

Hart Beat

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

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► Hart to Heart

- ✚ Our 2013 In-Association Mission Trip is this next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 15-17. We will be finishing the associational pole barn located on the property of North Fenton Baptist Church. This is where we store tents, trailers, scaffolding, etc. during the winter. We need to put board and bat on the front gable, bats on everything else, and put at least one coat of paint on everything. Start time is 9 AM on Thursday. You can camp out at the church or at the near-by state park if you can stay more than one day. Come either day or days. When you come, bring a nail gun or a hammer.
- ✚ Our Leadership Forum is set for Saturday, August 24th at Emmanuel Baptist Church from 9 AM to Noon. Lunch will be provided. So far we have about 20 registered. There's still time to register. If you can't know whether you're coming ahead of time, just come on at the last minute. There will be enough lunch to go around. Tom Fillinger from Alabama will be our facilitator.
- ✚ Lyn and I worshipped this morning with the good folks at **Southport, Elmira** where Chris Arnold preached in the absence of his father, Pastor Duane Arnold, Sr.

A funny thing happened during the service. Associate Pastor, Duane Arnold, Jr recognized Lyn and me and asked me to say a few words regarding CNYBA and BCNY. After I gave brief reports, I was taken aback when they insisted on singing happy birthday to me, even though my birthday is two weeks away. Maybe I was still thinking about that when I went back and sat down in the first isle seat I saw empty with a lady sitting in the second seat. I couldn't figure out why the congregation was giggling until someone tapped me on the shoulder. It was Lyn. I was in the row in front of her. By this time the congregation was in full laughter. I apologized profusely and moved back a row.

- ✚ Tonight, Lyn and I attended the revival services at **Emory Chapel, Barton** conducted by a mission team from East Texas. The team is from Dogwood Baptist Church and several other churches in the Dogwood Trails Baptist Area – three associations in East Texas. In the group is Lee and Marilyn Welch. Lyn and I go way back with this couple. Lee is currently the Director

of Missions for the Dogwood Trails Baptist Area. He and I pastored in the same association, went on mission trips together, and sang together in a gospel quartet back in the day. His wife, Marilyn, made our daughter's wedding dress as well. It was good to visit with them. We hope to get home in time to hear Lee preach at the revival service tomorrow night.

- ✚ Our disaster relief efforts in the Herkimer area have concluded. Tomorrow I will pick up the shower trailer from **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** and return it home to the Hudson Baptist Association. I was thinking today that we need a smaller version for use by volunteer mission teams who come to serve here in CNYBA. Let's add that to our prayer list.

► **News From the Churches**

- ✚ **Emory Chapel, Barton** began three night revival services tonight with a revival team from the Dogwood Trails Baptist Area in East Texas. There will be a different speaker each night. The TX group will also lead VBS from Monday through Wednesday mornings. Gary Culver is Pastor.
- ✚ **Living Water, Owego** is providing sleeping space and a shower for the mission team from East Texas who are working at **Emory Chapel, Barton** this week.. Wayne Sibrava is Pastor.
- ✚ **Three Pines, Doraville** had a great day last Sunday. They baptized two - a 27 year old and an 89 year old (no a misprint), who will turn 90 in November. The building was reportedly "filled to bursting". After the service they had a church picnic and, according to Pastor Mike Brown, "The Three Pines praise and worship band played until our fingers couldn't take it any longer".
- ✚ **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** held it's very first Bible study a week ago last night following a taco dinner at Church Planter/Pastor Ronnie Wyatt's home. They had 13 in attendance! Praise the Lord! Don't forget to pray for Bro. Ronnie. This is church planting in the strictest sense of the word. Here's the first paragraph of his newsletter announcing the result of their first Bible study.

"What do you get when you add a red neck family from the south to an out of work mechanic, a woman who lost everything including her sister in a fire a few months ago? Add in a very young mother who has had her child taken away from her, a homeless man living in a borrowed room, two teens from a broken home, a young man from Central Africa and another from Thailand. Then you mix in huge dose of Jesus? Well, you

get the very first Bible Study at The Neighborhood Church in Syracuse NY!"

- ✚ **Northside, Liverpool** will host a "My Hope with Billy Graham" Leaders' Briefing on Thursday, August 15th from 9:00 AM – 10:30 PM. This is a national outreach plan to have believers bring friends, relatives, co-workers, etc. into their home for a meal and a presentation of the gospel by Billy Graham. It's not too late to plan to use this outreach tool in November. There is no cost to attend. Don't let this pass you by. Register NOW for this free pastors' and leaders' briefing by [clicking here](#) or calling 1-877-7MY-HOPE (1-877-769-4673).
- ✚ Pastor Zach Neyhard at **Outpouring, Oswego** will be starting a new sermon series from the Song of Solomon in September. He reports that after praying for six months for the Lord to open opportunities for him to witness and minister to his co-workers at Wal-mart, he is seeing several co-workers seek conversation about spiritual and life issues. Pray for Zach as he uses his bi-vocational job to serve the Lord.

► **This Week In Preview**

- ✚ Mon – Wednesday (11th – 14th)
Mission Team from East TX @ Emory Chapel, Barton
- ✚ Wed (14th) ANV Jeff & Jessica Ford (P&W @ Lyons Falls BC)
- ✚ Thurs (15th) ANV Fran & Julie Adams (P&W @ Jefferson BC)
- ✚ Thurs – Sat (15th – 17) – In Association Mission Trip @ finish Pole Barn
- ✚ Thurs – Sun (15th – 18th) County Wide Revival @ Clyde & Newark BC
- ✚ Fri (16th) BD Charles Matthews (Pastor @ Church Street, Elmira)
- ✚ Sat (17th) BD Harold Lefler (Pastor @ Agape, Norwich)

► **2nd Sunday – Baptist Heritage**

Baptist Worship – by Leon McBeth

Baptist styles of worship have changed considerably since 1609. The early Baptist services were quite long, sometimes with several sermons, and in the early days there was no music or singing. The oldest record of a Baptist worship service is from 1609, in a letter from Hughe and Anne Bromhead, who said:

The order of the worshippe and government of oure church is . 1. we begynne wth A prayer, after reade some one or tow chapters of the Bible gyve the sence thereof, and conferr upon the same, that done we lay aside oure bookes, and after a solemne prayer made by the .1. speaker, he propoundeth some text out

of the Scripture, and prophecieth owt of the same, by the space of one hower, or thre Quarters of an hower.

“This Morning exercise,” the Bromhead letter concludes, “begynes at eight of the clocke and continueth vnto twelve of the clocke the like course of exercise is observed in the afternowne from .2. of the clock vnto .5. or .6. of the Clocke.”

The earliest Baptist worship was lengthy and dealt primarily with Bible exposition. There was no singing, and Baptists put great value upon spontaneity and audience participation.

By the 1670s, some Baptist churches were singing both the Psalms and “man-made” songs. This was quite controversial, and many churches split over the “singing controversy.” Benjamin Keach, a London pastor, led his church to sing a hymn after the Lord’s Supper, and within a few years they were also singing during regular worship services. In 1691, Keach published the first Baptist hymnal, *Spiritual Melody*, a collection of over three hundred hymns.

► **Have You Heard This One?**

Johnny was studying the big plaque hanging in the foyer of the church with a lot of small brass tags with names inscribed on them. There were American flags on each side.

As the pastor approached, Johnny asked, “Pastor, what is this all about?”

The Pastor said, “Well, Johnny, this is a memorial for all the people from our church who have died in the service.”

In an almost inaudible voice, Johnny said, “Which service? 8:30 or 11?”