

## **Hart Beat**

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

**20 October 2013**

### ➤ **Hart to Heart**

- ✚ The 2013 Annual Meeting of Central New York Baptist Association was held yesterday at **Emory Chapel, Waverly**. In addition to my report and challenge, we heard a brief report from Rick Martin, our missionary to Peru, and a longer presentation from Wes White, IMB missionary to Spain. Also, recommendations from the Leadership Team were approved for budget, calendar, election of new Leadership Team members, election of officers, and a new policy for filling vacancies on the Leadership Team. You can view these recommendations in the Book of Reports, which is posted on our web site under the Information Center tab.
- ✚ Dr. Rick Martin, our missionary to Peru (who reported to us at the Annual Meeting), will be in CNYBA again next week-end. He is speaking in a couple of churches but has an open date next Sunday morning, October 27. If your church would like to hear him, contact him @ 607-240-3755.
- ✚ If you would like to receive email updates from Wes & Michelle White (the IMB Missionary we heard at the Annual Meeting), send me an email and I'll pass it along to the Whites.
- ✚ In case someone asks, "Why should we support CNYBA?", let me list a few things your gifts to CNYBA do.
  1. It is a way to help churches fulfill the Acts 1:8 Commission
    - > We are currently financially supporting 5 church plants in our 2014 budget
    - > Support of Campus Ministry through our budget
    - > Coordination of Missions Trips
    - > Financial support for our Peru Project
    - > Missionaries at the Annual Meeting
  2. It helps churches with resources to fulfill their mission - through the DOM
    - > Manages local resources - i.e Tents, Scaffolding, Block Party Trailer
    - > Locates, enlists, and coordinates resources from outside the association
    - > Provides support for Pastors and Wives - lunch meetings, on-line gatherings, relevant articles, personal visits, promotion of beneficial events sponsored by one of our churches or our state convention

- > Provides help with pulpit supply as needed
  - > Provides consultation, advice, and counsel to churches regarding - sponsoring church plant, facility issues, conflict issues, pastor search, church growth issues, etc.
  - > Provides consultation, advice, and counsel to pastors
3. It provides communication among the churches
- > DOM visiting regular & special church services
  - > Web site maintenance
  - > Weekly newsletter
4. It provides church growth opportunities
- > A variety of seminars, workshops, and other forms of training as requested and/or allowed
  - > Leadership or Discipleship Development events - Mid-year meeting and others
  - > Promotion of Church Growth opportunities offered by churches and/or state convention
5. It provides a liaison between CNYBA churches and BCNY and SBC

✚ This year we did not get a paper copy of The Annual Church Profile – a statistical report from each of the 45,000 SBC churches. This year it is an electronic document. Go to the BCNY web site [www.bcnysbc.org](http://www.bcnysbc.org) to fill out the ACP.

✚ Lyn and I worshipped this morning with the good folks at **Canastota Baptist Chapel**, where Jeff Scott has been pastor since May 2004. After the services we enjoyed a time of fellowship over lunch with Pastor Jeff, his wife, and son.

✚ The Hart beat this past week included:

- Consultations with Pastors
- Perspectives Mission class @ Davis College
- Preparation for Discipleship class @ Davis College
- BCNY duties
- Work on pole barn
- Sermon preparation
- Annual Meeting preparation
- Web site maintenance
- Visit to CNYBA church service

## ➤ This Week in Preview

- 21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> International Missions Festival @ Davis College
- 21<sup>st</sup> ANV James & Juanita Young (P&W @ Gethsemane, Syracuse)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> ANV Brandon & Alaina Owen (Ch Planter & W in Syracuse)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> BD Doris Best (PW @ Inlet CC)

## ➤ News From the Churches

- Pastor Zach Neyhard (**Outpouring, Oswego**) recently led a group of guys to hike Whiteface Mountain, part of the high peaks region of the Adirondack Mountains and the 5th highest mountain in the state. The group was a mix of Wal-Mart coworkers, students, and people from the church. There were lots of conversations (spiritual and otherwise) and beautiful scenery. Pastor Zach writes, “The conversations I had during the men’s hiking trip helped me see we needed to make big changes in how we do Sunday Mornings and church in general. This has been a totally new approach to how I think about church.”
- **Nepali, Syracuse** has baptized 25 so far this year. The latest candidate for baptism is a young man who was saved this past week in their 6:30 AM Prayer Meeting. Bhim Biswa is Pastor.
- **Three Pines, Doraville** will have a Men’s Chili Contest next Saturday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, from 5-8 PM. Mike Brown is Pastor.
- **West Hill, Ithaca** will have a Harvest Party next Saturday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9 PM. Bill Lower is Pastor.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** begins Team Kids (a Bible oriented fun time for children of all ages) this week in connection with their Friendship Inn weekly community meal outreach. Today Pastor Dan Schallmo begins a new sermon series called “Prayer: It’s Not About Kneeling.”
- **River Edge, Baldwinsville** is collecting and putting together Thanksgiving meals for a few Baldwinsville families in need for Thanksgiving this year. Each Community Group will be working to provide a full meal for a family. Allan Covington is Pastor.

➤ **3rd Sunday – Truth from the Old Hymns**

**Follow On**

Music: [William O. Cushing](#), 1878.

Music: [Robert Lowry](#),

Down in the valley with my Savior I would go,  
Where the flowers are blooming and the sweet waters flow;  
Everywhere He leads me I would follow, follow on,  
Walking in His footsteps till the crown be won.  
Refrain

Follow! follow! I would follow Jesus!  
Anywhere, everywhere, I would follow on!  
Follow! follow! I would follow Jesus!  
Everywhere He leads me I would follow on!

Down in the valley with my Savior I would go,  
Where the storms are sweeping and the dark waters flow;  
With His hand to lead me I will never, never fear,  
Danger cannot fright me if my Lord is near.

Down in the valley, or upon the mountain steep,  
Close beside my Savior would my soul ever keep;  
He will lead me safely in the path that He has trod,  
Up to where they gather on the hills of God.

➤ **Have You Heard This One?**

While talking with my semi-deaf uncle one evening, I noticed that his "hearing aid" was actually an earphone from a transistor radio. The wire had been cut and was sticking out of his shirt.

"How does that help your hearing?" I asked.

"Don't help my hearing none," he replied. "Makes people talk louder."