

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- ✚ I was a little concerned late this week when Lyn developed some problems with low blood pressure and dizziness after meals. In fact, she didn't go to the BCNY Women's Retreat because of it. However, the doctor adjusted her medications and so far she's feeling much better.
- ✚ Items on the Hart beat this week included, among other things:
 - Another doctor's appointment - having difficulty controlling blood sugar
 - Curriculum development discussions @ Davis College
 - CNYBA Leadership Team Meeting
 - Distribution of "stuff" from the pole barn
 - Consultation with potential church worker
 - Perspectives mission class @ Davis College
 - Consultation with CNYBA pastors
 - Picking up tent trailer and returning to pole barn
 - College course lesson preparation
 - Winterizing RV
 - Web site maintenance
 - Sermon preparation
 - Office work
- ✚ Lyn and I worshipped this morning with the good folks at **Three Pines, Doraville**, where Mike Brown has been pastor since February 2007.
- ✚ This afternoon at 4 PM Lyn and I attended a special ordination to the gospel ministry service for Scott Watson at **Living Water, Owego**, where I was honored to chair the ordination council, lead the questioning of the candidate, and deliver a charge to the candidate. Bro. Scott acquitted himself well during the questioning and Pastor Wayne Sibrava did a great job with the sermon.

➡ News From the Churches

- ✚ **Emory Chapel, Waverly** – (Gary Culver, Pastor)
 - Recently baptized 8, using the baptistery @ Living Water, Owego
 - Will observe "Pastor Appreciation Month" in October

- Will hold their last Women's Group Meeting of the year on Oct 9. Meetings will resume when Daylight Savings Time begins in March.
- Will have a Fellowship Diner after church on Oct 13
- Will host the CNYBA Annual Meeting on Oct 19
- Will have a Communion Service on Oct 20

✚ **Vietnamese, Endicott** has a new pastor – Tan Do. The church held a special service last Sunday afternoon to license him to the gospel ministry.

✚ **Three Pines, Doraville** will hold a men's night of fun, food, and fellowship called "Sportsman's Bucktacular" on Saturday evening, October 26th. The evening will include the annual men's chili contest. Mike Brown is Pastor.

➡ **1st Sunday – Missionary Story**

- NASHVILLE (BP) -- The Southern Baptist Convention met its Cooperative Program budgeted goal of \$188 million, but ended its fiscal year 1.92 percent below last year's contributions, SBC Executive Committee president Frank S. Page has announced.

The SBC received \$188,001,275.70 in CP gifts during the fiscal year Oct. 1, 2012-Sept. 30, 2013, or \$3,677,718.58 less than the \$191,678,994.28 received the previous fiscal year. This year's giving was 0.00068 percent above the budgeted goal of \$188,000,000.

The CP is Southern Baptists' channel of giving, begun in 1925, through which a local church can contribute to the ministries of its state convention and the missions and ministries of the SBC with a single monthly or weekly contribution. Monies include receipts from individuals, churches, state conventions and fellowships for distribution according to the 2012-13 Cooperative Program Allocation Budget.

The SBC-adopted budget was distributed as follows: 50.2 percent to international missions through the International Mission Board, 22.79 percent to North American missions through the North American Mission Board, 22.16 percent to theological education, 3.2 percent to the SBC operating budget and 1.65 percent to the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

In the 2013-2014 budget year which began Tuesday (Oct. 1), IMB's percentage increased to 50.41 percent, while the SBC operating budget decreased to 2.99 percent. Other allocation percentages remained the same.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

The old pastor made it to a practice to visit the parish school one day a week.

He walked into the 4th grade class, where the children were studying the states, and asked them how many states they could name.

They came up with about 40 names.

He jokingly told them that in his day students knew the names of all the states.

From the back of the room someone said, "Yes, but in those days there were only 13."