

## Hart Beat

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

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### ➡ **Hart to Heart**

- I discovered that emails sent to me from the website email address, which were supposed to be forwarded to my Yahoo account, were not being forwarded. Supposedly the problem has been resolved. However, the most fool-proof plan is to use the Yahoo email address when you email me. If you sent one of the 248 emails to the web site address to which I did not respond, I apologize.
- Word came this week that Pastor Gary Culver (**Emory Chapel, Waverly**) was diagnosed with bone cancer, with the possibility of other type cancer as well. More test will be run and a treatment plan will be establish ASAP. Let's be lifting our brother, his family, and his church family up in prayer during these trying days.
- By now every pastor should have received a bulletin insert to use with a "Week of Prayer for Associational Missions". The CNYBA Knapton Associational Mission Offering associated with the week of prayer will go toward our Virgin Island mission endeavor.
- On Monday evening past Lyn ad I were privileged to attend a Church Planter Network dinner meeting in Syracuse hosted by NAMB Church Planting Catalyst, Tim Bissell. It was good to meet some new church planters who are starting works in the Syracuse and in the Corning area, as well as a couple of potential church planters from upstate.
- On Thursday past I conducted our ongoing weekly Thursday evening **Open Bible Fellowship** Bible study at the auction house in Catatonk. I believe we had 22 in attendance this last week. We have three couples on vacation, but I can sense koinonia developing.
- On Friday evening past Lyn and I attended the Cooperative Program Celebration dinner and program at New Covenant Baptist Church in Canandaigua. Three of our CNYBA churches were in the top 25 givers to CP last year.
- On Saturday afternoon past I was privileged to meet with one of the lay preachers in one of our CNYBA church who has been called to his first church. He had several questions about "getting legal" as a pastor, ordination, pastoral compensation, and other related matters. I do love pastors and am always happy to do whatever I can to help them along their journey.

- This morning Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Jefferson BC**, where I was privileged to preach in the absence of Pastor Frank Adams, who was attending the high school graduation of his only niece on Long Island. After lunch we enjoyed a time of fellowship with Frances DeGarmo, wife of the late Pastor Don DeGarmo, and some of her family over lunch.
- Late this afternoon we arrived home in time for me to put my feet up for a short while before going to worship with the good folks at **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk**. A couple of our ladies have built (or whatever it's called) a Facebook Page for OBF. Look us up and like us so you can keep up with what's going on at OBF. They are also talking about doing a live streaming broadcast of one of our services. More about that later as it develops.

### ➡ **News From the Churches**

- **West Hill, Ithaca** joined with several other churches to form a missions building team to help build Mill Creek Baptist Church in Pineville, KY last week. Pastor Bill Lower, two other adults and three youth from West Hill were among the 102 person Builders for Christ team. One of the young ladies on the trip from another church received Christ as her Savior, so it was not all just about the building. Praise the Lord!

### ➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Fri BD Cherlyn Bray – PW @ Stamford BC
- Fri BD Dan Schallmo Cazenovia

### ➡ **July Ministry Anniversaries**

- Bruce Aubrey – Pastor @ Northside, Liverpool since July 1993
- Daniel Song – Pastor @ Korean, Vestal since July 2005

### ➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Tennessee] ZACHARY HUNN, a student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, served last summer as a NAMB GenSend missionary in Edmonton, Ontario. Through GenSend, he served Canadian National Baptist church plants in the city for 10 weeks. Thanks to your gifts through the Cooperative Program, Zachary got a firsthand look at what it means to serve on the front lines of ministry in one of North America's toughest-to-reach cities. Pray that God will continue to use experiences like GenSend to prepare him for a life on mission. Also, pray that God will bring other believers to Edmonton to build upon the missionary activity of Zachary and others.

- [East Asia] LEE HENRY\* was walking one day when someone called her name. It was one of her English students from years before. He told her that his family was going through a difficult time, when he realized that the only way out was through God. He found a Bible, and while he was searching for God, the Lord spoke to him, reminding him that his teacher, Lee, was a Christian. He set out to find her. Lee began training him. He now wants to move to a region to minister to Muslims. Gifts to the Cooperative Program support missionaries like Lee, who encourage and train new believers to live for God.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- My Dad and I were talking the other night about love and marriage. He told me that he knew as early as their wedding what marriage to my Mom would be like. It seems the minister asked my Mom, "Do you take this man to be your husband." And she said, "I do." Then the minister asked my Dad, "Do you take this woman to be your wife," and my Mom said, "He does."