

Hart Beat

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

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➡ **Hart to Heart**

- The 2016 Annual Meeting of Central New York Baptist Association will be held on October 15th at **Transformation, Syracuse**, one of our Hispanic churches. They will provide lunch after the morning meeting (9:45 AM - 12:45 PM). The program will feature 4 missionary speakers, including John Smith, the Church Planter/Pastor we will be working with on our December 29-January 5 Mission Trip.
- Earlier in the week I spent a couple of days helping one of the guys from Open Bible Fellowship put in a new septic system. I love playing in the dirt with my little Kubota.
- When a couple of the hydraulic hoses sprung a leak, I got the better part of a day to work on the house while the hoses were being built.
- After one of my doctor's appointments this week it was determined that I will have cataract surgery on my right eye on October 31. Next week I'll also see a plastic surgeon about my droopy eyelids. I may get to looking like I'm awake.
- On Thursday past we had one of our best Open Bible Fellowship Bible studies yet. The Spirit was moving and we came away overwhelmed by the awesomeness of God's amazing grace toward us.
- On Friday evening the people attending the Bostwick Auction that is held in the building where Open Bible Fellowship meets, generously contributed enough money to ship 81 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes (@ \$7 per box). Although OBF just started worship services in June, we have a goal of packing and shipping 100 boxes next month by getting the community involved.
- Yesterday, Lyn and I shared lunch with two couples, celebrating the birthday of one person in each couple, then headed out on the way to Word of Life Conference Center in Schroon Lake, NY for the Annual Meeting of the Baptist Convention of New York. We stopped in Clifton Park for the night in order to worship at **Northstar Church**, the most northeastern church in our association, this morning.

- This morning, Lyn and I worshiped with the good folks at **Northstar, Clifton Park** where Dr. Roscoe Lilly has been pastor since the church began.
- Normally Lyn and I would worship with the good folks at **Open Bible, Catatonk** where I serve as Church Planter/Pastor. But since we are attending the Annual Meeting of the BCNY, Chris Corlett, the layman who does our music, did double duty and also preached tonight.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- **Northstar, Clifton Park** will hold their first ever COLOR WAR for students in grades 6-12 on Sunday afternoon, October 2nd, when they will divide up teams and go to war with paint guns. Dr. Roscoe Lilly is Pastor.
- **Baptist Campus Ministry, Syracuse University's** centerpiece of outreach this semester has been 30 second surveys, which feature two spiritual life related questions that tell a little about what students think of spirituality and allows them to connect with those interested in learning more about Jesus. Their interns, Tim and Macie, have been incredible contributors to this outreach, and are working diligently to build into new connections as well as returning students. You'll be hearing more from them in future newsletters! > Last week BCM was part of Worship the King, a worship service at the Carrier Dome hosted by 15 campus ministries and 25 churches from the Syracuse area. Over 2000 attended to praise God together! Devon Bartholomew is our Student Minister @ Syracuse U.
- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** Ladies' Fall Outing will be held on Saturday, October 8th, and will feature an Old Forge boat cruise and a scenic chair lift ride at McCauley Mountain. > Every year, Crosspoint Church partners with Operation Christmas Child to distribute Christmas shoeboxes stuffed with gifts to needy children around the world. These shoeboxes become a tool for local missionaries and pastors to present the gospel to children and families, and then disciple them with "The Greatest Journey" for several weeks after. You can read more about this ministry at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> > They are also continuing to accept donations for this Louisiana disaster relief. To date, they have donated a total of \$953.00. > On Saturday evening, October 22nd they will screen the movie "War Room." Sam Macri is Pastor.
- **Northside, Liverpool** baptized 6 today. > They are promoting the Men's Battle to Win Conference October 21 & 22. Keynote speaker: Fred Stoker, author of Every Man's Battle. Cost: \$20/man. Free/15 and under. Location: 7463 Buckley Rd. Syracuse. Dr. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor.

- I will be facilitating the third of a three part Discipleship Workshop at **Stamford BC** on Saturday morning, October 8th. Waylen Bray is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- Today – BD Connie Sibrava (PW @ Living Water, Owego)
- Today - ANV David & Lori Kreydatus (P&W @ Eternal Life, Auburn)
- Tonight thru Tues Noon – Annual Meeting BCNY
- Thurs – Open Bible Fellowship Bible study
- Sat – BD James Young (Pastor @ Gethsemane, Syracuse)

➡ **Missionary Moments**

- [Central Asia] BOB and JOY BENTON* ask that you pray for Rose,* a believer who is undergoing persecution from her family because of her decision to follow Christ. Rose and her daughter Angel,* who was the Benton’s child care worker, are the only Christians in the family. When Rose’s family found out that she intended to be baptized, they beat her, destroyed her Bibles and kept her from leaving the house unaccompanied. The Bentons can only have limited contact with her now, but they were able to give her a Bible on a computer flash drive. Your giving through the Cooperative Program makes a difference to the Bentons and to people like Rose.
- [Utah] BOBBY and LINDSAY WOOD are church planting missionaries serving near Salt Lake City. Their new congregation of young families and college students meets in a rented performance arts theater near downtown Ogden. Nearly 98 percent of the people in Utah are lost, believing either a false gospel or nothing at all. Your support of the Woods, and other missionaries in and around the Salt Lake City area, through the Cooperative Program is changing that. Pray that the Woods will form relationships within the community through their many outreaches and that many lives will be changed by professing faith in Jesus.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

- A burglar broke into a house one night. He shined his flashlight around, looking for valuables when a voice in the dark said, “Jesus is watching you.” He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze. When he heard nothing more after a bit, he turned his flashlight on, shook his head and continued. Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect it, clear as a bell he heard, “Jesus is watching you.” Freaked out, he shined his light around frantically looking for the source of the voice. Finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot. “Did you say that?” he hissed at the parrot. “Yep,” the parrot confessed, then squawked, I’m just trying to warn you that Jesus is watching you.” The burglar relaxed. “Warn me, huh? What’s your

name?” “Moses,” replied the bird. “Moses?” the burglar laughed. “What kind of people would name a bird Moses?” “The same kind of people who would name a Rottweiler Jesus,” replied the bird – just as Jesus bounded into the room.