailer to do an outreach event on May 14th. They will be assisted by Pastor Elect, Mike McMahon, and a group from **Lakeshore, Cicero**. Bob Teachout is Pastor @ Faith.
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** welcomed two new members this morning. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Thur – Open Bible Fellowship, Catatunk
- Fri – Meeting with Carlos Rodriguez re: Virgin Island Missions
- Sat – 2016 CNYBA Mid-year Meeting @ Grace, Rome

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Ohio] Locating pockets of the many people groups in Ohio cities, praying with a church planter as he develops a launch plan and directing new leaders toward available resources are just some of the challenges and blessings regularly experienced by BRUCE SMITH, associate executive director for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Because you support the Cooperative Program, Bruce can coordinate funds for missionaries and their ministries and partner with associational leaders to develop strategies for reaching the millions of Ohioans who do not have a relationship with God. Pray for more church planters to be called from existing churches and church plants and for a movement of God to sweep across Ohio.
- [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 sinners.” 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?**

- A man was on a long walk in the country. He became thirsty so decided to stop at a little cottage and ask for something to drink. The lady of the house invited him in and served him a bowl of soup by the fire. There was a wee pig running around the kitchen, running up to the visitor and giving him a great deal of attention. The visitor commented that he had never seen a pig this friendly. The housewife replied: "Ah, he's not that friendly. That's his bowl you're using."