

Hart Beat

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

29 December 2013

■ **Hart to Heart**

- We have arrived at the last issue of HART BEAT for 2013. My goal has been to keep you informed about my beat – Central New York Baptist Association. Of course, I am always open to suggestions as to how we might improve communication and information sharing. Feel free.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Agape, Norwich**, where I was privileged to preach as part of a service in which John Jablonski was licensed to the gospel ministry. Bro. John is doing an internship at Agape and will eventually become the associate pastor. Harold Lefler has been pastor at Agape since June 2010.
- Tuesday evening past Lyn and I worshipped with the good folks at **West Hill, Ithaca**, where I was privileged to read Scripture as part of the Christmas Eve service.

■ **News From the Churches**

- Dan Goewey has resigned as Pastor @ **Grace, Rome** effective on or about January 15. Let's pray for this church as they enter the pastor search process.
- **Inlet Community Church** has been blessed to have two men from **Northside, Liverpool** fill the pulpit the during December and January in the wake of the resignation of Yogi Best as their pastor. Let's pray for this church as they seek God's will for their future.
- **Common Grounds, South Otselic** hosted a cantata ('One Incredible Moment! by Max Lucado) presented by the Countryside Choir last Sunday evening. The Countryside Choir is a choir of about 75 local people from about a 70 mile radius - mostly from small churches with no choirs. They are led by Bill Tai, a member at **Emmanuel, Cortland** and they perform at Christmas and Easter, allowing small churches to host holiday events. Last Sunday evening there were 11 professions of faith. Mitch Mullenax is Pastor.

■ **This Week in Preview**

- 30th BD Elise Bissell (wife of Tim Bissell, our Church Planting Catalyst)

- 3rd BD Katie Deckert (PW @ Freedom Fellowship, Binghamton)
- 3rd ANV Rick & Donna Martin (our missionaries to Peru)
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■ 5th Sunday – Truth from the Old Hymns

Follow On

- Written in 1878 by William Orcutt Cushing
- The music for it was composed in 1880 by both Robert Lowry and W. Howard Doane

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.

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?

A honeymoon couple is in the [Watergate Hotel](#).

The new bride is concerned and asked, "What if the place is still bugged?"

The groom says "Hmm... Good point. I'll look for a bug."

He looks behind the drapes, behind the pictures, under the rug . . . "AHA!" he shouts!

Sure enough, under the rug was a small disc shaped plate, with four screws. He gets his Swiss army knife, unscrews the screws, throws them and the plate out the window

The next morning, the hotel manager asks the newlyweds "How was your room? How was the service? How was your stay at the Watergate Hotel?"

Curious, the groom says, "And why, sir, are you asking me all of these questions?"

The hotel manager says "Well, the room UNDER yours complained of the chandelier falling on them!"