

Hart Beat

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

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➤ **Hart to Heart**

- Let me set the record straight. When I included the **2nd Sunday – Baptist Heritage** piece in last week's HART BEAT issue, I failed to include the source like I usually do. That was not my research and/or writing, as some of you apparently thought. All these Baptist Heritage pieces are excerpts from a chapter (entitled Baptist Beginnings) in a book written by Dr. Leon McBeth. Not that it matters, but I think I actually met Dr. McBeth once - while I was messing around in Texas.
- There's nothing quite as beautiful and relaxing as sitting by the fire with a cup of coffee and looking through the window to see fresh falling snow, naturally decorated evergreens, and birds feeding at the feeders – as we experienced Saturday. However, the scene changes when you get out and try to go somewhere – as we did this morning.
- Lyn and I had intended to worship with the good folks at **Agape, Norwich** this morning as part of a special service to license John Jablonski to the Gospel ministry. But due to the snow storm and the road conditions, that service was postponed until December 29th.
- So today, after running the snow blower for about an hour, Lyn and I worshipped with the good folks at **Emory Chapel, Waverly**, where Gary Culver has been Pastor since the church was established in December 1998. After church we enjoyed a time of fellowship with Pastor Gary and his wife Margaret, over lunch.
- Dr. Rick Martin, former Pastor @ **Freedom Fellowship, Binghamton**, and his wife, Donna, have been appointed to missionary service to Peru through South American Missions (SAM), an independent missions agency. Bro. Rick has led two short term mission trips to Peru in May & September of 2013. One more trip is planned for next April before the big move to Peru in September, 2014. If you would like to join Bro. Rick on the April trip, contact him at 607.240.3755 or rmart111@yahoo.com. **Living Water, Owego** has agreed to be the sending church and CNYBA is supporting this effort in the 2014 budget.
- By the way, the Minnesota Vikings won again today!

➤ News From the Churches

- **Stamford BC** distributed twenty-one turkeys along with Thanksgiving baskets and continue to have an ongoing food pantry. Today, they conducted the worship time at Robinson Terrace Skilled Nursing Facility. Next Sunday they will have a living memorial poinsettia tree set up in the church for the worship service. They are receiving the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions on December 22nd and 29th. Their church goal is \$500. They plan a special candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 7 PM.
- **Devon & Katie Bartholomew** serve the Lord in a multi-Campus Ministry on the campuses of the University of Syracuse, the SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry, and Le Moyne College. The fall semester is over and Devon & Katie are spending time with family over the holidays. Two of their recent graduates will be leaving for a two year assignment serving the Lord in South Asia. They ask for prayer as they plan for next semester and for Spring Mission trips with students.
- **RiverEdge, Baldwinsville** will have a special 9 AM Worship Service time next week, December 22, in order to join North Point Church live (via satellite) for a special Christmas service, which will be followed by a little more extended time of fellowship. The second week of January is the target to get their Community Groups kicked off again after a holiday break. They will not have service on December 29th. During the service on Sunday, January 19th the Lead Team will be sharing a strategic plan for RiverEdge Church. Allen Covington is Pastor.

➤ This Week in Preview

- 18th BD Jayne DePugh (PW @ Newark Baptist Fellowship Church)
- 19th ANV Rickey & Deanna Fuller (P&W @ Beacon Light, Vernon)
- 19th ANV Jeff & Cindy Scott (P&W @ Canastota BC)

➤ 3rd Sunday – Truth from the Old Hymns

The First Noel

by William B. Sandys and Davies Gilbert

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay tending their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

They lookèd up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise Men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
Over Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

➤ **Have You Heard This One?**

A school teacher injured his back and had to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. It fit under his shirt and was not noticeable at all.

On the first day of the term, still with the cast under his shirt, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in school. Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, he opened the window as wide as possible and then busied himself with desk work.

When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he took the desk stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

Discipline was not a problem from that day forth