

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- We've been praying for three of our Pastors' wives who have been dealing with some health issues. Bonnie Novak (PW @ Lakeshore, Cicero) is recuperating nicely from a stroke. Doctors say she should be back to normal in about 6 months. Cherlyn Bray (PW @ Stamford BC) and Pauline Potter (PW @ North Fenton BC) are both recovering nicely from surgery. Let's continue to ask God's blessings on these sisters.
- Yesterday, Lyn and I attended the funeral of Jeff Finch, son of our good friends, Lynn & Shirley Finch. Lynn did a lot of electrical work for us at the Carroll Street Ministry Center building when we first acquired the property. Please lift this family up in prayer as they grieve the loss of a son, husband, father, and brother.
- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **North Fenton BC**, where Clint Potter has been pastor since March 1999. Clint and his wife Pauline were saved and baptized while I was pastor at Pontoon Baptist Church in Pontoon Beach, Illinois, before I became a Director of Missions here in upstate New York. After church we enjoyed a time of fellowship with Clint & Pauline over lunch.
- Rick & Donna Martin, former P&W at Freedom **Fellowship, Binghamton**, continue to prepare for deployment as missionaries to Peru with South American Missions. They ask our prayers as they raise the last \$2000 per month support so they can make the big move later this year.
- From time to time Me, Myself, and I have a debate about the content of this weekly newsletter. We argue about whether I share all the information you are entitled to OR more information than you want. If you would like to weigh in on the debate, please feel free. You can contact any one of us via email, text, or phone call.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Northside, Liverpool** has enlisted over 380 people to join the 100 days of prayer team who is praying for a special Easter service to be held at the Oncenter in Syracuse on April 20. They're calling that day of worship, "The

Road Home'. They are trusting God for 5000 in attendance and 300 to give their lives to Christ that day.

On another note, they are also providing members with a free account to a subscription library of over 2000 video Bible studies led by great teachers designed to help individuals grow in discipleship.

In addition, they are planning and praying for the upcoming annual "Keep the Fire Burning Conference" coming March 2-4. They are praying for 500 pastors and leaders from 125 churches and 10 states to show up this year.

They are rejoicing that for the past three weeks, more than 1100 people have gathered to worship each weekend. That number does not include the 150+ children and workers who attended FUEL - worship for kids. They also rejoice that more than 375 young people are involved in Upward Basketball and Cheerleading. Hundreds of people gathered to watch those games last week and learned more about the ministry through a wonderful half time presentation. Bruce Aubrey is Pastor

- **Central, Syracuse** will hold a Grand Opening and Dedication service at their new facilities next Sunday, February 9th. Milt Kornegay is Pastor.
- **Stamford BC** plans spring revival services March 9-12 with Joshua Lagasse, a Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Ft. Worth, TX) student as evangelist. Today they heard Ronnie Wyatt, one of our church planters from Syracuse, NY. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **West Hill, Ithaca** was blessed again today with four new people attending. Two of them (a husband and wife) came forward to receive Christ at the end of the service. This after 6 came forward last Sunday. Pastor Bill Lower writes, "Let me encourage all pastors that it is so important to offer the invitation to receive Christ. This couple said they been to several different churches and WHCC is the first one they attended where they heard the gospel and an invitation to receive Jesus as their savior."

➡ **This Week in Preview**

- 7th – BD Lisa Mullenax (PW @ Common Grounds, Beaver Meadow)

➡ **1st Sunday – Missionary Story**

- (Lesotho) Southern Baptist missionaries JIM and TERESA FLORA serve in Lesotho with their three daughters: Grace (14), adopted from India, and

Anna (3) and Rebekah (8), both adopted from Haiti. The family uses medical clinics to build relationships to share the Gospel with the Basotho people. The Basotho are eager to hear about Jesus, but the struggle is getting them to accept Him as the one true God and leave behind African tribal religions. In reaching the Basotho, the Flora daughters help tell the Bible storying message, and they help in the medical clinics by taking vital signs, assisting their mother and holding babies. Cooperative Program funds support the Flora's ministry.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

Unable to attend the funeral after his Uncle Charlie died, a man who lived far away called his brother and told him, "Do something nice for Uncle Charlie and send me the bill."

Later, he got a bill for \$200.00, which he paid. The next month, he got another bill for \$200.00, which he also paid, figuring it was some incidental expense.

But, when the bills for \$200.00 kept arriving every month, he finally called his brother again to find out what was going on.

"Well," said the other brother, "You said to do something nice for Uncle Charlie. So I rented him a tuxedo."