

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Been giving mornings to working on the house this past week. It suddenly dawned on me that summer is passing fast and I haven't gotten done near all I intended to get done on the house this summer.
- On Thursday past we had our weekly **Open Bible Fellowship** meal and Bible study. We had 31 in attendance as we started the last chapter of Ephesians.
- This morning Lyn and I worshipped with the good folks at **Emory Chapel, Waverly**, where Gary Culver has been pastor since the church began in December 1998. Regular readers know that Pastor Gary has bone and lymph node cancer and is undergoing chemo and other treatments. Please keep praying for him.
- I found the ordination certificate for Pastor Jeff Bisher, whose ordination I officiated recently, laying on my desk. So I took it with me today and got Pastor Gary Culver's signature. After church, on the way to have lunch with Pastor Gary and Margaret, I stopped by and got the signature of Pastor John Talada (**Good News, Waverly**). Pastor Gary will drop it off to Bro. Jeff, who will get the remaining signatures so he has a completed ordination certificate. I am always honored and privileged to be involved in getting young preachers started. May their legion increase.
- Tonight Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Open Bible Fellowship, Catatonk**, where I preached the second in a seven or eight sermon series through Philipians. We had 26 in attendance.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Grace**, Rome held VBS from 1 August to 5 August. They did it in the evening from 5 pm to 8 pm for the first time. They averaged 64 in attendance, with two decisions. Trent Williams is Pastor
- **North Fenton** BC is inviting ladies to a Ladies Gathering on Saturday August 20th from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The Theme is "How Firm is Your Foundation", which will be presented by Rosemary Noyes. The program is designed to help build and strengthen ones faith foundation. Lunch will be

included with a \$5 donation requested. Please RSVP by August 14th to Judy Kochmanski, (607)206-9049 or jkerski@yahoo.com

- **West Hill, Ithaca** had VBS July 17-21, where relationships were built with families and the children raised \$543 for water filters for S E Asia mission. The month of August will be their missions month. They will hear about how God is working in the ministries of several local and international missionaries they support. Pastor Bill & Missy Lower just got home from a missions trip to Nicaragua, where they met up and served with their daughter Moriah, who is on an eleven month eleven country mission tour. They worked alongside Moriah and her team from Adventures in Missions in an orphanage and digging a foundation for bathrooms for a Christian School. Pastor Bill was also one of the pastors who accompanied me on our initial Virgin Island Mission Vision trip.
- **Cornerstone, Endicott** held VBS this past week with a closing program tonight. Dr. Greg Johnson is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Mon – BD John Talada (Pastor @ Good News, Waverly)
- Tues – ANV David & Vickie Barrows (potential church planters @ Seneca Falls)
- Wed – ANV Matt & Kristen Hallenbeck (P&W @ Bellewood, Syracuse)
- Wed – ANV Karl & Bonnie Novak (former P&W @ Lakeshore, Cicero)
- Wed – BD Duane Arnold (Pastor @ Southport, Elmira)
- Sat – Discipleship Workshop @ Stamford BC

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Idaho] When SCOTT and JENNIFER PLATH received an email challenging them to consider ministry where Christianity is seen as a cult, they thought of someplace overseas. Surprisingly, the message pointed to the Northwest U.S. They learned of the Mormon influence in eastern Idaho and of the extreme need for SBC churches. After seeking God's will, they packed up and moved from Tennessee to Rigby, Idaho, to plant Faith Baptist Fellowship. They also lead a Bible study at a nearby juvenile corrections facility. The Plaths thank you for faithfully supporting them through the Cooperative Program and ask for prayers against the enemy's deception and that the eyes of many will be opened to the truth of Jesus.
- [East Asia] BILLY and SARAH FONTENOT* draw attention in the East Asian city where they live and minister. An American family with four children stands out in this town, and every day gives them a chance to shine the light of Christ. Most of the people they meet have never encountered a Christian family. As friends watch

their style of parenting, they have opportunities to share biblical truth and instruction for life. They are seeing people come to faith as a result of their family ministry. Thanks to the Cooperative Program, the Fontenots are raising their family where few will ever meet another Christian.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- Mrs. Fleshman goes to the butcher shop to buy a chicken for the Sunday meal. The butcher has only one scrawny chicken left. He puts it on the scale. "Three pounds," he says. "That's too scrawny; don't you have something bigger?" Mrs. Fleshman asks. He pretends to rummage around, and then puts the same chicken back on the scale, while pressing with his thumb. "Three and a half pounds," he says. "That looks better," says Mrs. Fleshman. "I'll take them both."