

THE ECHO of Central New York Baptist Association
(Excerpts from **HART BEAT**, a weekly E-update for CNYBA Pastors and Key Leaders)

October 2012

From HART BEAT – 7 October 2012

- Lyn and I worshipped this morning with the good folks at **Crosspoint, Whitesboro**, where we heard Pastor Sam Macri preach the introductory sermon for their 40 Days In The Word emphasis, which starts this week. At least one of the members was surprised to see us, since they were not having a church dinner today. After church we enjoyed a time of fellowship over lunch with Pastor Sam and his wife, Darlene.
- While at Crosspoint we learned that they are planning:
 - A Paintball Saturday on Oct 13th for ages 18 and up.
 - Window washing Saturday on Oct 20th when the youth of Crosspoint will be providing this free service through the community
 - A Harvest Potluck Dinner on Oct 26th
 - A visit from the New Life Drama Team, who are passing through on the national tour, on Oct 30th.
- I received a summary report on the 43rd Annual Conference of the Baptist Convention of New York this week and noticed that CNYBA had more churches represented at the meeting than any other association or fellowship group. Thank you to those who attended. The 2013 Annual BCNY Conference will be held in Amherst, NY on September 21-24, 2013. Sam Macri (Pastor @ Crosspoint, Whitesboro) will preach the annual sermon. It's not too early to mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend.
- Pastor Bill Lower (West Hill, Ithaca) will have shoulder surgery on Tues, Oct 9th, in Sayre, PA.
- Pastor Mitch Mullenax (Common Grounds Fellowship, Beaver Meadow) and wife, Lisa, found out this week their son, Christian, and his wife, Shaylem, will make them grandparents in about eight months. Pastor Mitch says, "Who said fat men couldn't do cartwheels."
- Pastor James Pannafino (Lighthouse, Syracuse) wants you to be aware of an upcoming Evangelism Training Seminar featuring Mark Cahill. It will be held on Saturday, October 27th at CNY Crossroads, 650 James Street in Syracuse. If you need more information or directions, you may call Pastor James @ 315-471-4301 or 315-395-6102.

- Mary Knapton, wife of Pastor Roger Knapton (**Clyde BC**) is recuperating from her recent heart attack and is reportedly doing fine.
- **Grace**, Rome will host **Southern Gospel singers**, Les and **Linda Greene**, in concert at Grace on Wednesday, October 17th at 6:30 PM. All are invited.
- **Truths from the Old Hymns**

My Father is rich in houses and lands,
 He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands!
 Of rubies and diamonds, of silver and gold,
 His coffers are full, He has riches untold.

Refrain

I'm a child of the King,
 A child of the King:
 With Jesus my Savior,
 I'm a child of the King.

I once was an outcast, stranger on earth,
 A sinner by choice, an alien by birth,
 But I've been adopted, my name's written down,
 An heir to a mansion, a robe and a crown.

- **Have You Heard This One?**

Unaware that Indianapolis is on Eastern Standard Time and Chicago on Central Standard Time, Bob inquired at the Indianapolis airport about a plane to Chicago.

"The next flight leaves at 1:00 p.m.," a ticket agent said, "and arrives in Chicago at 1:01 p.m."

"Would you repeat that, please?" Bob asked.

The agent did so and then inquired, "Do you want a reservation?"

"No," said Bob, "But I think I'll hang around and watch that thing take off."

From HART BEAT – 14 October 2012

- Lyn and I worshipped with the good folks at **West Hill, Ithaca** this morning, where I was privileged to preach. Pastor Bill Lower was in attendance, but is recuperating from shoulder surgery. Of course, there was food afterward.
- Yesterday, I was privileged to speak at the Annual Meeting of the Adirondack Baptist Association. The Director of Missions, David Button, had asked me speak about our experience in CNYBA moving to self-sustaining status, since they are moving in that direction this year, Lyn, Holly, and I drove up on Friday and then drove back on Saturday afternoon. Gorgeous scenery!
- Earlier in the week I was at the hospital in Binghamton with Donna and Rick Martin as they received word about the CT scan Donna had because of some pain she was having and her recent experience with breast cancer. Praise the Lord, the results showed no mass on her lung - just some residual fluid from a recent bout with pneumonia, which the doctor said would dissipate. Rick and Donna now live in VA so their son can get in-state tuition at Virginia Tech. As you probably know, they are our missionaries to Peru and hope to be on the field by this time next year.
- The next morning I was at the hospital in Sayre, PA with Bill Lower and his family, while Bill had rotator cup repair surgery. He was at church this morning and seems to be recuperating fine.
- This coming Wednesday, Oct 17th, Julie Teachout will have open heart surgery at St. Joseph hospital in Syracuse to replace a defective heart valve. Julie is the wife of Bob Teachout, Associate Pastor @ **Canastota BC**. Please join me in praying.
- Next month, Pastor Jeff Scott (**Canastota BC**) will have surgery at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Utica to remove a benign tumor from his brain. Please join me in praying.
- **Don't forget** the Annual Meeting of CNYBA will be held next Saturday, October 20th, at Newark Bible Fellowship Church, located at 401 Stuart Ave in Newark, NY.
- The Book of Reports for the CNYBA Annual Meeting should be posted to our web site by this time tomorrow. Look under the Info Center tab.
- **Canastota BC** heard Associate Pastor, Bob Teachout preach last week and welcomed a visit from BCNY Executive Director, Terry Robertson. Today they had a Fall Harvest Dinner after services, featuring an Apple theme – all dishes included apples. Jeff Scott is Pastor)

- **Stamford BC** will host a blood drive at their facility tomorrow, Oct 15th. They plan a Family Movie Night for Oct 19th and on Oct 28th they will host John & Dody Martin in concert. Waylen Bray is Pastor.
- **West Hill, Ithaca** plans to order new chairs for the sanctuary. Next Sunday evening they are having a “Guess Who Is Coming To Dinner” event where people who sign up are sent to various homes of those who have signed us as hosts for dinner. Neither the guest or the hosts know in advance who is coming to dinner with them. On November 1-4 Pastor Bill Lower will lead a field trip to Liberty University for youth age 16 up.
- **Living Water, Owego (Wayne Sibrava Pastor), Stamford BC(Waylen Bray Pastor), Crosspoint, Whitesboro (Sam Macri Pastor), West Hill, Ithaca (Bill Lower Pastor)** and probably several other CNYBA churches will participate in the Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Child Project.
- Here’s an email I just received from Mitch Mullenax, Pastor @ **Common Grounds Fellowship**. Formerly The Church At Beaver Meadow.

Just an update. I’ve been working on an evangelism workshop that can be taught in a day. We went though it in all our small groups to work out a few frayed edges. This morning, at our Lincklaen Worship service, an 81 year old man named Leon trusted Christ while role playing an illustration. We were so excited when he said, "This is for real. I not acting." I said, "You're telling me, you've just placed your trust in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life?" He replied, "That's what I just said." When I asked if I could share this with a few others, he said "Tell anyone you like. I'm going to blab this to everybody. I’m going home to call my brothers." We have had three professions of faith in going through this workshop. Thanks again for praying. I'll see you Saturday.

- **River Edge, Baldwinsville**, (a mission church sponsored by **Living Water, Owego**) presently has seven Community Groups that meet weekly with monthly Gatherings where they all meet together. Allan Covington is the church planter and Wayne Sibrava is Pastor of the sponsoring church.
- **Truths from the Old Hymns**

Come and Dine

Jesus has a table spread
 Where the saints of God are fed,
 He invites His chosen people, “Come and dine”;
 With His manna He doth feed
 And supplies our every need:
 O ’tis sweet to sup with Jesus all the time!

“Come and dine,” the Master calleth, “Come and dine”;
You may feast at Jesus’ table all the time;
He Who fed the multitude, turned the water into wine,
To the hungry calleth now, “Come and dine.”

- **Have You Heard This One?**

“I have my own system for labeling homemade freezer meals,” a friend of mine says.

Forget calling them "Veal Parmigiana" or "Turkey Loaf" or "Beef Pot Pie."

If you look in my freezer you'll see "Whatever," "Anything," "I Don't Know," and, my favorite, "Food."

That way when I ask my husband what he wants for dinner, I'm certain to have what he wants."

From HART BEAT – 21 October 2012

- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at our home church, **Living Water, Owego**, so we could take our “adopted” Minnesota daughter, Mary Jo, to the airport in Elmira early this afternoon. We enjoyed having her with us this week end, although we kept her in the road most of the time.
- Yesterday, the 2012 CNYBA Annual Meeting was held at **Newark BC** (NW Cluster Group), where John DePugh has been pastor since August 1994. The church did a fantastic job hosting our meeting. The decorations were “just right”, the praise team did a wonderful job with the music, and the lunch provided after the meeting was delicious and plentiful. Thanks Newark Baptist Fellowship Church!

During the meeting we adopted a budget of \$62,035, adopted a calendar, elected three new people to the Leadership Team, elected officers, heard a report on BCNY from Executive Director Terry Robertson, heard a message from Bill Deckert (Pastor @ Freedom Fellowship, Binghamton), and heard my DOM report & challenge. The budget, calendar, and Leadership Team roster are posted to our web site.

- I spent some time in hospitals this week. First with one of the young men in our church who has helped me on the RV pole barn. He broke his arm playing football and had to have surgery. Then I spent all day on Wednesday with Bob Teachout (Associate Pastor @ **Canastota BC**) whose wife, Julie, had a heart

valve replaced. She is still in St. Joseph Hospital in Syracuse. Please join me in lifting these two families up in prayer.

- Lyn and I spent some time at Davis College this past week and will be spending more time there in the months ahead. She will be teaching Foundations of Special Education in the spring semester. I will be teaching the course I taught last year (Church Planting and Growth) plus another class on Principles and Practices of Missions in the spring semester. I never understood why it's call spring semester when it starts in January. In any case, please remember to lift us up in prayer that we might have a positive impact in the lives of the young people who attend our classes.
- **Northside, Liverpool** will host a conference sponsored by the IMB of the SBC on Nov 10th from 8:30 Am – 5:00 PM called EA1 Day. The cost is \$10 to cover lunch. You can register for this event at www.regonline.com/EA1DayEvents, registration closes on Nov 5th. There are over 1.43 Billion East Asian people who are unreached with the gospel. This conference will help you learn how you can partner with others to make a difference.
- Pastor James Pannafino and **Lighthouse, Syracuse**, are co-sponsoring an Evangelism Training Event with author/speaker Mark Cahill on Saturday, Oct. 27th, from 1-3 PM at Inspiration Hall (709 James St.). The other co-sponsor is Mars Hills Network/WMHR.

Pastor James says, “This will be an excellent opportunity for brothers and sister in Christ to become further equipped for our 'Great Commission' and bringing the gospel to others.”

There is no charge for the training. If you have questions or if you would like a free copy of one of Mark Cahill's books ("One Heartbeat Away" and "The One Thing You Can't Do In Heaven"), contact Pastor Pannafino @ 315-395-6102

- **Three Pines, Doraville** (Mike Brown, Pastor) has a new web site. It's www.threepinescommunitychurch.org .
- **Stamford BC** will host John and Dody Martin in concert on October 28th @ 7 PM. John and Dody Martin are talented musicians with a ministry that is enjoyed by people of all ages through the mix of inspirational, worship, traditional, conservative contemporary, and **Southern Gospel music**. They have over 38 years of ministry experience and do about 200 concerts each year throughout the United States. For more information call Pastor Waylen Bray at, 607-652-7978.

- The Week of Prayer for International Missions is scheduled for December 2-9. Materials will be coming out in mid-November.
- **Truths from the Old Hymns**

Come to Jesus

Come to Jesus, He will save you,
Though your sins as crimson glow,
If you give your heart to Jesus,
He will make it white as snow.

Come to Jesus do not tarry,
Enter in at mercy's gate,
O delay not till the morrow,
Lest Thy coming be too late.

Come to Jesus, dying sinner,
Other Savior there is none,
He will share with you His glory,
When your pilgrimage is done.

- **Have You Heard This One?**

A young man had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your bible a little, and get your hair cut, then we will talk about it."

A month later the young man came back and again asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said, "Son, I'm real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your bible diligently, but you didn't get a hair cut!"

The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know dad, I've been thinking about that. You know Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair."

His father replied, "Yes son, and they walked everywhere they went!"

From HART BEAT – 28 October 2012

- The BCNY Disaster Relief unit may be called out in the wake of the coming storm. We will not know until after the storm passes through, but are ON ALERT. If you are not trained, but would like to help, Mike Flannery, our BCNY Disaster Relief Director, has assured me that we can do on the job training. If you can help, let me know ASAP or call Mike Flannery directly @ 716-432-5333. If and when we are called up, I will send out an email alert with details.
- Lyn and I worshiped today with the good folks at **Summit, Cazenovia**, where Dan Schallmo (the new CNYBA Moderator) has been pastor since the church's launch in May 2005. Yes, they were having lunch after church, but we didn't stay because I was not feeling very well and headed for home.

I spent most of the past week "laying low" trying to get over a bout with bronchitis. I had been fighting what I thought was my normal fall sinus/cold episode for the past two weeks – trying to push through and wear it out. I finally went to the doctor on Tuesday, at my wife's insistence. The diagnosis was a pretty good case of bronchitis. When she started talking about possible pneumonia, she got my attention. I've been on an antibiotic regimen. I am better, but any exertion or movement brings on another coughing spell. I plan to call the doctor again tomorrow.

I did pick up the scaffolding trailer from Clyde and brought it back last Saturday after the Annual Meeting. On Friday I was able to go to Syracuse and pick up the large tent and trailer. Yesterday, I took the tent trailer with me, and after the 2012 Pastors' Breakfast for the Binghamton Cluster Area at Cracker Barrel, I took it out to the pole barn. With the help of Pastor Clint Potter (**North Fenton BC**), I was able to get all the trailers in the barn and bedded down for winter. By the time we finished, I was sure I was not back to full strength.

- Matt & Kristen Hallenbeck (P&W @ Bellewood, North Syracuse) are the proud parents of a newly born daughter. Also recently, Wayne & Connie Sibrava (P&W @ Living Water, Owego) became grandparents again when their daughter and husband and their son and wife gave births to new sons.
- Pastor Jeff Scott (**Canastota BC**) is back in the hospital - the doctors found another blood clot. If all goes well, Pastor Scott will be released on Monday. Currently, his brain tumor operation is set for November 13. In his absence, Associate Pastor Bob Teachout, preached today at CBC. Pastor Bob's wife, Julie, also had to go back to the hospital last Tuesday night for minor complications after her heart valve surgery, but she is currently at home and is doing very well in her recovery. Let's remember to pray for these two families.
- Last Sunday **Lakeshore, Cicero** had 106 in Worship. A Med student from University Hospital, who has been visiting, trusted Christ and wants to be

baptized and join LBC. For the past three Sunday nights, LBC has been leading the worship music for their church plant, **Christ is King, Syracuse**. LBC is providing CIK with "I" Worship DVDs to use when they can't be there. Pastor Karl Novak is asking us to pray "That God would raise up folks within the Christ Is King congregation to minister in music.

- **Good News, Waverly** has formed a "Missions Awareness Team" to help promote interest in both local and foreign missions. John Talada is Pastor.
- **Christ Is King, Syracuse** baptized 6 this past month. They have an ongoing outreach to college students at Onondaga Community College every other Wednesday. The outreaches there continue to be very successful, creating large numbers of contacts and invitations to their weekly Thursday night Bible study. They have also done outreaches a few times near the campus of Syracuse University and made some inroads with a couple of Chinese students there. They recently took up a special offering for a church plant in Southall, England. That neighborhood near London is mainly Sikh Muslims and Hindus. Please continue praying for Pastor Jon Speed and his family as they grieve over the passing of Kim's mother.
- **Nepali, Syracuse** witnessed 6 professions of faith this past month. They have baptized 27 so far this year. They now have 5 small groups that meet twice weekly for discipleship development. They plan a Christmas program on December 2nd, which will include a gospel presentation. Bhim Biswa is Pastor.
- **Truths from the Old Hymns**

Come, Every Soul By Sin Oppressed

Come, every soul by sin oppressed;
There's mercy with the Lord,
And He will surely give you rest
By trusting in His Word.

For Jesus shed His precious blood
Rich blessings to bestow;
Plunge now into the crimson flood
That washes white as snow.

Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way,
That leads you into rest;
Believe in Him without delay
And you are fully blessed.

Come, then, and join this holy band,
And on to glory go
To dwell in that celestial land
Where joys immortal flow.

Refrain

Only trust Him, only trust Him,
Only trust Him now;
He will save you, He will save you,
He will save you now.

Have You Heard This One?

Tom was so excited about his promotion to Vice President of the company he worked for and kept bragging about it to his wife for weeks on end.

Finally she couldn't take it any longer, and told him, "Listen, it means nothing, they even have a vice president of peas at the grocery store!"

"Really?" he said. Not sure if this was true or not, Tom decided to call the grocery store.

A clerk answers and Tom says, "Can I please talk to the Vice President of peas?"

The clerk replies, "Canned or frozen?"