

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

March 2013

From HART BEAT – 3 March 2013

• **Hart to Heart**

- After a 6” snow last night I did manage to make it out of the driveway this morning and followed a snow plow down the hill and through the woods to the highway.
- I worshipped this morning with the good folks at **Nueva Esperanza, Syracuse** where Ariel Ruiz has been pastor since the church began in March of 1999. There was a full house and I stayed around for fellowship afterward. I met 7 of the 11 doctors who have been attending the church in recent months. There was also a baby dedication. The father of the baby is a part of one of the first families to attend the church. The baby’s dad, mom, uncle, grandmother, and great grandmother were a part of the dedication service.
- I also had a couple of meetings with pastors this afternoon and had intended to attend the opening session of the “Keep the Fire Burning” Conference at **Northside, Liverpool**, but I got very nauseous and headed for home. Lyn stayed home today fighting off what seems to be the same bug I thought I was getting over. So I guess its back to the medication routine.

• **News From the Churches**

- **Emory Chapel, Waverly** – Gary Culver Founding Pastor
 - March 13th - Will begin a Women’s Group to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month
 - March 24th – Fellowship Diner after morning worship service
 - March 29th – Good Friday Service @ 7 PM
 - March 31st – Easter Sunrise Service @ 6 AM
 - Thanks Living Water, Owego for the use of their baptistery for the baptism of 9 (from age 20-60+) on January 6th
- **Bellewood, North Syracuse** – Matt Hallenbeck Pastor
 - Church Work Day
 - Good Friday Service - Friday, March 29 @ 7pm
 - Easter Morning Fellowship - Sunday, March 31 @ 10:30am
 - Easter Worship Celebration - Sunday, March 31 @ 11am

- In support of Veterans who are patients at the VA hospital, they are collecting toiletries bring them – including deodorant, flip-flops, nail clippers, body wash, chap stick, and razors with 3-4 blades. They will visit the hospital periodically to deliver these items and spend some time with the vets.

- **Agape, Norwich** – Harold Lefler Pastor

- The new windows have been installed, they look great, and they can already feel a big different in the heat. They need to raise \$3200 to pay off the windows.
- Revival services March 10-13. The evangelist will be a Nigerian student, Olufemi Abimoli, from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth, TX. In addition to the normal 11 AM worship, revival services will be held at 6 PM Sunday night through Wednesday night. He will be preaching at 11AM and 6PM Sunday and 6PM Monday thru Wednesday nights

- **Clyde BC** will be holding revival services March 10-13 with a Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary student serving as the evangelist. There may be a possibility to extend the services beyond Wednesday with a different speaker each service from Thursday night through Sunday morning. Roger Knapton is Pastor.

- **Stamford BC** – Waylen Bray Pastor

- Pastor & wife Cherlyn have returned from their 50th wedding anniversary trip to Ireland.
- They have scheduled Spring revival services for March 11-13. I think they are having a Southwestern Baptist Theological student serve as evangelist.

- **This Week in Preview**

- BCNY Strategic Implementation Team meeting
- “Keep the Fire Burning” Conference
- Disaster Relief – Staten Island
- Time Change – Sunday, March 10th

- **Truths from the Old Hymns**

The Eastern Gate – by Isaiah Martin (1905)

I will meet you in the morning,
 Just inside the Eastern Gate.
 Then be ready, faithful pilgrim,
 Lest with you it be too late.

I will meet you, I will meet you
Just inside the Eastern Gate over there.
I will meet you, I will meet you,
I will meet you in the morning over there.

If you hasten off to glory,
Linger near the Eastern Gate,
For I'm coming in the morning;
So you'll not have long to wait.

Keep your lamps all trimmed and burning;
For the Bridegroom watch and wait.
He'll be with us at the meeting
Just inside the Eastern Gate.

O the joys of that glad meeting
With the saints who for us wait!
What a blessed, happy meeting
Just inside the Eastern Gate!

- **Have You Heard This One?**

- A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd. While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."
- A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, looking at the old pages as he turned them. Then something fell out of the Bible. He picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that has been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy called out.. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice he answered, "It's Adam's suit".

From HART BEAT – 10 March 2013

- **Hart to Heart**

- There's not much to report this week. My Beat this week has primarily been Disaster Relief & Recovery. As I mentioned last week, I was asked to "blue hat" (administrate) the kitchen operation on Staten Island, where we are feeding

college students from across the country who are spending their spring break helping Sandy Hurricane victims, sponsors, project foremen, and NAMB staff. This week my kitchen crew has been made up of folks from New York, Florida, and Maryland. I headed home after breakfast this morning in order to keep two doctors' appointments and attend the BCNY Order of Business Committee meeting tomorrow. I'll head back down on Tuesday. I'm hoping someone else will be able to assume this role after next week – at least for a couple of weeks.

- If you could help with the kitchen duty for this Spring Break Disaster Recovery effort, even for a few days, please let me know or contact our BCNY Disaster Relief Coordinator, Mike Flannery, at 716.432.5333.
- Before leaving for the Disaster Relief deployment, I was able to attend some of the “Keep the Fire Burning” Conference at **Northside, Liverpool** and the BCNY Strategic Implementation Team meeting. This team continues to work through many complicated proposed changes to be presented to the BCNY Executive Board and then to the BCNY in annual session in September. Please continue to pray for these folks.
- I hope you have planned to attend the annual Pastors' and Leaders' Conference at Davis College this coming Tuesday, March 12. Even though I will be heading back down to Staten Island on Tuesday to resume oversight of the Disaster Relief kitchen project, I hope a good number of CNYBA folks will attend. We have a great opportunity to impact a future generation of church leaders through our relationship with Davis College.
- Lyn worshipped today at our home church, **Living Water, Owego**
- VBS Training – **Bellewood, North Syracuse** – April 6th – Cost \$5

- **News From the Churches**

- **Emmanuel, Cortland** invites you to attend the “Down the Road and Over the Hill” mini mission conference on **April 6th**. The conference will begin with a Fellowship Breakfast Hour at 8 am. After breakfast we will have several local ministry leaders walk us through the metamorphosis of their ministry. After a short break, Bill Barker the Director of the Appalachian Regional Ministry will close our morning session with a challenge to continue planting churches Down the Road and Over the Hill. Here's the conference schedule.

Saturday morning – 8:00 -9:00 AM **All Are Welcome** For Breakfast Hour
9:00 – 9:15 Welcome – Special music provided by EBC
9:15 – 9:45 Bill Deckert – Getting Started
9:45 – 10:15 Dan Schallmo – Obstacles in Front of an Emerging Church

10:15 – 10:45 Karl Novak – Just When You Think You’ve Made It
10:45 – 11:00 Break
11:00 – 11:30 Andy Smith – I Can’t Do it By Myself
11:30 – Bill Barker – Planting Churches

Saturday evening – 7:00pm Bill Barker

- **Stories of Faith**

By the 1630's, Baptists in England had grown in number and were extensively involved in the English Civil War which pitted Parliament against the King. Colonel John Hutchinson and his wife Lucie, as Presbyterians, served on the side of Parliament while Lucie's brother served the King. John believed in the freedom of individuals to choose what they believed while his father was strictly Presbyterian and held no sympathy for those holding any other belief.

One night, the Presbyterian ministers that served the Colonel and his military troop, came to John late in the evening complaining about those loud and rowdy Baptists—who made up a large part of the men serving under him. The ministers wanted the Colonel to have them quit singing so boisterously. Such noise was unseemly at the late hour. After breaking up the Baptist meeting, John happened to pick up some Baptist literature left on a chair. Once read and considered, these pamphlets raised questions in the minds of the Hutchinsons. Needless to say, aside from the inner turmoil over baptism, issues arose with family and friends when John and Lucie took hold of Baptist beliefs.

- **Have You Heard This One?**

More Children in Church

Six-year old Angie , and her four-year old brother, Joel , were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

A ten-year old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then, one day, she floored her grandmother by asking, "Which Virgin was the mother of Jesus? - The Virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"

A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off thy neighbor's wife."

From HART BEAT – 17 March 2013

- Lyn and I worshipped today with the good folks at **Newark Baptist Fellowship Church**, where John DePugh has been Pastor since August 1994.
 - Last week they participated, along with several CNYBA churches, in the Southwestern Seminary Spring Evangelism Practicum. Their student evangelist was David Carpenter.
 - During the months of March and April they are holding their Sunday evening worship services at the Wayne County Nursing Home with Deacon Ted Peck and Pastor John DePugh alternating preaching duties.
- I spent three days this past week working disaster relief on Staten Island. I had intended to be there all week, but reinforcements arrived and I was able to come home early. This enabled me to do some much need repair to the front porch, which has to last a few more months until we get the new roof structure up over the house. This summer I plan to build a whole new front porch.
- As you are hopefully aware, through the CNYBA budget we support the Campus Ministry work on the campus of Syracuse University. I think I have already mentioned to you that Brandon Owen is the new Director of BCM and Pastor at University Baptist Church. He is raising his support from churches and individuals. We want to support him, not only with finances, but also with prayer. His first newsletter is posted on our CNYBA web site under the Information Center tab/Campus Ministry. I hope you'll read it, pray for him, and if possible, contribute to his support.
- Here is a prayer request from Ronnie Wyatt, who is moving to Syracuse to plant a new church.
 - Please pray for a possible house in Syracuse. The house is less than 1/2 block from Schiller Park so it is perfect for our ministry. The Address is 1012 Oak St. The property manager called and talked to Michele this morning. There are other candidates for the house and we by far are NOT the greatest candidates due to our unstable job situation AND the house is available for section 8 housing, which is guaranteed money for the owner. The property manager is going to talk it over with the owner who lives in California. Pray for the owner to give us a chance to show what God can do!!!

Ronnie

- I have been including posts from Dr. Rick Martin regarding his deputation work and plans for moving our Peru Project to the next level in HART BEAT. Henceforth I will just mention the posts and refer you to the web site where you can read the unedited version.
- Speaking of the web site, you may be interested to know that we have begun posting the minutes of major CNYBA meetings for those who cannot attend the meetings. They are found under the Info Center tab/Minutes of Meetings.
- Don't forget the BCNY Disaster Relief Training scheduled for May 31 @ 6 PM Thrus June 1 @ 3 PM at **Grace, Rome**. Training will include:
 - Intro to Disaster Relief
 - Intro to Feeding
 - Intro to Recovery (Chain saw & Flood Recovery)
 - Intro to Chaplaincy
 - Update/Refresher (required every 3 years)

Participants may sleep at the church on Friday night. Bring your own sleeping bag and/or air mattress.

- I have received conformation for missionaries to speak at both the CNYBA Mid-Year and Annual Meetings. On May 4 we will hear NAMB Missionary Berry Whitworth - currently serving as Convention Church Planting Director in PA. On October 19 we will hear IMB Missionaries Wes and Michelle White – currently serving in Spain.
- This week I received the February CNYBA Treasurer's Report from our treasurer, Billie Winskie. Among other good news items I could mention, our churches have given \$118.88 more than YTD Projected Income through February. Thank you and your church for your regular contributions to missions through CNYBA.
- We're not far enough along to mention specifics, but please put the following three possible church plants on your prayer list – Hispanic in the Binghamton area, Chinese in the Syracuse area, and Anglo in the Elmira area.
- Please continue to pray for me. I am privileged to serve in several roles. I am reminded that I am inadequate for any of these roles, let alone all of them, in my own strength. Please pray for wisdom, strength, and direction. I would appreciate it very much.

- **Priscilla Shirer Simulcast**

Baptist Convention of New York ~~ Women's Tapestry Event

DATE: April 27, 2013

TIME: 9 am-4:35 pm

LOCATION: 6538 Baptist Way East Syracuse NY 13057

TICKET PRICE: \$10 includes conference & lunch ... purchase by April 19
(reserved seating only due to limited seating capacity)

Priscilla will be teaching on Gideon.

Contact: Cathy Meyer @ 800-552-0004 or cmeyer@bcnysbc.org

- **News From the Churches**

- **Outpouring, Oswego** started a discipleship (community) group for women last month. This group is led by Rebecca Neyhard, wife of Pastor Zach. The big event for the month of February was the birth of Daniel, Zach and Rebecca's firstborn.
- **Nepali, Syracuse** reports that their 5 small groups are growing and reaching neighbors. They have about 30 youth who are "on fire for the Lord" and did door-to-door youth outreach evangelism on March 9th. Bhim Biswa is Pastor.
- **Common Grounds Fellowship, Beaver Meadow** Pastor, Mitch Mullenax, attended the Pastor's Conference at Davis College this past week and thought it was great. They began a prayer meeting before the worship service in Lincklaen this morning. They were thrilled to see six people come and pray at 8:30 AM. They will begin a new weekly outreach group to Catholics in Seven Valleys on the first Friday night in May. This will be hosted by The Octagon House and Mike Sheridan; a semi cloistered Benedictine Catholic, who in one of our small groups recently professed his faith in Christ. Mike will lead Vespers and Mitch will lead a Bible study each week. They are trusting God to use this to reach many who would not otherwise attend one of their small groups. This will be their 9th small group using five different facilities in four towns!

- **This Week in Preview**

- Mon (18th) ANV Liem & Oai Do (P&W @ Vietnamese, Endicott & Utica)
- Mon (18th) BCNY Strategic Implementation Team Meeting
- Tues (19th) BD Mitch Mullenax (Pastor @ Common Grounds, Beaver Meadow)
- Wed (20th) BD Roger Best (Pastor Emeritus @ Inlet CC)
- Wed (20th) Faculty Meeting @ Davis College
- Sat (24th) BD Cindy Schallmo (PW @ Summit, Cazenovia)

- **Truths From The Old Hymns**

Face To Face With Christ My Savior

Lyrics - Carrie Breck Music – Grant Tullar

Face to face with Christ, my Savior,
Face to face—what will it be,
When with rapture I behold Him,
Jesus Christ Who died for me?

Face to face I shall behold Him,
Far beyond the starry sky;
Face to face in all His glory,
I shall see Him by and by!

Only faintly now I see Him,
With the darkened veil between,
But a blessed day is coming,
When His glory shall be seen.

What rejoicing in His presence,
When are banished grief and pain;
When the crooked ways are straightened,
And the dark things shall be plain.

Face to face—oh, blissful moment!
Face to face—to see and know;
Face to face with my Redeemer,
Jesus Christ Who loves me so.

- **Have You Heard This One?**

A minister was completing a temperance sermon and with Great emphasis he said, “If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river” With even greater emphasis he said, “And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.” And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, “And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.” Sermon complete, he sat down...

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, 'For our closing song, let us sing Hymn 365, Shall We Gather at the River.'

- I had a similar experience in real life once. One Sunday morning after I had preached what I thought was an enthusiastic evangelistic sermon asking people to not put off a decision and trust Jesus today, our music director announced as our closing hymn, “Why Not Tonight?”

From HART BEAT – 24 March 2013

- **Hart to Heart**

- Lyn and I worshipped this morning at **Christ Is King, Syracuse**, where I preached in the absence of Church Planter/Pastor Jon Speed.

- Word came that our newest church planter, Ronnie Wyatt, got the house they were trying for in the neighborhood they have targeted! God pulled off some miraculous things to get this done. Thank you for praying to this end. The Wyatts are moving from NC to Syracuse at the end of this week and need someone to drive the rental truck. Anybody open to a road trip?
- We're conducting an experiment in delivering Discipleship Development resources to you via Go-To-Meeting. On May 14th at 7:00 PM Tommy Echols from the BCNY Church Growth Division, will be leading a CNYBA on-line presentation/discussion event. Save the date. I will be announcing the information about how to "join the meeting" when we get closer to the date.

- **National Outreach – November 2013**

- Using the "Matthew and Friends" strategy – inviting friends into your home to watch a Billy Graham television presentation with a message from Mr. Graham, music, and other testimonies.

You can get all the training and info you need at www.myhopewithbillygraham.org and/or

Attend a training event at Grace Fellowship Church in Latham, NY on April 19 from 1:00 PM to 4:15 PM

- **BCNY Women's Retreat - "Gazing in God's Mirror"**

Guest Speaker – Allison Allen

October 4-5 at Honor's Haven Retreat – Ellenville, NY

Read the flyer posted on the CNYBA web site under the Info Center tab/Flyers

- **News From the Churches**

- **Christ Is King, Syracuse** (Jon Speed Pastor) has the following prayer request
 1. Our family continues to grieve the loss of my mother in law.
 2. Pray for our church as we go through the book, "Life in the Father's House" on Monday nights. This book is helpful in developing a Biblical view of the local church. Please pray that the church attendees on Sunday will commit to meaningful membership in the next year.

3. We've had several visitors over the past month that have received visitor's packs from the church which includes a book, a gospel tract, a hand sewn gift and church info. Pray that these will be effective.

4. Our church is participating in a documentary called "Babies Are Murdered Here." The goal of the documentary is to mobilize local churches to take the gospel to abortion clinics. Pray that the funding for this documentary would come in and that our role in the documentary will be Christ honoring and be helpful towards awakening the church to this mission field.

5. Pray for the salvation of Jack and Mark, two abortionists who I share the gospel with every week. Each week I ask them if they have repented and trusted Christ yet. Each week they either curse me out or mutter under their breaths.

6. Pray for us as the warm weather will be back soon. This will mean more preaching on local college campuses, street corners, bus stops, festivals, sporting events, and more.

- **Agape, Norwich** (Harold Lefler Pastor)

- Had some good services with Olufemi Abimola, a student from Southwestern Seminary. They didn't have any public decisions but did have several visitors and several people said the services really touched them.
- The Jersey Village Baptist Church in Houston will be coming again this summer to work on their church building June 10-14 and they are also going to finish paying off the new windows.
- They will have a Good Friday Service on March 29 at 6PM.
- They will have an Easter Breakfast at 9AM on Easter Sunday with worship to follow at 10AM instead of 11AM.

- **Grace, Rome** (Pastor Dan Goewey reporting)

- Last Sunday Lorraine's (Pastor's wife) best friend from high school was baptized as a new believer and joined the church. She can't get enough of God's word. She is reading everything she can get her hands on and she is unashamedly telling everyone she knows of her faith.
- This Sunday we baptized another young woman - the sister of one of our members whom the Lord saved recently - and she has requested membership.

- We have a new ladies' Sunday School class which began on March 3rd. Lorraine is teaching. There are 16 in attendance.
- Our Pathfinders class (ministry to developmentally disabled) regularly sees 30-50 in attendance.

- **The Gospel According to Holly**

- Several have asked that I rerun this series. So each 4th Sunday I will reprint a chapter of this series, which began to be written in June 2004.
- INTRO: Recently I shared with you our sorrow over the death of my wife's pet poodle, who had lived with us for almost 19 years. I thought we would not get another pet right away because of our schedules. Well, I caved!

As an early anniversary present, my wife got a little Pomeranian puppy. In spite of all I can do, the little rascal is getting to me. Holly Berry was born on December 29, 2003. She's up to 2.4 pounds. Until the weather changed, she rode around inside my jacket, but now sits on the console in the truck. I can't bear to leave her in the play pen. She cries.

Now I can't find my socks, can't keep my shoes tied when I'm doing work in the office, and am just about trained in how to spot "the urge" before it winds up on the office floor. What a joy!

- Chapter One is entitled **If It Walks Like a Duck**

You will no doubt remember that I introduced you to Holly Berry, my wife's new Pomeranian puppy. I have come to believe she's a Christian dog. They say "If it walks like a duck, talks like a duck, acts like it duck, it must be a duck." She acts like a Christian, so she must be a Christian. In spite of the fact that she has a master that loves her very much and spoils her with all kind of blessings (grooming, toys, special food, ice cream almost every night, etc.) she doesn't seem to obey. She comes when I say go, and she goes when I say come. And she gets mad when I try to correct her. I spanked her recently when she wouldn't sit on the truck console when I came back to the truck from the store. She just jumped around in my seat so I couldn't get in. So, I picked her up and spanked her and sat her on the console. She just turned her back and wouldn't talk to me all the way home. Now doesn't that sound like a Christian? I think she'd make a great Baptist. We have a Master (our Heavenly Father) who provides us with all manner of blessings, but we don't seem to want to obey. We go (do our own thing) when He says come (draw near to me) and we come (into close nit groups) when He says go (witness to the lost). And when he tries to correct us, we get mad and won't talk to Him for a while. Now don't you think Holly is a Christian dog?

- **Have You Heard This One?**

One of my daughter's wedding presents was a toaster oven. Soon after the honeymoon, she and her husband tried it out. Almost immediately, smoke billowed out of the toaster.

"Get the owner's manual!" my daughter's husband shouted.

"I can't find it anywhere!" cried my daughter a short time later.

"Oops!" came a voice from the kitchen. "Well, the toast is fine, but the owner's manual's burned to a crisp."

From HART BEAT – 31 March 2013

- Lyn and I left home at 4:30 AM this Resurrection Sunday morning in order to attend the Sunrise Service with Pastor Karl Novak and the folks at **Lakeshore, Cicero**. It was a beautiful site and service as the sun rose over Lake Oneida as we sang and worshipped. Of course we stayed for the fellowship breakfast that followed.

Then we drifted on over to **Central, Syracuse** in time to hear their choir's Easter Cantata presentation. Lyn and I always enjoy this choir, but today they outdid themselves. They started out with an up-tempo number featuring, of all people, Pastor Milt Kornegay. Every time I thought they couldn't do better, they did on the next number. It was a good thing Pastor Kornegay had a sermon ready because I was ready to preach when they got finished.

We worshipped while the choir sang and then we worshipped some more when Pastor Kornegay preached – straight from the Scripture and straight to the point.

We often wish we could be in more than one place at a time. Today was one of those times. We do enjoy worshipping, eating, fellowshiping, and/or just being with the saints of CNYBA.

- On Friday past it was my privileged to preach at the Good Friday services at **Agape, Norwich**. Lyn and I were also asked to sing. Pastor Calvin Stedge from **Maryland BC** and Pastor Harold Lefler from **Agape** also spoke and sang. It is always an honor to be asked to participate in a special service at one of CNYBA churches.

- On Monday past I was privileged to attend (for the first time) the BCNY Administrative Committee meeting in Schenectady. It was a good meeting that may turn out to be historic in the life of BCNY.
- I had opportunity this week to spend time with some CNYBA Pastors, for which I am always grateful. Limited time and travel make it impossible for me to do as much of this as I like. God has blessed CNYBA with some fine men of God. I hope you'll join me in regularly praying for them.
- A new church planter has arrived on the field! Ronnie Wyatt, along with his wife Michele, and three daughters arrived with their furniture and belongings on Friday. They will be planting a church in the Schiller Park area in the northern section of the City of Syracuse. Please put this family on your prayer list and keep them there for a while.
- **Emmanuel, Cortland** is holding a mini-missions conference on Saturday, April 6th with a breakfast fellowship time beginning at 8 AM. Please see the flyer that is posted on our CNYBA web site under the Info Center tab/flyers/Mini Missions Conference.
- You are invited to join me at the 2013 Davis College Scholarship Banquet on Thursday evening, April 18th at 6:30 PM. There is no cost to you, but you do need to be registered. See the flyer posted on our CNYBA web site under the Info Center tab/flyers/Davis College Banquet, then contact me ASAP if you would like to attend.
- Don't forget the VBS Training at Bellewood, North Syracuse on Saturday, April 6th beginning at 8:45 AM. For more details contact Steve Sallis at 800-552-0004 or ssallis@twcny.rr.com.
- Let me recommend a book to you. I recently got an ipad and I was playing around with it trying to learn all the stuff I can do on it. I accidentally figured out how to download books from the Kindle store. I was so proud of myself. The first book I downloaded was a free copy of "Confessions of a Prayer Slacker" by Diane Moody. Since I couldn't figure out how to un-download it, I started reading it. Although she uses a lot of humor, I dare you to try reading it without getting convicted.

➡ **News From the Churches**

- Seven vehicles were broken into at **Transformacion, Syracuse** during Easter Sunday services. Windows were smashed and many items were stolen, including cell phones, GPSs, purses, immigration residency papers, laptops, and other

items. Some of the victims were visitors. There is no report of injury. Let's lift up this congregation in prayer this week. Pedro Abreau is Pastor.

- **Emmanuel, Cortland** is holding a mini-missions conference on Saturday, April 6th with a breakfast fellowship time beginning at 8 AM. Please see the flyer that is posted on our CNYBA web site under the Info Center tab/flyers/Mini Missions Conference.
- **Clyde Baptist Church** invites you to Pastor Roger Knapton's 90th birthday celebration on Saturday April 6th from 2-5 PM at the Grange Hall on east Genesee Street in Clyde. No presents - but a note, memo, picture, etc for a Book of Remembrance - is requested.

➡ **Truths from the Old Hymns**

Fairest Lord Jesus

Words: Written by German Jesuits in the 17th Century. Published in the *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677 translated from German to English by [Joseph A. Seiss](#), 1873.

Music: Crusader's Hymn Silesian folk song 1842; arranged by [Richard S. Willis](#), 1850

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be Thine.

➡ **Have You Heard This One?**

Once there was a millionaire who collected live alligators. He kept them in the pool in back of his mansion. The millionaire also had a beautiful single daughter.

So one day he decides to throw a huge party, and during the party he announces: "My dear guests, I have a proposition to every man here. I will give one million dollars or my daughter to the man that can swim across this pool full of alligators and emerge unharmed!"

As soon as he finished his last word there was the sound of a large SPLASH! One guy was in the pool, swimming as fast as he could, and the crowd was cheering him on. Finally he made it to the other side unharmed.

The millionaire was impressed. He said "My boy that was incredible! Fantastic! I didn't think it could be done! Well I must keep my end of the bargain, so which do you want: my daughter or the one million dollars?"

The guy says "Listen I don't want your money! And I don't want your daughter! I just want the goober who pushed me into that pool!"