

## **Hart Beat**

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

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### ➡ **Hart to Heart**

- Four CNYBA churches appeared on the list of the 25 top BCNY church givers to world-wide missions through the SBC Cooperative Program in 2015. They are **Northside, Liverpool, Living Water, Owego, Crosspoint, Whitesboro, and Renovation, Syracuse**. Congratulations to those churches, Pastors, and church leadership.
- Pastor Waylen Bray had successful cataract surgery this week.
- Today was the last Sunday for Karl Novak as Pastor @ Lakeshore, Cicero. He is retiring and Mike McMahon will become Pastor effective June 1.
- Lyn came home from residential rehab that followed her knee replacement. She continues to make great progress and is continuing to do “exercises” at home. She is using a walker outside the house, but just a cane in the house. After three weeks in rehab, the boys and I are glad to have her home.
- The results of the CT scan my doctor ordered to follow up on something the hospital radiology department thought they saw when I was having all kinds of test following the vertigo episode, came back negative. There is no nodule of any significance and there is no need for any further follow up. Praise the Lord!
- Yesterday was Lyn’s birthday. A couple of couples initiated a surprise birthday party. I was able to keep it a secret so Lyn was truly surprised when eight friends and neighbors showed up with gifts and food. I fired up the grill and we had a great time of fellowship. She had never had a surprise birthday party before.
- Today, Lyn did not travel with me, staying a home to worship with the good folks at First Baptist, Atlanta and Dr. Stanley via TV. She still can’t sit in one position too long at a time without elevating the leg and/or walking around.
- I worshipped today with the good folks at **Korean, Vestal**, where Daniel Song has been pastor since July 2005. Today Tim Bissell (Church Planting Catalyst for upstate New York) preached in the absence of Pastor Song, who is on a mission trip to Cambodia.
- This coming week will mark a milestone for me. Twenty years ago this coming Wednesday < June 1<sup>st</sup>, I became a Director of Missions here in New York – first

with the Southern Tier Baptist Association and then with the Central New York Baptist Association. Actually I arrived a few days early. You and the Lord have been gracious ever since and I am blessed.

## ➡ **News From the Churches**

- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** rejoices in finding a building in which to meet. After having met in the living room of Pastor Ronnie Wyatt's family home for two years, they have signed a lease on a building to use as their "gathering place." They will begin meeting there this coming Saturday evening. The building at 1401 N. Salina St is their fifth "possible building" since they began exploring places to meet. The first four possibilities never materialized for various and sundry reasons – mainly parking issues and city code issues. Let's continue lifting this church and church planter up in prayer as they move into this next phase of their journey.
- **Grace, Rome** baptized three during the morning worship service today. Trent Williams is Pastor.
- **Korean, Vestal** plans a return mission trip to Honduras the third week in August. Daniel Song is Pastor.
- **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk** will begin Sunday evening worship services at 6 PM on June 5<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to have Thursday evening Bible study. Ed Hart is Pastor.
- **Baptist Campus Ministry, Syracuse** has a new staff person and a new focus for Pastor/Director Devon Bartholomew's wife. Macie, ESF '16 conservation biology graduate will be joining the BCM staff team as an intern for the 2016-17 academic year! She is an answer to prayer and will be a blessing as she builds up the women's ministry on campus. Kate Bartholomew will be spending a bit more time on campus in the upcoming semester. She is grateful for the five years God has given her to learn and grow as an engineer, but He has placed a desire on her heart to serve in another way. In addition to taking on more of a discipleship role at BCM, she will be serving as the program director at the International Learning Center in Syracuse, which is an English as a Second Language institute for adult learning, and is a ministry that will allow her to exercise a calling to work one-on-one with people, by sharing Jesus's love through meeting a physical need. It's not easy to say "see you later" to a successful career and comfortable workplace, but God has made His will clear and by His grace she is stepping out in faith to follow Him onto campus and into a diverse Syracuse neighborhood!

## ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Today – BD David Kreydatus (Pastor @ Eternal Life, Auburn)
- Mon – BD Ariel Ruiz (Pastor @ Nueva Esperanza, Syracuse)
- Tues – BD Francis DeGarmo (former Pastor's wife @ Jefferson BC)
- Fri – BD Jessica Ford (PW @ Lyons Falls Bible Fellowship Church)
- Sat - BD Faith Smith (APW @ Emmanuel, Cortland)
- Sat – ANV Ken & Sue Fallon (P&W @ Crossroads, Sherburne)

### ➡ **June Ministry Anniversaries**

- Ed Hart – Director of Missions since June 1996
- Duane Arnold – Pastor @ Southport, Elmira since June 1996
- Tim Bissell – Church Planting Catalyst since June 2004
- Zach Neyhard – Pastor @ Outpouring, Oswego since June 2007
- David Kreydatus – Pastor @ Eternal Life, Auburn since June 2008
- Charles Matthews – Pastor @ Church Street, Elmira since June 2010
- John Jablonski – Pastor @ Agape, Norwich since June 2014

### ➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Florida] MARC and SANDY JOHNSTON partner with Florida Baptist churches and associations through the Florida Baptist Convention to proclaim the gospel in word and deed. As lead strategist of the church and community ministries team, Marc leads his team to assist and equip believers to engage their communities through feeding ministries, a mobile dental unit, ESL classes, tutoring, migrant farm workers ministries and more. Your gifts through the Cooperative Program make it possible for nearly 20 million Floridians to have their physical and spiritual needs met. Please pray for the Johnston family, for Marc as he travels and that Florida Baptist churches will catch a vision for the ministry opportunities in their communities.
- [Deaf] JARED and NICOLE MALLET,\* workers reaching the Deaf of Europe, have teamed with another worker from Canada to lead a Deaf summer camp in Hungary. Approximately 50 Deaf are attending the camp. They are from four different countries and are communicating in four different sign languages. Ask God to open the hearts of the Deaf campers as His love is shared with them. Pray for many Deaf to make a decision to follow Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Continue to give to the Cooperative Program so opportunities like this will continue.

### ➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- One morning a grandmother was surprised to find that her 7 year old grandson had made her coffee. Smiling, she choked down the worst cup of coffee of her life. When she finished she found three plastic Army men in the bottom of the cup. Puzzled, she asked, “Honey, why are these green Army men in my cup”? Her grandson answered, “Like they say on TV Grandma, ‘The best thing about waking up is soldiers in your cup.’”