

Hart Beat

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

8 September 2013

■ **Hart to Heart**

✚ Life on the Hart Beat this week included:

- ✓ A couple of BCNY Administrative Team meetings
- ✓ A meeting with Tim Bissell (Church Planting Catalyst)
- ✓ Visits with a couple of pastors
- ✓ Sermon preparation
- ✓ A presentation to the Trustees at **Cornerstone, Endicott** about Missions in SBC Life
- ✓ Work on the “Honey Do” list in preparation for guests coming in for the 50th Ministry Celebration next week
- ✓ Perspectives Class @ Davis College
- ✓ A couple of Doctors’ appointments
- ✓ A BCNY Executive Board Meeting

✚ Lyn and I worshipped this morning with the good folks at **Living Water, Owego** where I had the privilege to preach in the absence of Pastor Wayne Sibrava, who is on a mission trip to Peru.

At 3 PM today, we attended an **Emory Chapel, Waverly** baptismal service held at **Living Water, Owego**. They baptized 8 – age 10-73. Pastor Gary Culver’s shoulder was still hurting, so he stood on the outside of the baptistery, introduced each candidate, and pronounced the salutation as they were being baptized with the help of a couple of men from the church who were in the baptistery with the candidates. One of the young men was saved recently after working with the mission group from East Texas who worked at Emory Chapel the last two summers. It was a very moving service.

Tonight we visited the services at South Owego Bible Church where Scott Watson has recently become pastor. Scott has been a member at **Living Water, Owego** for several years.

■ **News From the Churches**

✚ **Emory Chapel, Waverly** (Gary Culver, Pastor)

- ✓ Had a Baptism service this afternoon at **Living Water, Owego**. After the baptism they returned to Emory Chapel for a coffee hour with light snacks as they celebrated those that were baptize.

- ✓ Women's Group will meet on Wednesday evening, 11 September. They will draw names for Secret Sister.
- ✓ Will hold the last of their summer time monthly services at Round Top Park for 2013 on 15 September, followed by a fellowship dish-to-pass meal.
- ✓ Will observe the Lord's Supper on 22 September in the morning service.
- ✓ Are rejoicing over a very successful VBS and Revival led by the mission group from Dogwood Trails Baptist Association in East Texas.

✚ I may have failed to report recently that **Summit, Cazenovia** baptized 5 at Lincklaen Park. Of all things to report, we certainly want to rejoice when folks are added to the Kingdom. Good job Pastor Dan Schallmo – who also serves as the Moderator of CNYBA.

✚ **Grace, Rome** enrolled 59 for their recent five day morning VBS and had an average attendance of 50. Eight were added to their Sunday School enrollment and fifteen were added to their prospect file. Ozie Bodner was the VBS Director. Dan Goewey is Pastor.

✚ **Lakeshore, Cicero** held Sunday School Promotion Day today. Their Sunday School Kick Off Sunday is next Sunday, September 15. They heard guest speaker, Tom Fillinger recently on the Sunday after Dr. Fillinger led a Leadership Forum for CNYBA. Some of their ongoing ministries are: Kidz Club, Prayer Gathering & Teen In-depth Bible Study on Thursday evenings, Parents of Prodigals on Friday evening once a month, Teen Group Meetings every Friday evening, and Zumba for women only on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. I'm tired just writing all this. Karl Novak is Pastor.

■ **September Ministry Anniversaries**

- ✚ Jordan Stinziano – Pastor @ Missio, Syracuse since Sept 2007
- ✚ Bhim Biswa – Pastor @ Nepali, Syracuse since Sept 2009
- ✚ Eddie Hatcher - Associate Pastor @ Northside, Liverpool since Sept 2010
- ✚ Jon Speed – Pastor @ Christ Is King, Syracuse since Sept 2011

■ **This Week in Preview**

- ✚ Week of Prayer for BCNY Missions – Sept 1-8
- ✚ 10th – BD Debbie O'Brien (Associate PW @ Northside, Liverpool)
- ✚ 10th – BD Matt Hallenbeck (Pastor @ Bellewood, North Syracuse)
- ✚ 11th – BD Sue Fallon (PW @ Crossroads, Sherburne)
- ✚ 13th – BD Christina Lower (PW @ West Hill, Ithaca)

- ✚ 14th – ANV Jim & Pam Hundley (P&W @ Emmanuel, Cortland)
- ✚ 14th – Ed Hart's 50th Ministry Celebration @ Living Water, Owego

■ Update from Rick and Donna Martin - missionaries to Peru

CNYBA family: THANK YOU SO MUCH for those of you who continue to partner with us in our endeavor to follow the Lord's leadership to Peru. Rick, Pastor Wayne Sibrava, and Phil Chapman, (a former member of Freedom Fellowship) are currently in Peru serving alongside Pastor Wilfred as they lead a Pastor's training conference and work to train other groups to help out with the ministry in Llauta. They are also celebrating an anniversary Sunday with Pastor Wilfredo's church, Iglesia de Esperanza. Pastor Wayne will be preaching. They are celebrating a baptism together and enjoying a fellowship meal. Earlier in the week the team visited with some South America Missions (SAM) Missionaries serving in Puerto Supe. While Rick and I were at our Appointment training session with SAM in June, we met Shelly, a recent college graduate, who had been serving in Puerto Supe alongside another missionary couple. We were both very impressed with her missionary heart and her spiritual maturity. She had done a stint (sort of like our Journeyman program) in Puerto Supe, but got appointed in June to go back and serve there for a longer period of time. So the team went and encouraged her, met the other missionary couple, and ministered alongside them in some English classes. They will head to Llauta after their time in Ica to continue to build relationships with the people there, and hopefully do some Bible study. I'm sure the people will be thrilled to see Phil again as he was one of our BCM summer missionaries to Llauta 2 summers ago!!

Rick and I have nearly raised the amount of money needed for our Outgoing expenses and are really ramping up our efforts to raise the necessary **Monthly** support. Monthly support is a lot harder to raise because of the extended commitment of the giver, but the CNYBA has really led the way in this endeavor -- for the last 1.5 years or so-- and we are so very, **very grateful** for those of you who are standing with us and partnering together financially with us. You have, and continue to, encourage our hearts. God is using **all of us** to reach Peru for Christ. Some can go, and some can provide the means for those going. We definitely need each other. If your church hasn't, but would like to get involved in some way, we'd love to talk to you about that. Any financial gifts (whether by a church group or individuals) can be given to Billie Winskie, our CNYBA Treasurer, or submitted directly to SAM (www.southamericamission.org Click "Donate Now" and then use the drop down box to scroll to our name). We will be in NY next weekend for Ed's big shindig and hope to see many of you there! Hugs to all!

Rick & Donna Martin

■ 2nd Sunday – Baptist History

The Baptist Name

Many people assume that Baptists got their name from John the Baptist. This is not the case. Like most religious groups, Baptists were named by their opponents. The name comes from the Baptist practice of immersion.

The first known reference to these believers in England as “Baptists” was in 1644. They did not like the name and did not use it of themselves until years later. The early Baptists preferred to be called “Brethren” or “Brethren of the Baptized Way.” Sometimes they called themselves the “Baptized Churches.” Early opponents of the Baptists often called them Anabaptists or other less complimentary names.

Baptists rejected the name Anabaptist, not wishing to be confused with or identified with the people who bore that name. (In fact, the true Anabaptists were not fond of that name either, because it had unfavorable overtones from early church history.) Even as late as the eighteenth century, many Baptists referred to themselves as “the Christians commonly (tho’ falsely) called Anabaptists.”

Perhaps the most startling practice of early English Baptists was their total immersion for baptism after 1640. Crowds would often gather to witness a Baptist immersion service. Some ridiculed, as did Daniel Featley, describing the Baptists as people who “plung’d over head and eares.” The nickname “Baptist” was given to describe the people who practiced this strange form of baptism.

■ Have You Heard This One?

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot 's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'