

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

April 2012

From HART BEAT – 1 April 2012

- Lyn & I finally worshipped with the good folks at **Outpouring, Oswego**. Pastor Zach Neyhard has done a good job with this university campus church over the last 5 years. Today they had been “bumped” out of their regular meeting space, so they met at Zach and Rebecca’s apartment. Zach led a very interesting interactive sermon/discussion about some of the deeper aspects of the gospel.
- This past week, in addition to the normal office duties like email and web site maintenance, I attended the BCNY Listening Sessions for DOM’s, delivered some used restroom partitions from the pole barn to Pastor Jeff Ford (Pastor @ Lyons Falls), had 8 visits with pastors (either in person or by phone), and visited with Viktor Korovaynyk about possible CNYBA involvement in a mission to Ukraine.
- Speaking of opportunity for missions in Ukraine, Viktor Korovaynyk, a member at **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** and native of Ukraine, is interested in involving CNYBA in a mission project to the Baptist Church in Ukraine where he came to know the Lord. I told him I would ask if there were those who might be interested in participating in a “vision trip” to Ukraine sometime next year to explore how churches in CNYBA might get involved. He estimates the cost of a one week trip to Ukraine would not exceed \$2500, which would include all travel, lodging, and food.. If you are interested in being a part of such a team, please let me know ASAP.
- I never take anybody off my newsletter list on purpose, unless they request it or they don’t send me a new address when they change emails. Once you’re on my mailing list, it’s like salvation – eternal. Last fall my computer crashed and this spring I upgraded my i-phone. Between the two events, some people evidently got inadvertently dropped off the weekly HART BEAT list. If you ever don’t receive the weekly HART BEAT update (usually on Sunday night), please feel free to let me know if you still want to receive the updates and I’ll be sure the error is corrected.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** had 94 in worship last week! One person joined the church and two are scheduled for baptism on April 15. One of the two prayed to receive Christ on Friday night. Wacky Wednesday (teen group) had 22 this week. They plan a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, followed by breakfast and Jesus Art for the kids. Sunday School will be at 9 a.m. and Worship at 10 a.m. that day. The teens are doing the 30-hour famine April 27-28. AWANA and the teen group are growing. A husband and wife are scheduled to be baptized on April 15. They were reached through the AWANA program.

- **Christ is King, Syracuse** is hosting a seminar on witnessing to Roman Catholics May 11-12th (6:30-9PM and 9AM-Noon respectively). We will be meeting at the Onondaga Hill United Methodist Church (4845 West Seneca Turnpike Syracuse, NY 13215). Mike Gendron, of Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries (www.pro-gospel.org) will be the teacher. Mike is a former Roman Catholic and has written a book called "Preparing Catholics for Eternity". Mike has taught on this topic in Bible colleges, seminaries, and other conferences around the world. He has lectured at The Master's Seminary, Dallas Theological Seminary, Moody Bible Institute, Worldview Weekend seminars, and Steeling the Mind seminars. This is an excellent opportunity for believers to get equipped in a vital area of evangelism. After the event there will be an opportunity to do door-to-door evangelism in a local Roman Catholic neighborhood.

Registration for this event is free (a love offering will be taken). However, because space is limited (135 people) they do need people to pre-register. They can do so at http://www.sermonaudio.com/event_details.asp?EventID=ch3151218026#register.

- **Living Water, Owego** will hold their annual VBS on July 29 – August 3.
- From time to time groups contact me looking for a mission project and I also post projects I know about on two web sites, as well as email them to several Directors of Missions and mission group leaders who have served where I have served in the past.

In the past I have accompanied vision teams as they looked at several projects and picked one. Because of time restraints in our new situation, I doubt that I will do that in the future. However, I will continue to try to “connect” those looking for projects to those who need help with projects. Here is a list of groups that I know of who are coming to CNYBA to do mission projects this summer.

- Houston, TX mission team to **Summit, Cazenovia** – July 9-12
 - Painting, Remodeling, Back Yard Bible Clubs
- TN mission team to **Maryland BC** – July 16-20
 - Painting & Repair @ Church & Camp Ground
- Bay Minnette, MS mission team to **Living Water, Owego** – July 24-29
 - Re-roof sanctuary
- East TX mission team to **Emory Chapel, Barton** – Aug 4-10
 - Siding (staying at Living Water, Owego)
- Becky Hill, our Journeyman (2 year) missionary to Senegal is approaching the end of her time there and is asking for prayer for a smooth transition – both for her and for the friends she has made there. For pictures and stories, check out her blog <http://theworldsdeephunger.blogspot.com>

- **April Congratulations**

- Jim Hundley – Pastor @ Emmanuel, Cortland since April 1992
- Bill Lower – Pastor @ West Hill, Ithaca since April 2007
- Frank Adams – Pastor @ Jefferson BC since April 2009
- David Barrows – Assoc. Pastor @ Clyde BC since April 2011

- **Truths from the Old Hymns**

For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

From HART BEAT – 8 April 2012

- Lyn & I worshipped this morning with the good folks at **Eternal Life, Auburn**, where David Kreydatus has been pastor since June 2008.
- We had intended to worship at **Agape, Norwich** in order to do the baptismal service for Pastor Harold Lefler, who is recuperating from a fall and broken knee cap. Unfortunately, they had a problem with the well and could not baptize today. Since Pastor Harold was planning to be there anyway – albeit in a wheel chair - we elected to get back on our church visitation schedule and go back to help with the baptism when they get the well problem solved.
- **Bellewood, North Syracuse** needs some help finishing up their new facility. I have added their projects to the list of projects I send out to contacts across the country and posted it on our web site under the Info Center tab/CNYBA Projects. Please look the list over and see if there is something there you can help with.
- From time to time I've been asking you to pray for Steve Snow, former Pastor at Maryland and former Moderator of CNYBA. He's been back in the hospital for the past two weeks with recurring water retention. He was scheduled to be released from the hospital on Wednesday past. The doctors have told him that he MUST move to a lower altitude in order to survive, so he has resigned the church in Chinle and will be moving to Phoenix. Please keep praying for our brother and friend.

- Yesterday was the 6th anniversary of the home going of my good friend, Lash Frey. Some of you knew him from his preaching here in our association. Many memories flood my soul. From playing to praying to preaching – we did it all together at one time or another. Praise the Lord for friends!
- This week we welcome back to CNYBA, David Pope, who will be conducting this year's annual audit of CNYBA financial records. David is a friend, a former CNYBA Pastor, and a former CPA.
- Because of the audit, the Pastors' (on line) Gathering schedule for Tuesday morning and evening is moved to Thursday, April 19th.
- This past week the Project Team for the new work effort in the Triple Cities met. At that meeting the church planter, Carl Matice, announced that the effort would be terminated on May 31. We wish Carl & Mary God's speed as they seek the Lord concerning their next ministry assignment.
- **Crosspoint, Whitesboro** (Sam Macri, Pastor) put on a Good Friday play on Friday night and had an Easter egg hunt for the kids today. They plan a Father-Daughter dance on April 28th, and VBS for June 25-29.
- **Northside, Liverpool** (Bruce Aubrey, Pastor) will host **The IMPACT 1 Men's Conference** with special guest Dr. James Merritt on April 27-28, 2012. Highlights of the conference include: Friday night dinner, Saturday morning breakfast, valuable door prizes, challenging sessions from Dr. Merritt; great praise and worship, and a fantastic time of fellowship with other men. Tickets are \$40.00 each by April 15, \$50.00 after this date. Checks should be made out to Northside. Mail your payment to Northside and you will be sent your wristband tickets, or stop by the church office during regular business hours. They also plan VBS for June 25-29.

Easter Week-end services included Saturday, 5:05 & 7:00 PM and Sunday 7:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM in the Worship Center and 9:30 in the Cove. 11 were baptized in the 5:05 PM service on Saturday.

- **Stamford BC** (Waylen Bray, Pastor) held a Good Friday service on Friday evening and a special Sunrise service this morning at 6:30 AM with breakfast following. They plan a Family Movie Night for April 13, showing "The Apostle Peter". They will host a blood drive at their facility on April 23.
- **Good News, Waverly** (John Talada, Pastor) held a Good Friday service at 3 PM on Friday past.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** (Karl Novak, Pastor) reports, "What a Great Day we had on this beautiful Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service - Breakfast - Children's Time - Sunday

School - Special Easter Worship Service - WOW! We had 68 at the Sunrise Service; 83 in Sunday school; and 113 in the 10:00 AM Worship Service. 125 different people attended LBC this morning! Several were first time visitors! God even provided the plumber to fix our sewer line problem that happened during the morning's activities! It was a wonderful day, and, I believe, a glory to God and a blessing to the people who attended."

- **Eternal Life, Auburn** (David Kreydatus, Pastor) will be showing the film, "Courageous" for Movie Night on April 21st. They plan VBS for July 9-13.
- **Central, Syracuse** (Milt Kornegay, Pastor) held a Prayer-A-Thon through the community around the church on Friday. On Saturday, they passed out tracts through the community inviting folks to Easter services this morning. In a text from Pastor Milt he said "We had a full house and at least 30 visitors."
- **Maryland BC** (Calvin Stedje, Pastor) has a brand new metal roof. Praise the Lord.
- **Canastota BC** (Jeff Scott, Pastor) had a great time of fellowship together this morning over breakfast before their Easter worship service. On April 29, they will hear a representative from the Gideon's ministry.
- **Truths from the Old Hymns**

I serve a risen Savior; He's in the world today
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

He Lives! He Lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He Lives! He Lives! Salvation to impart.
You ask me how I know He lives – He lives within my heart.

- **Have You Heard This One?**

Odd Facts

Did you know that Jimmy Carter was the first U.S. president to have been born in a hospital?

Eskimos use refrigerators to keep food FROM freezing?

The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog." Uses every letter in the alphabet. (developed by Western Union to test telex/twx communications)

Average life span of a major league baseball: 7 pitches.

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

In the 1940s, the FCC assigned television's Channel 1 to mobile Services (two-way radios in taxicabs, for instance) but did not Pre-number the other channel assignments. That is why your TV set has channels 2 and up, but no channel 1.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is uncopyrightable.

The reason firehouses have circular stairways is from the days of yore when the engines were pulled by horses. The horses were stabled on the ground floor and figured out how to walk up straight staircases.

From HART BEAT – 15 April 2012

- Lyn & I worshipped today with the good folks at **Emory Chapel, Barton** where Gary Culver has been pastor since starting the church in December 1998. Much work has been done to the building, which was constructed in 1883. The congregation has done a lot of work themselves, including a complete remodel of the basement, new windows all around, a handicap accessible ramp, replacement of most of the ceiling, and most recently installation of vinyl siding on the back side of the building. They have purchased the siding for the other three sides and a group from East Texas will install it this summer.

Today, Pastor Gary and his wife Margaret were away visiting one of their sons in Philadelphia, PA. The service this morning was led by John and Dody Martin. We enjoyed Scripture reading and a mini-concert. The Martins were also at **West Hill, Ithaca** recently. They do concerts and/or services throughout the area - and even out of the area. You can check out their web site at www.martinministries.org. You'll find information there if you are interested in contacting them.

- Dr. Rick Martin will be leading a mission trip to Peru July 3-21. Three people from **University, Syracuse** are going with him, but he is looking for a few more people to go along. The trip will include serving in Ica with Pastor Wilfredo for evangelism and youth ministry/outreach, head to Cuzco for team building, and onto Llauta for building relationships and evangelism. The cost should be around \$2,000 since they will be staying for two and one half weeks. If you are interested in going – even for part of the trip (flying home early), contact Rick at 607-240-3765.

- This past week I enjoyed a brief time of fellowship with David Pope, who was here to do the annual audit of our CNYBA financial books. David is a friend, a former pastor & moderator here in CNYBA, as well as a former IMB missionary and former CPA. I enjoyed engaging on a variety of subjects during breaks from the audit. He has sent us a report indicating that our books are in order. He also included some suggestions on how we can strengthen the integrity of our system of handling the resources the Lord entrusts to us. Billie and I will be making some recommendations to the Leadership Team, who will make some recommendations to the association.
- As you know, LifeWay has canceled the World Changer event for the Binghamton area in 2012. However, we must have made a good impression on the community last year. I am getting request to help meet some desperate needs. I hope we can do our own “World Changer” type projects using our own folks. Anybody ready to step forward and do some missions here at home? We’ll be setting dates soon.
- Lyn informed me that she saw on Facebook that some folks from **Lakeshore, Cicero** spent the day yesterday helping with the “finish up” at **Bellewood, North Syracuse**. I’m always pleased when CNYBA churches help CNYBA churches. There’s a list of projects from Bellewood, as well as several other CNYBA churches, posted on our web site under the Information Center tab.
- **Living Water, Owego** (Wayne Sibrava, Pastor) reports 109 in attendance last Sunday morning, with several new local families among them.
- **The Church at Beaver Meadow** (Mitch Mullenax, Pastor) reports averaging almost 70 in four Life Groups.
- **West Hill, Ithaca** (Bill Lower, Pastor) celebrates the 5th anniversary of Bill Lower as pastor. During those 5 years they have completed their first unit building. On Easter Sunday morning they set an all-time high attendance of 206 with 7 making professions of faith during the invitation! The previous day, ladies from the church represented the church at a community Easter Egg hunt for children in Trumansburg, where an estimated 2,000 children and families participated. The WHCC women gave out free colored Jelly beans and using them to share the message of Salvation with many youth. They have 13 men signed up to attend the Men’s Conference at Northside, Syracuse

• **DOM Accountability Report**

	<u>1Q</u>	<u>2Q</u>	<u>3Q</u>	<u>4Q</u>	<u>YTD</u>
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>
Ministry Mileage	4716	0	0	0	4716
Vacation Days (entitled to 12.5 per year)	0	0	0	0	0
Holidays (entitled to 7 per year)	0	0	0	0	0
Personal Days (entitled to 1 per year)	0	0	0	0	0
Sick Days (entitled to 6 per year)	0	0	0	0	0

Family Funeral Days	0	0	0	0	0
Training Conference Days (entitled to 7 per year)	0	0	0	0	0
Revival Days (entitled to 7 per year)	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Days Worked – not accounted for above</u>	<u>44.8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>44.8</u>
Total Days Accounted For (130 required per year)	44.8	0	0	0	44.8

- **Have You Heard This One?**

Odd & Interesting Facts

The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.

If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.

No NFL team, which plays its home games in a domed stadium, has ever won a Super Bowl.

The only two days of the year in which there are no professional sports games (MLB, NBA, NHL, or NFL) are the day before and the day after the Major League all-star Game.

In Cleveland, Ohio, it's illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.

It takes 3,000 cows to supply the NFL with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs.

There is an average of 178 sesame seeds on a McDonald's Big Mac bun.

The world's termites outweigh the world's humans 10 to 1.

Pound for pound, hamburgers cost more than new cars.

When Heinz ketchup leaves the bottle, it travels at a rate of 25 miles per year.

From HART BEAT – 22 April 2012

- I worshiped this morning with the good folks at **Church Street Fellowship, Elmira** where Charles Matthews has been pastor since June 2010. After church I enjoyed a time of fellowship over lunch with Pastor Charles and a Southern Baptist couple from Georgia who are here working in the oil and gas industry and visited the service.
- Lyn worshiped at **Living Water, Owego** this morning in order to attend a VBS workers' meeting immediately after church.

- **Lakeshore Cicero** (Karl Novak) reports that for the first time in their history they had three Sundays in a row with over 100 in attendance. Today they had 111 in attendance. People are showing up from the Lakeshore community around the church, and some of them they have never seen or heard of before! They have a new [Bible study](#) on Monday nights for high school teens, a Bible study on Tuesday nights for women, Wacky Wednesday for teens, Prayer meeting on Thursday nights, and AA on Fridays.
- **Stamford BC** (Waylen Bray, Pastor)
 - 2 or 3 new couples have been attending
 - The offerings are up
 - Their Annie Armstrong Offering went over their goal of \$400 with an \$812 total.
- **Agape, Norwich** (Harold Lefler, Pastor)
 - 7 new visitors last Sunday
 - Have been having good attendance lately
 - Annie Armstrong Home Mission Offering went over the goal of \$400 with a \$415 total.
 - Harold is recuperating from broken knee situation, doing well
- **Maryland BC** (Calvin Stedje, Pastor)
 - Had new visitors on Sunday
 - Daughter had baby on Monday
 - The roof on church building has been replaced
- **Lyons Falls BC** (Jeff Ford, Pastor)
 - Going well – growing - new families coming –
 - Between 120-130 on Easter
 - One of the new people accepted Christ
 - Got variance on sprinkler system in their new building
- **Beacon Light, Vernon** (Rickey Fuller, Pastor) will host a 5th Sunday Sing-a-long on April 29th at 6:30 PM.
- **Jewell Chapel** (Steven Wiehl, Pastor) invites those interested to a 5th Sunday Sing-a-long on April 29th at 5:30 PM. There will be coffee and light fellowship following. Jewell Chapel is located at [1240 State Route 49 in Jewell NY](#) - the north shore of Oneida Lake.

- **Central, Syracuse** (Milt Kornegay, Pastor) is gearing up for their "Old-Fashion Revival" (May 16-22 .. except Thursday night) (7:00 - 8:45 p.m. nightly) .. Saturday 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. -- Southern Baptist Evangelist Royce Williams from Rocky Mount, NC will be their Evangelist. They are enjoying a good, sweet spirit in their worship services and experiencing a good number of visitors/guests each week.

- **Truths from the Old Hymns**

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

- **Have You Heard This One?**

Country Refreshment

A man was on a long walk in the country. He became thirsty so decided to stop at a little cottage and ask for something to drink.

The lady of the house invited him in and served him a bowl of soup by the fire. There was a wee pig running around the kitchen, running up to the visitor and giving him a great deal of attention. The visitor commented that he had never seen a pig this friendly.

The housewife replied: "Ah, he's not that friendly. That's his bowl you're using."

From HART BEAT – 29 April 2012

- Lyn & I worshipped this morning at **Three Pines, Doraville**, where Mike Brown has been pastor since February 2007. We noticed that they had added several things since we last visited about 14 months ago. There were more people, a video projector, a new deck between the church building and the construction office trailer they are using for classrooms and pastor's office, and some nice decorations. We particularly enjoyed **The Pine Cones**, their 5 voice worship team ensemble – accompanied by three guitars and bongo drums.

- We have an opportunity to do a small “World Changer” type project in Johnson City the week of July 21-28. We MUST have an idea about how many might be willing to participate before we can move forward. We can’t decide on the size or complexity of the project we accept until we know who and how many. If you and/or your church group (youth or adult or both) would be interested, we need to know NOW – including an approximate number of people. Please contact me ASAP.
- I was talking with a layman in one of our churches this week who thought I had retired and was wondering if I planned to stay in the area. The rumor of my retirement has been overly exaggerated. I have not retired. I have become half time – that’s all. During this experimental year I’m working to find ways to do what I used to do in half the time. I think we are getting there – primarily by learning how to not drive as much, use technology more, and when I do travel trying to do more than one thing on each trip. I still love our churches and our pastors. I want to be of as much service to them as possible.
- As you know, I have been teaching a class at Davis College this semester on Church Planting and Growth. Some of my students have asked for my lecture notes. I have posted them on our CNYBA web site under the Info Center Tab so they can access them. They will remain there for the next couple of weeks should you like to view, read, or copy them.
- On Friday night and Saturday morning past, I attended the Men’s Conference at **Northside, Liverpool**. Associate Pastor, Dan Studt and Senior Pastor, Bruce Aubrey did a great job organizing the conference – which was led by Dr. James Merritt from Georgia. Pastors and laymen who attended were blessed.

Part of the Church Strengthening strategy adopted by CNYBA is to promote conferences, workshops, and seminars hosted by CNYBA churches. They are excellent opportunities for other CNYBA churches to fellowship and to be strengthened. We should appreciate such opportunities and take advantage of them for the strengthening of our folks and our churches. Stay tuned for future opportunities to “piggy back” on conferences in CNYBA churches.

- Please be praying for Pastor Calvin Stedge at Maryland Baptist Church. He has a job interview next Saturday, May 5th, at 11:45 AM.
- **Agape, Norwich** (Harold Lefler, Pastor) hosted a 5th Sunday Praise and Worship service this evening for the SE Cluster Group Area.
- **Three Pines, Doraville** (Mike Brown, Pastor) plans a Kidz Club on Saturday, May 5th from 1-3PM. They also plan a Women’s Coffee & Fellowship on Saturday, May 12th at 10:30 AM.

- **Newark Baptist** (John DePugh, Pastor)
 - Has been conducting Sunday Night services at the Wayne County Nursing Home for the past 12 years. They have seen over 150 seniors come to Christ in that time. A couple of weeks ago they experienced a first. One of the staff workers was listening, responded to the invitation, and prayed to receive Christ.
 - Have recently joined with "Revive America Ministries", founded by a good friend of Pastor John, R. D. Cline. He was John & Jayne's pastor when they lived in Meridian, MS. years ago. The goal of this ministry is to call all born again believers to be praying for revival in America again. Their goal is to have people praying in every county, parish, and township across the United States. Pastor John DePugh is their representative here in New York. He is available to come to interested churches to help further explain. The web site is www.revivalamericaministries.com .
 - Have consistently had six people going out each week to either call on people by appointments or doing door-to-door visitation.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** (Karl Novak, Pastor) reports 91 in attendance this morning. They have had several new families visiting the church. One mother/daughter pair are from Michigan, recently moved to North Syracuse, found them on the internet. The Life of Christ Davis College course at Lakeshore finished up today. This is the second Davis College course that Lakeshore has offered for college credit. Four students completed it. Next semester (Fall), they plan to offer Latter Prophets. Pastor Karl is the professor.
- On Easter week-end at **Northside, Syracuse** over 2,000 attended the 5 services. There were baptisms at every service with a total of 53 people baptized, 3 people were saved, and 7 more people requested baptism. Bruce Aubrey is pastor.
- **Living Water, Owego** has approved a project to restore their property along the creek. This project will cost approximately \$10,000. July 24-29 they will host a mission group of about 30 folks from FBC of Bay Minette, Alabama, who are coming to replace the roof of the sanctuary. The group will be housed Davis College during their stay.

- **May Church Anniversaries**

- Jeff Scott – Pastor @ Canastota BC since 2004
- Dan Schallmo – Pastor @ Summit, Cazenovia since 2005
- Ken Fallon – Pastor @ Crossroads, Sherburne since 2005
- David Booher – Associate Pastor @ Central, Syracuse since 2006

○ Andy Smith – Associate Pastor @ Emmanuel, Cortland since 2009

• **Truths from the Old Hymns**

Down at the cross where my Savior died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His Name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within;
There at the cross where He took me in;
Glory to His Name!

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin,
I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean;
Glory to His Name!

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet,
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet;
Plunge in today, and be made complete;
Glory to His Name!

• **Have You Heard This One?**

The old pastor made it to a practice to visit the parish school one day a week.

He walked into the 4th grade class, where the children were studying the states, and asked them how many states they could name. They came up with about 40 names. He jokingly told them that in his day students knew the names of all the states.

One lad raised his hand and said, "Yes, but in those days there were only 13."