

Hart Beat

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

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► Hart to Heart

- This issue of HART BEAT is arriving late because Mail Chimp was doing data network maintenance from 3-10 PM today.
- I have had inquiries from Appalachian Regional Ministries and the Alabama Baptist Convention about an updated mission projects list. I'm putting it together now – a little later than usual. If your church can use some help with a project this year, please let me know ASAP.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **West Hill, Ithaca**, where it was my high honor to preach in the absence of Pastor Bill Lower, who is in Florida for a respite.
- Our Student Ministry efforts on three Syracuse campuses, led by Devon Bartholomew, have been using a visual tool, called Soularium, to facilitate conversations with students about their views on religion and spirituality. So far Bro. Devon has trained 10 students in the use of the Soularium cards. He asks that we pray for boldness as they share faith with students.

► News From the Churches

- **Cornerstone, Endicott** invites you to come help say farewell to Rita Turner (wife of the late Bill Turner who was the last Pastor at Lincoln Avenue, Endicott and one of the first Pastors at Cornerstone, Endicott). Rita is moving south in March. The farewell doings will be held on Saturday, March 8th from 4:30 to 6 PM in the visitors' center next door to the church building.
- **Clyde BC** is hosting at least one mission group this summer. The mission group from Kilgore, TX, will help them increase the length of the storage "lean to" on the side of the building, do VBS, as well as do some survey and cultivation work in a couple of nearby communities. They're praying for at least one more mission group to accomplish these projects. Their clothes closet ministry is thriving. 1165 people were helped in 2013. They are willing to share the "stuff" they are collecting. If your church can use some help with good used clothing, call their director, Karen King, @ 315-573-8057. Roger Knapton is Pastor.

- **The Neighborhood Church, Syracuse** plans to hold a giant Easter Egg Hunt at Schiller Park on Saturday, April 19. They need plastic Easter Eggs stuffed with candy ASAP. Eggs should be taped after filling to prevent opening during transport. If you and/or your church Clothes Closet would like to participate call Pastor Ronnie Wyatt ASAP @ 315-876-0558.

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 17th ANV Waylen & Cherlyn Bray (P&W @ Stamford BC)
- 21st BD Bill Lower (Pastor @ West Hill, Ithaca)

➡ **3rd Sunday – Missionary Stories (Home)**

- Pastor and church planter apprentice Adrion “Pops” Roberson is passionate about raising a generation of urban missionaries who are fearless in sharing the Gospel in love and without compromise. He does this through serving children and youth in a citywide youth football and cheerleading program in the Kansas City, Missouri, area. The church described in Acts 2:42-47 is his model. Adrion asks for prayer that he and his team can surpass the 40-team mark and that the pilot program, “Gamechangers,” will help strengthen their community. The Cooperative Program enables missionaries like Pops to be creative in how they connect with unbelievers. Pray also for a strong core team of believers to move into the Wyandotte County area and endeavor to live the Gospel in the “hood.”

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

Two snails were standing on the side of the road, a turtle stopped and said, "Do you guys want a ride on my back"?

One of the snails took him up on his offer and off he went.

As the turtle reached the intersection another turtle came along and crashed into him. The poor little snail was thrown and killed. A cop investigating the accident began questioning the dead snail's buddy. "What happened?" he asked.

The little snail replied, "I don't know it all happened so fast."