

Hart Beat

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

13 October 2013

■ Hart to Heart

✚ The annual Meeting of Central New York Baptist Association is scheduled for this coming Saturday, October 19th, at Emory Chapel, Waverly. We will begin at 9:30 AM and conclude with lunch, which is being furnished by the church

Directions: Emory Chapel is located on Hwy 17C about 5 miles east of Waverly. The easiest directions would be to exit Hwy 17 (I-86) at exit #61. At the end of the exit ramp turn north (left) unto Cayuta Ave and follow it until it Ts into Hwy 17 C. Turn east (right) onto Hwy 17C. Go about 5 miles and look on the right side of the road for the white church up on a hill just across the railroad tracks.

✚ Devon Bartholomew is doing student ministry on both the Syracuse University (SU) and the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF), as well as a Bible study on the campus of Lemoyne College. CNYBA has been supporting student work in our budget since we organized the association. Our Leadership Team is recommending that we continue supporting student ministry through the efforts of Bro. Devon. Here are a few excerpts from his recent newsletter.

- BCM hosted contra dancing, an exciting group dance with live folk band and caller. The event was a great opportunity to meet new friends and have fun with classmates at ESF. **Pray that BCM students would share the Hope that is in them with their classmates.**
- Three women's Life Groups are meeting this semester.
- This semester there are five weekly meeting times for men to come together in order to "stir one another up toward love and good deeds."
- Last weekend we brought all of the Life Groups together for a time of fellowship and worship. Already we have seen areas of growth and opportunities to serve more men on the SU/ESF campuses.
- Pray that our Sunday worship time would be honoring to God and that more students would hear the Gospel

✚ Lyn and I worshipped this morning with the good folks at **Grace, Rome**, where I was privileged to preach in the absence of Pastor Dan Goewey.

✚ Yesterday afternoon and evening Lyn and I visited the Saturday Night Fellowship Meal and Bible Study in the home of church planters Ronnie and Michelle Wyatt in the Schiller Park Neighborhood on the north side of the city of Syracuse. We had a ball! It brought back memories of the early days of our church plant in Bemidji, MN.

✚ The Hart beat this past week included

- A visit to a CNYBA church service
- An ordination service
- Pastoral ministry at Davis College
- Consultations with Pastors
- Consultations with Laity
- A Missions course class @ Davis College
- Admin – Missions course @ Davis College
- Sermon Preparation
- Annual Meeting preparation (Boom of Reports)
- CNYBA Nominating Ad Hoc Committee communications
- Web Site maintenance
- Discipleship Development course preparation

■ This Week in Preview

- ✚ 14th - BD Dan Studt (Assoc. Pas @ Northside, Liverpool)
- ✚ 14th – Gathering of materials for lock box installation @ pole barn
- ✚ 15th – ANV Bhium & Meena Biswa (P&W @ Nepali, Syracuse)
- ✚ 15th – Pick up items from Freedom Fellowship & deliver to pole barn
- ✚ 15th – Lunch with a Pastor
- ✚ 15th – Distribution from pole barn
- ✚ 15th – Installation of lock box at pole barn
- ✚ 16th - BD Deanna Fuller (PW @ Beacon Light, Vernon)
- ✚ 16th – BD Gary Culver (Pastor @ Emory Chapel, Waverly)
- ✚ 16th – Perspectives Missions Class @ Davis College
- ✚ 17th – BD Ginger Talada (PW @ Good News, Waverly)
- ✚ 18th – ANV Duane & Lisa Arnold (P&W @ Southport, Elmira)
- ✚ 19th – Annual Meeting of Central New York Baptist Association

■ News From the Churches

- ✚ **Inlet Community Church** will begin searching for another pastor with the resignation of current pastor, Yogi Best, in November.
- ✚ **Grace, Rome** will begin two Intercessory prayer times each Tuesday at 10 AM and 7 PM beginning this coming Tuesday. Their Fall Women's Bible

study will resume on Thursdays with a study of the Book of Esther. Dan Goewey is Pastor

■ **2nd Sunday – Baptist History**

Baptists Organized for Witness

An observer today may find it hard to imagine Baptists before they were organized! However, the Baptist structure or denomination evolved gradually over a period of years to meet needs as they arose.

The Association.—The oldest form of organization, beyond the local church, was the association, and it remains a vital part of Baptist denominational structure today.

From the first, Baptists entered into fellowship and common cause with other believers who shared their faith. As early as 1624 and again in 1630, several General Baptist churches in London acted together in discussing doctrine and in corresponding with other believers. Though they had no formal association, they showed a sense of cooperation and common identity.

By 1650, the Baptist association was well established. The name and geographical concept probably were adaptations of a civil unit in England, much like a county. During the English Civil War (1642-45), much of the country was divided into “associations” for political purposes. After the war Baptists continued to use this concept and name for their regional fellowship of churches.

The associations were extremely important to early Baptists. They provide Christian fellowship, a forum for discussion of Baptist concerns, a means to propagate Baptist teachings, and an effective way to monitor and maintain correct Baptist doctrine among the churches. Associations also participated together in common causes, such as issuing confessions of faith and working for religious liberty.

■ **Have You Heard This One?**

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, 'I cannot accept money from you; I'm doing community service this week.' The florist was pleased and left the shop.

When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you; I'm doing community service this week.' The cop was happy and left the shop.

The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Then a Congressman came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you I'm doing community service this week.' The Congressman was very happy and left the shop.

The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen Congressmen lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.