

Hart Beat

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

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➡ Hart to Heart

- Lesson learned. Next year I'll have plenty of wood pellets under roof before winter and before everybody runs out. I'm reminded that time is also running out for people who do not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. There will no doubt be more wood pellets, but when time runs out --- that's it. We need to do all we can to get the unsaved under the blood before time runs out.
- I worshipped with the good folks at **Grace, Rome** this morning, where I preached on their first Sunday without a pastor. I stayed for Sunday School and met with the Pastor Search Committee in the afternoon. Lyn worshipped at **Living Water, Owego** this morning since I'm not going home tonight.
- From Rome I went to Syracuse where I had dinner with one of our pastors and some men from his church before attending the opening session of the annual "Keep the Fire Burning" Conference at **Northside, Liverpool**. This conference is a great opportunity for our pastors and churches. I was pleased to see several of our pastors and some of their lay people at the conference tonight.
- It's not too early to be thinking about Vacation Bible School. BCNY training in our area will be held at **Bellewood, North Syracuse** on April 5 from 9 AM to 2 PM with registration beginning at 8 AM.
- Today marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the receiving of the Annie Armstrong Missions Offering.

➡ News From the Churches

- **Stamford Baptist Church** will once again participate in the annual historic program through Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary aimed at serving Southern Baptists as a catalyst for revival. It's called REVIVE THIS NATION. For more than fifty years, students and professors from SWBTS have spent Spring Break preaching revivals and ministering in churches across this nation. This year's revival at Stamford BC will be held March 9-12 and the student evangelist will be Joshua Lagesse, a 26 year old Navy veteran. Waylen Bray is Pastor.

- **Agape, Norwich** rejoices at the arrival of Cadence Jubilee, newborn daughter of John & Tara Jablonski, who was born Monday afternoon past. John is the Apprentice Pastor at Agape. Again this year, Agape will participate in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary REVIVE THIS NATION revival initiative. This year's revival services will be held March 9-12 with student evangelist Alex Sibley. Harold Lefler is Senior Pastor.
- **Good News, Waverly** plans a new Tuesday evening Bible Study beginning March 18th. They already have a Thursday afternoon Bible study going. John Talada is Pastor.
- **Bellewood, North Syracuse** (Matt Hallenbeck, Pastor) plans the following upcoming events:
 - Dinner & Disciples Gathering – March 2nd
 - BCNY VBS Training – April 5th @ 8 AM
 - VBS Pep Rally – April 6th @ 11 AM
 - Spring Church Clean-up Day – April 12th @ 9 AM
- The Adults and Youth at **Living Water, Owego** began a new 13 week video study from the “Focus on the Family organization entitled “The Truth Project.” This study is designed to help students grow spiritually in their biblical world view and is taught by Dr. Del Tackett. Wayne Sibrava is Pastor.
- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** will be enjoying the return of the mission group from East Texas, who will once again help with VBS and Revival services August 2 – 8. Gary Culver is Pastor

➤ **This Week in Preview**

- 2nd – 9th Week of Prayer for NAMB Missions
- 2nd – 4th Keep the Fire Burning Conference – Northside, Liverpool
- 3rd - The Disciple Making Process Class at Davis College
- 4th – DOM Echocardiogram & Stress Test
- 5th – Discipleship Development @ West Hill, Ithaca
- 7th - The Disciple Making Process Class at Davis College
- 8th - Rita Turner Farewell Gathering
- 9th – **TIME CHANGE (Spring Forward)**

➡ **1st Sunday – Missionary Story (International)**

(Mexico) California pastor Phil Neighbors realized many people groups with no Gospel witness exist in southern Mexico. His church, Valley Baptist of Bakersfield, prayed about taking responsibility for telling such a people group about Christ. He contacted CHRIS AMMONS, a missionary in Mexico, who discovered the Tjaltepec Mixteco people near Oaxaca, Mexico, have a large migrant population 20 miles from Bakersfield. Valley Baptist made a long-term commitment to take the Gospel to this people group. The church sends volunteers to the Tjaltepec Mixteco in southern Mexico and to the 700 Mixteco immigrants in central California. Gifts given through the Cooperative Program support missionaries, like Chris, who are vital in connecting churches with unreached people groups.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

A new business was opening and one of the owner's friends wanted to send him flowers for the occasion. They arrived at the new business site and the owner read the card, "Rest in Peace."

The owner was angry and called the florist to complain.

After he had told the florist of the obvious mistake and how angry he was, the florist replied,

"Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry, you should imagine this, 'Somewhere there is a funeral taking place today and they have flowers with a note saying, 'Congratulations on your new location.'"