

Hart Beat

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

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Hart to Heart

- Let's remember to pray for the folks involved in the disaster in the Philippines. Any financial donations you would like to make can be made through CNYBA or through BCNY. When sending gifts for this cause, be sure to mark it clearly for Disaster Relief in the Philippines.
- I worshiped this morning with the good folks at First Baptist, Atlanta, GA – via TV, of course. On Friday past I was putting up exterior Christmas lights and inadvertently stepped backward off the second step (thinking I was on the first step) of the step ladder. I fell flat of my back on the stone driveway. A neighbor happened to be walking by and ran down to help me up and stayed with me until I caught my breath. I may have cracked a couple of ribs and/or strained some muscles in my neck. The results of x-rays will come in on Monday. Until then I am relegated to the recliner, with short stints at the computer. Praise the Lord for pain medication.
- Lyn attended services at John Huss Presbyterian Church in Binghamton this morning, which included a memorial service for the mother of her good friend Judy Ripenski – a teaching colleague from her days as a classroom teacher at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. They have remained close friends over the years, probably in part because through this relationship Judy moved from being religious to having a personal relationship with Jesus.

This Week in Preview

- 19th BD Bonnie Novak (PW @ Lakeshore, Cicero)
- 20th ANV Greg & Stephanie Johnson (P&W @ Cornerstone, Endicott)
- 29th BD Greg Johnson (Pastor @ Cornerstone, Endicott)

News From the Churches

- **Beacon Light, Vernon** is celebrating ten years this year as a Relay center for Operation Christmas Child, where several churches and individuals from the surrounding area bring packed boxes for shipment. They also host a packing party for the community each year. Their Relay Center has cased and sent out over 5,000 boxes in the past ten years. They man a center at the

church building for a week both AM (10-12) and PM (3-6). They then transport the cases to the Collection Site in Boonville, NY. They have also sent teams to Charlotte NC to work in the distribution center with Franklin Graham. Next fall they will send another team to the new distribution center in Baltimore Maryland. In addition to Operation Christmas Child, they participate with other churches in their area to collect, pack, and deliver Christmas boxes to over 80 needy families each year.

- **Living Water, Owego** wound up with 50 boxes for this year's Operation Christmas Child. Wayne Sibrava is Pastor.
- **West Hill, Ithaca** presented the Billy Graham "My Hope" video in the morning worship service today with 112 in attendance. They had 5 first time professions of faith and at least 2 other recommitments at the close of the service. They have 9 "Matthews" who will be hosting the showing of this video in their homes for friends, family, co-workers, etc. in the next few weeks. Bill Lower is Pastor.
- **Devon and Kate Bartholomew** are working with students through the Baptist Campus Ministry on both the University of Syracuse and the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry campuses. CNYBA is supporting their work through our budget. Here are some gleanings from their recent newsletter.
 - BCM joined with other campus groups to assemble nutritious meals for food shelters in the Syracuse area. We were able to put together over 16,000 meals in two hours. God has opened many opportunities for us to serve in and alongside many of the groups on campus
 - The two day Fall Retreat at Camp-of-the-Woods was a refreshing time for our students. We all came away from the weekend encouraged and built up by our speaker, Boto Joseph, who is a pastor in NYC. He shared much needed insights with us about following Jesus.
 - Kate and I had the opportunity to visit the San Francisco Bay Area for the Collegiate Church Planting Collaborative. The event brought together men and women from around the U.S. and Canada who have been called to serve and reach college and university communities.
- In the last issue of HART BEAT I mentioned that **Emory Chapel, Waverly** had baptized 4 last Sunday. I learned this week that this makes 21 baptisms for Emory Chapel since January. Praise the Lord! Gary Culver is Pastor.

- **Brandon and Alaina Owen** are planting a new church in the University/Westcott area of Syracuse. They are included in our CNYBA budget for 2014. Here are some gleanings from their October newsletter.
 - Celebrated 8 years of marriage and 4 years of being parents in October
 - Brandon spent 3 days in Boston with pastors from around the country talking about how to better equip God's people to be on mission with Him
 - Starting a new discipleship group format for the winter centered around the 4 core values as a church.
 - Hosted a Neighborhood s'mores night with over 22 neighbors in attendance - some of whom had never met one another.
 - Their group continues to grow. They had almost 30 at family dinner night and 18 adults for MyCircle evangelism training this past week.

- **RiverEdge, Baldwinsville** will begin a new series this Sunday (via satellite) with North Point Church called Right in the Eye. This series starts in one of the last chapters of the book of Judges and will take a look at some serious dilemmas that are facing us as individuals, as a church and as a nation. Next Sunday, November 24th, they will be collecting their Thanksgiving Baskets being put together by their Life Groups. They will be taking these baskets to the Baldwinsville Volunteer Center where they will be distributed to community individuals in need. Allen Covington is Pastor.

3rd Sunday – Truth from the Old Hymns

Footprints of Jesus

Words: Mary B. Slade & Rigdon M. McIntosh

Music: Asa B. Everett

Sweetly, Lord, have we heard Thee calling,
 Come, follow Me!
 And we see where Thy footprints falling
 Lead us to Thee.

Footprints of Jesus,
 That make the pathway glow;
 We will follow the steps of Jesus
 Where'er they go.

Though they lead o'er the cold, dark mountains,
 Seeking His sheep;

Or along by Siloam's fountains,
Helping the weak.

If they lead through the temple holy,
Preaching the Word;
Or in homes of the poor and lowly,
Serving the Lord.

Then at last when on high He sees us,
Our journey done,
We will rest where the steps of Jesus
End at His throne.

Have You Heard This One?

Uncle Leroy got a job down at the Broom Factory.

On his first day the straw boss (Floor supervisor) calls ol' Leroy into his little office and says, "You the new man huh? What's yer name?"

Leroy replied "Leroy"

The straw boss says "I don't call anyone by first names. It breeds familiarity and that leads to a breakdown in my authority. I refer to call employees by last names. Now what is Your Last Name!"

Leroy sort of smiles and says, "Its Darling - Leroy Darling!"

The Straw Boss paused and then said "Now Leroy, the next thing....."