

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Bill Lower, pastor at **West Hill, Ithaca**, was in an accident this past week. As part of his Apartment Rental business, he has a good size box panel truck he uses as sort of a mobile shop as he does repairs and maintenance on several apartment houses. He and his son Billy took a shortcut from one place to the other, slid off the road, went over an embankment, and flipped the truck over on its left side. I saw pictures and it is a miracle that neither of them were hurt. Praise the Lord.
- Yesterday, with the help of Al Chshuba (a member at **Emmanuel, Cortland** where Jim Hundley is Pastor) I was supposed to take the BCNY Disaster relief truck and both Mud out units out to West Seneca (near Buffalo) so teams can begin working on assisting victims of flooding there. Because of the snow storm and the bald tires on my truck, we postponed the mission until Tuesday. By then I'll have new tires on the truck, If you would like to become involved with disaster relief, we have training coming up in May at **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** (where Sam Macri is Pastor).
- Three of our CNYBA Pastors' Wives are in the midst of health issues. Let's remember to life these families up in prayer.
 - Bonnie Novak (wife of Pastor Karl Novak @ **Lakeshore, Cicero**) continues to do physical therapy to recuperate from a stroke. She seems to be making some progress.
 - Cherlyn Bray (wife of Pastor Waylen Bray @ **Stamford BC**) is recuperating at home after hernia surgery.
 - Pauline Potter (wife of Pastor Clint Potter @ **North Fenton BC**) is recuperating at home after surgery on Friday past.
- This past week marked the beginning of a new semester at Davis College. This semester I am teaching a new course, "The Disciple Making Process" on Monday and Friday afternoon. During the course students will read and report on material from textbooks, go through a discipleship process themselves, and take someone else through a discipleship process.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Grace, Rome** in the absence of Pastor Dan Goewey, who was away for the week-end with his wife in New England. We stayed after worship for Sunday School and a fellowship lunch.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** will be offering the Bible study “Experiencing God” as an elective on Sunday mornings beginning February 16th. The 13 week support program “Divorce Care” will be offered on Thursday evenings beginning January 30th. They will have a Sweetheart Dinner on Friday evening, February 21st. Sam Macri is Pastor.
- Pastor Bruce Aubrey’s current sermon series @ **Northside, Liverpool** is “The Greatest of these is Love: A Journey through Ephesians.” They will host the annual “Keep the Fire Burning” Conference on March 2nd – 4th.
- **Stamford BC** will hear Church Planter, Ronnie Wyatt (**The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse**) on Sunday morning, February 2nd. They will show the movie “Checkmate” for Family Movie Night on February 7th and will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on February 17th. They have started creating and collecting craft and other items for Operation Christmas Child 2014. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- Devon & Kate Bartholomew, our Student Ministry leaders on three campuses in the Syracuse area, just got confirmation that Le Moyne College wants to promote their Spring Break Mission trip to the entire college. They will be taking the Le Moyne students to Staten Island to assist with the on-going SBC rebuild effort in the wake of last year’s super storm Sandy.
- **Lyons Falls Bible Fellowship Church** welcomed two new members this morning. Praise the Lord. Jeff Ford is Pastor
- Church Planter, Brandon Owen (**Mission University, Syracuse**) and his wife are foster parents for Onondaga County. They took in two more girls at Christmas. Brandon is going back to school, thanks to the Iron Man Scholarship. He starts at my Alma Mater – Southwestern – this week.
- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** had 52 in their Saturday night Bible Study last night. They are praying for a new place to meet. Church Planter, Ronnie Wyatt, says “Our house is getting a little cramped.” Praise the Lord.
- **Christ Is King, Syracuse** pastor, Jon Speed, reports, “We are releasing our documentary Babies Are Murdered Here on Wednesday, the 41st anniversary of Roe v Wade. 53 minutes featuring RC Sproul Jr. It will be free on YouTube and www.BabiesAreMurderedHere.com.”
- **Living Water, Owego** has completed the painting of the interior of the sanctuary. Wayne Sibrava is Pastor.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

For months he had been her devoted admirer. Now, at long last, he had collected up sufficient courage to ask her the most momentous of all questions:

"There are quite a lot of advantages to being a bachelor," he began, "but there comes a time when one longs for the companionship of another being -- a being who will regard one as perfect, as an idol; whom one can treat as one's absolute own; who will be kind and faithful when times are hard; who will share one's joys and sorrows."

To his delight he saw a sympathetic gleam in her eyes. Then she nodded in agreement.

- 21st BCNY Disaster Relief truck & mud out units to West Seneca
- 23rd BD Brandon Owen – Church Planter @ Mission, University

➡ **3rd Sunday – Truths from the Old Hymns**

Footprints of Jesus - Words: Mary B. Slade, Music: Asa B. Everett

Sweetly, Lord, have we heard Thee calling,
Come, follow Me!
And we see where Thy footprints falling
Lead us to Thee.
Refrain

Footprints of Jesus,
That make the pathway glow;
We will follow the steps of Jesus
Where'er they go.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

Finally, she responded, "I think it's a great idea! Can I help you choose which puppy to buy?"