

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

August 2012

From HART BEAT – 5 August 2012

- Lyn and I worshipped this morning with the good folks at **Beacon Light, Vernon** where Rickey Fuller has been pastor since June 2002. On the way, we dropped off the block party trailer at **Bellewood, North Syracuse**. I had just picked up the trailer from Beacon Light on Thursday and took it to **Living Water, Owego** where they used it for their VBS Closing Night activities.
- On the way home after picking up the block party trailer on Thursday, I went by to see Mitch Mullenax at **The Church at Beaver Meadow**. He gave us a snow cone machine to add to the equipment on the block party trailer. **Living Water, Owego** used it the next night!
- While talking with Mitch I learned that **The Church at Beaver Meadow** is changing it's name to **Common Grounds Fellowship**. You will recall that they have started a couple of outreach Bible studies in the region, as well as a teen outreach and a ladies' Bible Study Fellowship. One of those have already turned into another worship service on Sunday morning. They are exploring possibilities for restructuring to accommodate their regional reach. I'll be meeting with their leadership later this month.
- **Bellewood, North Syracuse** will have VBS this week, with a closing Family Fun night scheduled for Friday, August 10th. They will have a building dedication service on Sunday afternoon, August 26th at 6 PM. And they will host a "*Living Proof*" Live Beth Moore Simulcast on Saturday, September 15 @10 AM.
- **West Hill, Ithaca** held evening VBS plus two Back Yard Bible Clubs in two large housing complexes July 23-27 with the help of a group of 17 youth and 8 adults from Elders Baptist Church in MD. This is the church that many of the Builders for Christ attend that help build the West Hill church building. They had one profession of faith and Pastor Bill Lower feels that many doors were opened by the events. They hope to make this an annual event with Elders BC helping in the future. One of their members, Phyllis Baker, is heading up a Ladies' class that right now is studying a Beth Moore Bible Study on Daniel. They have 17 ladies in the class.
- **Summit, Cazenovia** is having a church-wide picnic on Sunday August 19th from 1-4 PM at Highland Park in Fabius. Dan Schallmo is Pastor. There's food involved. Too bad I'm already booked up.

- **Beacon Light, Vernon** will participate again this year in Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Project. A group of Beacon Light youth and leaders will deliver the boxes to Charleston, SC later this year. Rickey Fuller is Pastor.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** conducted a very successful block party yesterday. Karl Novak is Pastor.
- **Have You Heard This One?**

A Great Job

A guy came home to his wife and said, "Guess what? I've found a great job. A 10 a.m. start, 2 p.m. finish, no overtime, no weekends and it pays \$600 a week!"

"That's great," his wife said.

"Yeah, I thought so too," he agreed. "You start Monday."

From HART BEAT – 12 August 2012

- I worshipped with the good folks at **Missio, Syracuse** this morning at their new location on W. Genesee Street (a former Presbyterian church building). Lyn picked up some sort of bug and was not feeling well at all this morning, so she stayed home today. She seems to be doing some better this evening.
- Bernie Elliott (an Elder at **Missio** AND Pastor at **University, Syracuse** during the school year) preached this morning in the absence of Pastor Jordan Stinziano, who is on a mission trip to Italy. On Friday, September 14th the Missio Church Family plans to join people from area schools, businesses, churches, and construction trades to help improve homes od Syracuse's Southside and Near Westside.
- Yesterday morning I hosted a Pastors' Breakfast Fellowship for the NE Cluster Group at the Denny's in Rome. I enjoyed breakfast and fellowship with two pastors,
 - On Tuesday past we held our CNYBA Leadership Team Meeting via the internet using our Go-To-Meeting software. Using technology like this is allowing us to continue doing full associational activity while operating on a half time basis.
 - On Thursday past, with the help of some brothers from **Living Water, Owego** and the mission group from East Texas who had been siding **Emory Chapel, Barton**, we were able to set the trusses on the RV section of my pole barn. Thank you guys for helping me get ready for winter.
 - **Common Grounds Fellowship** (formerly The Church at Beaver Meadow) started yet another outreach group this past Wednesday night in DeRuyter with 10

in attendance. They had 9 first time guests in Lincklaen and 1 in Beaver Meadow this week. All together, they had 150 in total attendance for the week in 6 groups. Mitch Mullenax is Pastor.

- Pastor Zach Neyhard at **Outpouring, Oswego** reports:
 - He has a new job at Wal-mart, which he hopes to use as a ministry opportunity
 - Through leading small groups they are connecting to and discipling about 25 college students and young married couples.
 - He and his wife Becca are expecting their first child in February!
- **Emory Chapel, Barton** hosted a mission group from East Texas this past week. The group installed vinyl siding on the north and west sides of the building. Only the south side remains to be sided. They plan a communion service on August 19th and an off campus service on August 26th at Roundtop Park. They had 3 professions of faith in July. The mission group from Texas was also able to lead a young man to the Lord while they were here. Gary Culver is Pastor.

- **Have You Heard This One?**

I have a friend who filled his car with gas at a self-service gas station. After he had paid and driven away, he realized that he had left the gas cap on top of his car. He stopped and looked and, sure enough, it was lost.

Well, he thought for a second and realized that other people must have done the same thing, and that it was worth going back to look by the side of the road since even if he couldn't find his own gas cap, he might be able to find one that fit. Sure enough, he hadn't been searching long when he found a gas cap. He tried it on, and it went into place with a satisfying click.

"Great," he thought, "I lost my gas cap, but I found another one that fits.

And this one's even better because it locks

From HART BEAT – 19 August 2012

- Today, my college sweetheart and I celebrate 48 years of marriage. She's still my sweetheart.

Lyn and I worshipped this morning with the good folks at **Gethsemane, Syracuse** where James Young has been pastor since October 2003. Afterwards we enjoyed a time of fellowship with Pastor Young and his family over lunch.

Tonight, we worshipped with the good folks at **RiverEdge, Baldwinsville**, a new congregation profiled below.

- Yesterday the CNYBA Executive Board Meeting met at **Summit, Cazenovia**. In addition to a good time of fellowship and sharing, the Board voted the following:
 - To move from 4 meetings a year (Annual, Mid-year, & two Executive Board meetings) to 3 meetings a year (Annual, Mid-year/Executive Board, and one other Executive Board meeting).
 - To adjust the 2012 CNYBA budget by adding \$5000 to the projected income and a like amount to the DOM Salary line item. Until now the salary line item had been \$0, with all the DOM compensation being housing allowance.
 - To give the unspent portion of the 2012 Associational Mission Offering (approximately \$500) to the Emmanuel Camp to help with materials purchased for use during the Associational Mission Trip Project in July.
- This week I received the Cooperative Program Giving Report for the churches of CNYBA. So far this year (through May) CNYBA churches have given \$61,934.30 to world-wide missions through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In addition to being a great way for churches to fulfill their Great Commission of going into the entire world with the gospel, giving through the Cooperative Program is also important because it is THE KEY for determining whether a church is considered to be a cooperating SBC church and therefore covered under the blanket IRS 501 (c) 3 ruling. It is not enough to be listed in a directory. In order to legally accept tax deductible gifts without having gone through the lengthy and expensive process of establishing its own 501 (c) 3 status, a church must have established a consistent pattern of giving through the CP. This also becomes an issue should there ever be an audit or the need to prove to a bank or lending institution a church's not-for-profit status.

- Our sympathy is extended to Bob Teachout (Associate Pastor @ **Canastota BC**) in the passing of his mother this past week. Let's remember to lift this family up in prayer during these days.
- Bill Turner, co-pastor at **Cornerstone, Endicott**, has been in the hospital a couple of days this week with some health issues. He is home and doing better, but let's remember to lift our brother up in prayer. He plans to retire at the end of this year.
- Pastor Jeff Scott (**Canastota BC**) was taken to the hospital early Saturday morning with some sort of seizure. He remains in the hospital where they will be doing more tests. Associate Pastor, Bob Teachout, preached for Pastor Jeff this morning.
- **Living Water, Owego** (Wayne Sibrava, Pastor) is sponsoring a new church start in Baldwinsville that will be called RiverEdge and will be led by Allan Covington. The model for this new church start is innovative. Among other things, it involves multiple small groups and using the North Point model of environments for adults, youth and children via video projection. They have started periodic "gatherings" for worship, fellowship, and team building. This past week they held their first

Community Group Leader Orientation with the small group leaders. Beginning the second week in September they will have 9 small group home meetings that will begin. Official launch of the new church will happen sometime next year.

- Men from **Jefferson BC** and **Stamford BC** finished the roof on the Emanuel Camp tabernacle yesterday. The first half of the roof was replaced during the recent CNYBA Associational Mission Project.
- **Lakeshore, Cicero** Teens had a successful Retreat this past weekend at Adam's Eden near Syracuse. The Women's Ministry has several events planned for August and September. The Missions Team is planning a Take it to the Streets outreach in Downtown Syracuse on Sept. 8. The church will offer Latter Prophets, a Davis College-fully accredited course, starting on Sunday, August 26, after the morning worship service at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Karl Novak will be teaching the course. After a summer slump, attendance is picking up and the congregation showed appreciation to Pastor Karl on Aug. 19 at the end of the morning service.
- **Grace, Rome** averaged 15 in attendance each of VBS this past week and had 4 professions of faith during the week. Pastor Dan Goewey baptized two this morning and one more next Sunday hopefully. The fourth was visiting here from Buffalo.
- **Have You Heard This One?**

The newly-married husband came home from the office to find his young wife in floods of tears. "Darling, whatever is the matter?" he asked.

"Sweetheart," she sobbed, "the most terrible thing has happened! I cooked my very first Beef Bourguignon for you, and I got it out of the oven to season it, and the phone rang. When I came back from answering the phone," she sobbed again. "I found that the cat had eaten it!"

"Don't worry, darling," said her husband. "Don't cry. We can get a new cat tomorrow."

From HART BEAT – 26 August 2012

- Lyn & I worshipped this morning with the good folks at **Inlet Community Church**, where Yogi Best is serving as pastor. After church we enjoyed a great time of fellowship over lunch with Pastor Yogi, his parents, and an aunt who is visiting from Texas. Yogi's father, Roger Best, is now retired, but has pastored here in upstate New York for many years – including stints at Inlet and Ogdensburg.

At 5 PM today we attended the baptismal service of the **Lyons Falls Bible Fellowship Church**, where Jeff Ford (a member of the CNYBA Leadership Team)

is pastor. They baptized 5 folks outdoors in a pool at the bottom of a water fall.
Beautiful!

- Yesterday I celebrated my 68th birthday with a Pastors' Breakfast Fellowship in the morning in the Extreme NE Cluster Group area in Boonville, a long nap in the afternoon at the RV park (Forestport) where we had parked the 5th wheel for the week-end, and a great meal in the evening at the Old Mill Restaurant in Old Forge. Great Day!
- This week I will be meeting with a Davis College student regarding a course I will be teaching him via independent study on Church Planting and Growth. I will also be meeting with a prospective church planter/pastor who formerly pastored a SBC church in Iowa, but who now lives in the Big Flat, NY area. Please be praying that the Kingdom of God will be advanced through these contacts, as He wills.
- **Clyde BC** hosted a Rally & Fellowship of area Evangelicals this past Friday night. The meeting was held to foster fellowship among "like minded" believers who have a common bond through Calvary's Cross and consisted of Gospel music, testimonies, and a brief message from God's Word. Roger Knapton is Pastor.
- **Bellewood, North Syracuse** held a special service at 2PM today to dedicate their new building. Matt Hallenbeck is Pastor.
- **Ladies:**

R&R for Women with Sherrie Holloway

Saturday, September 29 – 8AM to 4 PM

New Hope Baptist Church

19983 NYS Rt 3

Watertown NY 13601

315-782-9908 - Tickets \$10

<http://www.newhope-ny.org/>

(Call church directly for more information and reservations)

Lavish Love Women's Conference with Jennifer Dean

Friday & Saturday – October 5 & 6

Fri = 8PM – 9 PM

Sat = 9 AM – Noon

Northside Baptist Church

7965 Oswego Road

Liverpool NY 13090

315-652-3160 - Tickets \$ 25.00

<http://www.northsideonline.org/>

(Call church directly for more information and reservations)