

## **Hart Beat**

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

**3 April 2016**

### ➡ **Hart to Heart**

- Greetings from St. Croix, US Virgin Islands, where Pastors Bill Lower and Dan Schallmo and I are suffering for Jesus in 75 degree weather! We have been spending time with Church Planter, John Smith, hearing his heart, and learning of his vision for reaching folks for Jesus by establishing Shephard's Fold Church. We will have a full report – first through this newsletter and then more fully at our CNYBA Mid-year Meeting on April 30.
- Speaking of our Mid-year meeting – it will be held on April 30 @ **Grace, Rome**, where Trent Williams is Pastor. Save the date. A complete agenda will be ready soon and I will post it on our web site ASAP.
- James Pannafino has announced a series of Saturday apologetic conferences he will be doing at North Syracuse Baptist Church April 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and May 7<sup>th</sup>. The time for all four conferences will be 10:00 – 11:30 AM. Topics covered will be “What’s in the Heart and Soul of the Everyday Skeptic” (Apr 16<sup>th</sup>), “What is the Reality You See with Your World view?” (Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>), “What is the Meaning of Life?” (Apr 30<sup>th</sup>), and “Is There Absolute Truth?” (May 7<sup>th</sup>). For more information contact James at 315-395-6102 or at [jamespannafino@yahoo.com](mailto:jamespannafino@yahoo.com)

### ➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Northside, Liverpool** recorded 1915 in worship on Easter week-end. 3 were baptized and at least 7 surrendered their lives to Christ. This Pastor Bruce Aubrey continued the sermon series on Philippians and the theme 'I Choose Joy'.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** had their third annual Northside Community Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday. The event has grown each year. This year a little over 500 people registered. There are literally hundreds of faithful friends and churches from all over the US that made it happen. They used the CNYBA bounce house and over 20,000 plastic eggs filled with candy that were either shipped to brought to them from various groups and churches from here in New York and as far away as Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Missouri. Many local and out-of-state volunteers helped with promotion, logistics, management, and clean up. Ronnie Wyatt is Pastor.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** has begun a monthly Saturday morning visitation program. They meet on the second Saturday of each month and spend a couple of hours visiting prospects and those in need. They plan a Fellowship Meal after

church on April 19<sup>th</sup> and will observe the Lord's Supper during morning worship on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Gary Culver is Pastor.

### ➡ **This Week in Preview** (April 3– April 9)

- Today – BD Soon Rhee (PW @ River of Joy, Syracuse)
- Thu – BD Sue Huber (PW @ Inlet CC)
- Thu – ANV Andy & Faith Smith (AP&W @ Emmanuel, Cortland)
- Fri –BD Devon Bartholomew (Dir/P BCM @ Syracuse University)
- Sat – Leadership Conference @ Stamford BC

### ➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Alaska] GARY and SHIRLEY BEARCE have served as associational missionaries for the Hatcher Pass Baptist Association in Alaska since 2006, after serving 17 years in Indiana. The association serves Wasilla and Palmer, but it covers an area larger than California. Shirley serves as the ministries assistant, and Gary works to catalyze the planting of new churches. Planting churches, building relationships and strengthening churches to reach a state that is more than 90 percent unchurched are the primary focuses. Through your prayers and giving through the Cooperative Program, more planters and partners are discovered and developed to effect change in Alaska. Pray for collaborators who will start new work or join existing work to strengthen evangelism and discipleship.
- [North Africa and Middle East] When IMB medical missionaries CHAD and SARAH HARDY\* met Anya,\* she mentioned how nice foreigners were compared to Arabs. The Hardys were treating Anya for tuberculosis when Sarah took the opportunity to tell her that they are “nice” because of Jesus, not because of the country they are from. Anya began reading the Bible on her own. One night when she couldn't sleep, she wrote a poem and gave her life to Christ. She is still the only believer among her family, but is praying for them. Your giving through the Cooperative Program supports missionaries like the Hardys, who are using their medical skills to reach people for Christ.

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- Great-Aunt Lucille had played the violin for over 50 years, so her family was surprised when she suddenly decided to take up the cello. “It's harder to misplace,” she explained.