

## **Hart Beat**

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

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### ➡ **Hart to Heart**

- ✚ In addition to obedience, integrity, and authenticity, I would add stewardship to the list of characteristics that need to be cultivated in the life of one who desires to be a disciple of Christ. Proper stewardship recognizes that everything we are, everything we have, and everything we can become is a loan from God – it all belongs to Him. A disciple of Christ must see himself as a steward of time, talent, and treasure that belongs to God – using them in a way that reflects homage to Him.
- ✚ Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **River of Joy Korean, Syracuse** where Yong Mun Rhee has been Pastor since the church began in October 2002. We arrived early enough to hear the small orchestra (consisting of drums, piano, violin, flute, cello, and key board) practicing. Even before worship was scheduled to begin I found myself weeping and worshipping as the soft melodious music penetrated my spirit with a sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit of God. After the service we enjoyed fellowship with Pastor Rhee and his wife Soon, as well as with a couple of young lads (whose grandparents live in Korea) who apparently thought we looked like good substitute grandparents and were riding on Papa's knees and giving big hugs to Nana.
- ✚ If you have not heard yet, a reception to honor the 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary for Pastor Roger and Mary Knapton will be held at Clyde Baptist Church from 2-6 PM on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ✚ During the first six months of 2013 churches affiliated with CNYBA have contributed \$77,612.62 to the Cooperative Program of the SBC for world-wide missions. One of our churches was the number one giver to CP in the Baptist Convention of New York during this six month period. 4 of our churches were in the top 35 givers to CP in the BCNY during the first half of 2013.
- ✚ Yesterday, Lyn and I enjoyed a brief coffee visit with ministry friends, Jimmie & Adele Beale, who were on the way back home to Virginia after attending Adele's high school class reunion in Franklin. It's always good to connect with friends or family once in a while.

- ✚ Yesterday afternoon, Lyn and I attended the high school graduation party for McKenzie Mullenax, daughter of Mitch and Lisa Mullenax, P&W @ **Common Grounds Fellowship**. Remembering McKenzie as we knew her when she was but a small child, it seemed unreal that she is now a young lady headed for college. Where does the time go?
- ✚ On Friday past I spent the better part of the day playing in the dirt. I took my Kabota back hoe over to Davis College to finish up a couple of small “digging” jobs for them. I didn’t get finished, so to quote General McArthur, “I’ll be back.”
- ✚ On Friday evening, Lyn and I enjoyed a fellowship meal with a couple who has recently surrendered to ministry. It’s always good to see a couple surrender to ministry– not just the husband. As much as I love pastors, I love “new preachers”. The Bible tells us to pray the Lord of the harvest that laborers will be sent into the harvest. When they show up, we need to celebrate them, encourage them, and pray for them. The Lord seems to be sending more and more of these young (and some not so young) preachers into my life. I pray that I can be an encouragement and coach to them for the Kingdom’s sake. I love it when I get that opportunity, as I did several times this week.
- ✚ We still need volunteers to help with Disaster Relief in the Herkimer area. If you can help – all week or a couple of days – give me a call. I’m on stand-by to go back over this week if we have enough volunteers.

## ➡ News From the Churches

- ✚ **Christ is King, Syracuse** is hosting an evangelistic Ladies Tea (Ladies Tea in the Valley). The date is September 14th from 6-8PM in the basement of the Onondaga Valley Presbyterian Church at 275 West Seneca Turnpike. Trisha Ramos, wife of church planter Emilio Ramos in Frisco, TX, will be the guest speaker. A variety of teas and appropriate snacks will be served. Door prizes will be given away at the end of the night. The tea is FREE, but RSVP is required (call 315-565-4003 or email Kim Speed at [vi kimmy@yahoo.com](mailto:kimmy@yahoo.com)).
- ✚ **Maryland BC** plans to use the local area wide lawn/rummage sale as an outreach opportunity. They plan to provide free hamburgers, hotdogs, and water, along with gospel tracts and a marked New Testament during the event. They wonder if anyone has some New Testaments they are willing to donate to this event, scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have New Testaments

to donate, call Pastor Calvin Stedje (607-638-5452 or 607-643-7785). He will make arrangements to pick them up.

➡ **3rd Sunday – Truths From The Old Hymns**

**Faith is the Victory** - Lyrics: John H. Yates - Music: Ira D. Sankey

Encamped along the hills of light,  
Ye Christian soldiers, rise.  
And press the battle ere the night  
Shall veil the glowing skies.  
Against the foe in vales below  
Let all our strength be hurled.  
Faith is the victory, we know,  
That overcomes the world.  
Refrain

Faith is the victory! Faith is the victory!  
O glorious victory, that overcomes the world.

His banner over us is love,  
Our sword the Word of God.  
We tread the road the saints above  
With shouts of triumph trod.  
By faith, they like a whirlwind's breath,  
Swept on o'er every field.  
The faith by which they conquered death  
Is still our shining shield.

On every hand the foe we find  
Drawn up in dread array.  
Let tents of ease be left behind,  
And onward to the fray.  
Salvation's helmet on each head,  
With truth all girt about,  
The earth shall tremble 'neath our tread,  
And echo with our shout.

To him that overcomes the foe,  
White raiment shall be giv'n.  
Before the angels he shall know

His name confessed in Heav'n.  
Then onward from the hill of light,  
Our hearts with love aflame,  
We'll vanquish all the hosts of night,  
In Jesus' conqu'ring Name.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

'Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer.' said his mother...

'I don't need to,' the boy replied.

'Of course, you do.' his mother insisted. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.'

'That's at our house.' Johnny explained. 'But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!'