

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

May 2012

From HART BEAT – 6 May 2012

- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Transformation, Syracuse**, where Pedro Abreau is the Founding Pastor. Although we couldn't read the words of the songs, we did enjoy the music. With the aid of a translator, we were able to hear and understand Pastor Pedro's sermon. This church is making progress and is having an impact in the Hispanic community. They will baptize son at **Lakeshore, Cicero**. They look forward to helping sponsor another new Hispanic church soon.
- On Thursday we learned the result of stress tests and ultrasound Lyn had on Wednesday. They are sure she has an arterial blockage again. They do not know if it is new blockage or perhaps one of the three stints they implanted about 18 months ago has failed. She will have a heart cauterization on Monday morning at 7 AM. We would appreciate your prayers.
- If all goes well with Lyn's heart procedure, we will leave on Thursday for a family reunion in Pigeon Forge, TN. From there we plan to make our way up to the St. Louis area to see family and friends, and then on to Bemidji, Minnesota, where we planted a church many moons ago, for a high school graduation. On the way home we will stop and see family in Michigan. However, through the miracle of technology, I will be able to receive and answer email, receive and answer texts, and even report to you each Sunday night through HART BEAT.
- At the CNYBA Mid-year meeting yesterday, we learned that Bruce Aubrey's (Pastor @ Northside, Syracuse) mother had fallen and broken her hip and/or leg in four places. They were transporting her to Burlington, VT. Let's lift this situation up to the Lord in prayer.
- Also, Pam Hundley's father is still in the hospital with bleeding on the brain. Pam is the wife of Jim Hundley (Pastor @ Emmanuel, Cortland). Please continue to lift this situation up to the Lord in prayer.
- **News From the CNYBA Mid-Year Meeting**
 - Approved the minutes from the January CNYBA Executive Board Meeting
 - Acknowledged the decisions to withdraw from the association by One Heart, Floyd and Lamson Road Phoenix
 - Approved the following recommendations from our CNYBA Leadership Team

1. That we adopt Policy # P1-11-1 on Active Membership & Voting (now posted to our web site)
 2. That we set a goal of \$1,000 for the 2012 Acts 1:8 Associational Missions Offering to be used for the Binghamton Area Missions Project.
 3. That we revise Policies #P3-3-1 and #P3-4-1 making the fees for the use of our CNYBA tents and block party trailer apply only to those outside of the CNYBA. (Revised version now posted to our web site)
 4. That we purchase a trailer for our scaffolding, using money from the Reserve Fund.
- **Outpouring, Oswego** (where Zach Neyhard has been pastor since June 2007) has a new facebook page. Their mid-week Bible study and the Ladies' Bible study led by Becca, Zach's wife, is growing. Zach has lost his secular job in a restructure at his company and he is now trying to raise the funds to be full time at the college church. CNYBA is currently investing a small amount each month in this ministry. Please remember to lift this church and pastor up to the Lord in prayer.
 - **Stamford BC** (where Waylen Bray has been pastor since November 1977 – not a misprint) reports “Waylen and Cherlyn were away on vacation for ten days. They had a safe journey and met with many family members, some they had not seen before in the flesh. The church did well in their absence with Chuck Joyce, who is new in the church, preaching.”
 - **Christ is King, Syracuse** (where Jon Speed has been the Founding Pastor since September 2011) will host a seminar this coming Friday and Saturday entitled “Witnessing to Roman Catholics” with Mike Gendron of Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries. www.pro-gospel.org The seminar is FREE (a love offering will be taken). They will hold the seminar at the Onondaga Hill United Methodist Church (4845 West Seneca Turnpike Syracuse, NY 13215). Times are Friday (6:30-9PM) and Saturday (9AM-Noon). You can register online here: http://www.sermonaudio.com/event_details.asp?EventID=ch3151218026#register. You can also register by phone at 315-565-4003.
 - **Lakeshore, Cicero** (where Karl Novak has been the Founding Pastor since June 2000) reports, “We had 92 today and several new families from the community. We said goodbye to our Davis interns and had a fellowship meal in their honor. Coming up, we have a men's fellowship and Courageous Bible study on Sat., May 19, at 5 p.m. and a Block Party with the Green Family Singers on June 2.

- **Lyons Falls BC** (where Jeff Ford has been pastor since December 2010) had two people acknowledge Christ as their savior this morning. They are planning a baptism class in June.
- **Missio, Syracuse**, currently meeting in the Palace Theater on James Street, is moving to a new location on June 3. They will be moving to the former home of First Presbyterian Church United, 620 West Genesee Street in Syracuse. Jordan Stinziano has been the Founding Pastor since September 2007.

- **Have You Heard This One?**

A pastor, an avid golfer, was once taking part in a local tournament. As he was preparing to tee off, the organizer of the tournament approached him and pointed to the dark, threatening storm clouds which were gathering. "Preacher," the organizer said, "I trust you'll see to it that the weather won't turn bad on us." The pastor shook his head. "Sorry," he replied. "I'm in sales, not management!"

From HART BEAT – 13 May 2012

- Lyn and I worshipped today at the Hart Family Reunion in the Smokey Mountains of TN. I think we had 21 in attendance – from Arkansas, North Carolina, Texas, Tennessee, and New York. I told them that when 21 people come together on Sunday, we normally start a church.
- This past week was hectic. On Monday Lyn had 2 more arterial stints implanted. She was hospitalized overnight and half a day on Tuesday. I also had to give the final exam for the class I've been teaching at Davis College. Then there was grading and posting grades, packing the 5th wheel, and getting ready to leave on Thursday. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday were spent traveling. By late last night we had all arrived at a beautiful multiple level cabin where we're gathering for the reunion. Great week!
- **Stamford BC** has begun summer work at the camp property adjoining the **Maryland Baptist Church** property. There is lots of mowing to be done. The tabernacle needs to be reroofed and the dining hall/assembly building needs a lot of work. The cabins are in good shape and can be made usable on short notice. Anyone who would like to use the property for a picnic on overnight camp, contact Waylen Bray @ 607-652-7978. Waylen Bray is pastor.
- **Central, Syracuse** will begin an "Old Fashion Revival" on Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. -- then services resume on Friday night at 7:00 p.m. -- Saturday afternoon 3:00 - 5:00 pm .. Sunday morning @ 10:40 a.m. .. Monday and Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. Southern Baptist Evangelist Royce Williams from Rocky Mount, NC will

be the guest speaker. All are welcome! They are starting registration for their 3rd Annual Golf Outing and Dinner at Orchard Vali Golf Course in Lafayette, NY on (Sept. 14th, 2012) with a shotgun start @ 12:30 p.m. - Call the church for details or check out their website. Milt Kornegay is pastor.

- Pam Hundley's father passed away on Friday. Pam is the wife of Jim Hundley, pastor at **Emmanuel, Cortland**.
- Today, the men of **Canastota Baptist** prepared a Mothers' Day pasta lunch for the ladies. They also presented each lady with a red rose! They are making plans for a Sunday afternoon community get-together and an outreach visitation near the end of June. Jeff Scott is pastor.
- **Have You Heard This One?**

The older I get, the better I am! Several days ago as I left a meeting at our church, I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing. Suddenly I realized, I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My wife has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. Her theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the doors of the church, I came to a terrifying conclusion. Her theory was right. The parking lot was empty.

I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the most difficult call of all ... "Honey," I stammered. I always call her "honey" in times like these. "I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen." There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard her voice. "Idiot", she barked, "I dropped you off!" Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me." She retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I have not stolen your car."

From HART BEAT – 20 May 2012

- Lyn & I worshipped today at Pontoon Baptist Church in Pontoon Beach, IL. This is the church we served for 5 years before coming to upstate New York 16 years ago. Of course there were many new faces. Many of the "old timers" have passed on to Glory. We enjoyed an afternoon of visiting with Paul & Izzetta Stayduhar (he was chairman of deacons at Pontoon BC), Helen Forrester (Lyn worked with her years ago) and Lana Day Brickhouse (she is the daughter of a couple in the church we planted in Fenton, MO back in the late 1970's. Mom & Dad have passed away).

- During the past week Lyn and I have enjoyed visiting with family at the Hart Reunion, exploring around Pigeon Forge & Gatlinburg, TN, and driving through the Smokey Mountain National Park. After some repair to the electrical port on the 5th wheel, we moseyed on up to the St. Louis area. Tomorrow we are scheduled to have lunch with about 15 or 20 of Lyn's cousins and their families around the Red Bud, IL area.
- Thanks to the miracle of cell phones and the internet, I have been able to get a little work done along the way as well.
- Tuesday we will head for Rockford, IL and a visit with Lyn's niece and her husband. On Thursday we plan to move on to Bemidji, MN where we will attend the graduation celebration of one of our "surrogate" grandkids and visit with the folks at Ridgewood BC, one of the churches we planted in the early 1980's
- **Christ is King, Syracuse** had about 50 in attendance at their seminar on "Witnessing to Roman Catholics." After the seminar 12 did door to door ministry in the Onondaga Hill neighborhood. The audios from the seminar are available for free download here: <http://tinyurl.com/83239cy>. They are holding another evangelism seminar June 23rd. Sye Ten Bruggencate of www.proofthatgodexists.org will teach on presuppositional apologetics. All are invited. They are also working on a formal debate between Sye and an atheist at a neutral location for June 22nd. They hope to use this event as a springboard to begin relationships and dialogue with local atheists. For more information, email Jon Speed at jonspeed@twcnny.rr.com.
- **Have You Heard This One?**

A tough old cowboy once counseled his grandson that if he wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a little gunpowder on his oatmeal every morning. The grandson did this religiously and he lived to the age of 93. When he died, he left 14 children, 28 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and a fifteen foot hole in the wall of the crematorium.

From HART BEAT – 27 May 2012

- Lyn and I worshipped at Ridgewood Baptist Church in Bemidji, MN this morning. This is the church we planted back in 1983 and pastored until 1991. The 5th wheel is set up down at the barn on the property of Chuck and Dolores Wiggins, whom I baptized sometime around 1985. They are retired now, but still very active members at Ridgewood.

Yesterday, after arriving in Bemidji, we visited with Gerry & LaVerne Mondt, dear and long-time friends, whom I also baptized sometime back in the early days of

Ridgewood. They are now over 80 years of age and have a new ministry of music. Lyn and I will attend one of their concerts on Wednesday.

One of the reasons we are here in Bemidji early this year is to help celebrate the high school graduation of Erin Gunther, whom we have known all her life. Lyn went to college with her mother and even though there was about a 20 year difference in their ages, they somehow became fast friends. Later, I married her mother and step father while we were on one of our almost annual pilgrimages back to Bemidji – in the summer of 2003.

Tomorrow we are scheduled to visit with Kent and Penny Smith, who are coming down from Warroad, MN. This is a couple I baptized many years ago as well. When they moved to Warroad (140 miles Northwest of Bemidji) to work, I led a Bible Study in their home each week for over a year until we could find a church planter. That church is also still going.

We will not have time on this trip to visit them all, but it is a blessing to learn that all the churches I planted, or helped plant, during our tenure in Northern Minnesota are still functioning.

- During the last few days the CNYBA tents, scaffolding, and block party trailer have continued to be reserved. The updated schedules are now posted on our web site. If your church needs to use one or more of these resources, check the schedules to be sure your dates are open and then email me your reservation so I can update the web site.
- **Newark Baptist Fellowship Church** heard a young missionary who is going to France in July to serve as a Second language English Teacher. Her name is Emilie Laurens. Her mother and father were missionaries there until her father passed away when Emilie was young. She was born in France and is a citizen of France. Her mother (Jeanette) and Pastor John DePugh grew up together in the youth group at Vernon Baptist Church, Vernon, NY. Any churches who might be interested in supporting her, contact Pastor John DePugh ASAP as she is heading over there in July to start serving.

Pastor John is also involved with Revive America Ministries. They now have a total of six people from NY participating in praying for revival in America. Churches can become a part of this ministry by going to www.reviveamericaministries.com.

- Pastor Dan Schallmo (**Summit, Cazenovia**) spent a week recently in Virginia attending a week long Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary course titled **Church Planting Methods, Models, Culture, and Context**. One Sunday, while he was

away, Terry Robertson (Executive Director/Treasurer of the Baptist Convention of New York) was the guest speaker.

Friendship Inn (a weekly hot meal outreach program) at Summit Church has been growing. Since the first meal March 18, the weekly attendance at Summit Church has grown to close to 100 – ranging from families with small children to groups of senior citizens. The weekly meals are held every Monday night from 5:30 pm-7pm. at **Summit Church**.

This afternoon they held a “Bring Your Own Food” picnic at Pastor Dan and Cindy’s home.

- **June Ministry Anniversaries**

- Duane Arnold – Pastor @ Southport, Elmira since 1996
- Ed Hart – Director of Missions since 1996
- Karl Novak – Pastor @ Lakeshore, Cicero since 2000
- Rickey Fuller – Pastor @ Beacon Light, Vernon since 2002
- Dan Goewey – Pastor @ Grace, Rome since 2003
- Zach Neyhard – Pastor @ Outpouring, Oswego 2007
- Charles Matthews – Pastor @ Church Street, Elmira since 2010

- **Have You Heard This One?**

A father wanted to read a magazine, but was being pestered by his daughter. To keep her busy, he tore a sheet out of the magazine that had a picture of the world printed on it. He tore the picture into small pieces and said "Here, now go into the other room and see if you can put this picture of the world back together again."

A few minutes go by and he daughter appears in the room and hands him the picture all correctly fitted together.

The father was surprised and asks her how she was able to fit all those little pieces of the world back together again so quickly.

"Oh.." she said, "On the other side of the paper was a picture of Jesus and once I got Jesus in the right place, then the world came out alright."