

# Genesis Superintendent's Log

## Life around the Conference

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It's been awhile since I've updated you on my travels around Genesis. And great things are happening! Here's some of the things I've seen:

### GO: Churches reaching out!



*Our Brockport Church places lit candles on a table up front to let the church know about people newly coming to Christ. Great idea! The Sunday I was there THREE candles were lit! Another idea: Use balloons. Whatever you do, help your church CELEBRATE when people come to faith.*



*Crosspoint in Parma baptized a young woman who has recently come to Christ!*

### CHURCHES BUILDING DIVERSE COMMUNITY!

In the midst of the racial tensions in our culture, it was a joy to visit two of our churches where the congregation is a beautiful reflection of the diversity within the Body of Christ, building community across races and generations.



*Visiting Heart & Soul (Rochester) included watching the praise dance of a young man who was praising the Lord with his whole heart (and body!). It also included celebrating with the church as they announced the purchase of the vacant lot next door which will provide for more parking.*

*I loved seeing young leaders engaged in ministry on my visit to New Hope (Rochester)*



### NEW PLACES, NEW FACES!

Appointments made after AC17:

#### Nash Road, North Tonawanda

...welcomes CoPastors Jeff & Margaret Cappello. Jeff & Margaret come to us from the Wesleyan denomination.



#### Yorkshire FMC...

welcomes Pastor Mark Weber and his wife Shelley back. Mark was an associate a number of years ago at Yorkshire, but comes with a fresh vision for this new season of ministry in Yorkshire.

#### The church in Salamanca...

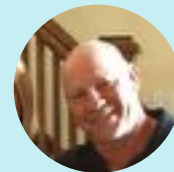
is entering a partnership with Creekside in Allegany. Al Edwards will be on staff at Creekside as well as being the campus pastor in Salamanca.

#### Pearce Memorial

Roger Haskins will become the Lead Pastor as Wally Fleming retires in September.

#### East Otto

Paul Cobo, long-time worship leader in East Otto, is now the Licensed Pastor there.



The Sunday we were at **Harvest Chapel**, the church welcomed a new worship leader (who got connected to the church through our Genesis network!). Joel Dibble will be a great addition to the team in **Fredonia**.



At the church in **Franklinville** I saw a healthy multi-generational congregation. I met a number of youth who are highly engaged, plus a couple of people in our ordination process.



## CHURCHES ON THE MOVE!



The church in **Gerry** has two very different services, each one beautiful in its own way. Their early service (left) meets in their fellowship hall around tables and coffee. Kids and young families are the majority in this group. Their late service (right) is very traditional. Many of the folks from **Heritage Ministries** (our great retirement ministry!) come over for this service. All who come are ministered to.



**Valley Chapel** in **Warsaw** celebrated 20 years in their current building. God has been faithful!



The church was packed, new members were brought in, stories of God's faithfulness were told. Doug

Newton, cofounder of the **FMC National Prayer Ministry**, was the special speaker for the day.



## RESOURCING YOU...

### GENESIS NEXT STEP COACHING:

Last year the Genesis Coaching Network launched... this year we take the next step! Genesis Next Step Coaching begins: **September 14 in Akron, September 15 in Syracuse**. Next Step Coaching is **open to all pastors and lay leaders**, and will help you build effective systems to "Go and make disciples" as well as challenge and encourage your leadership. For info, contact Rick Rouse: [afmcrick@gmail.com](mailto:afmcrick@gmail.com). This year, the Coaching Network will **include lunch. Need childcare** to attend? Contact the Superintendent.

### RECALIBRATE:

**Has your church plateaued, but would like to grow?** Consider becoming part of the denomination's "RECALIBRATE" process. Recalibrate is an 18 month process which includes training, coaching, community, and recasting of vision. Cost to the church is \$500 plus travel for the pastor, and then the time and commitment involved. Churches completing our first recalibrate round are reporting great growth. **If your church is ready to RECALIBRATE, contact Supt. Pam by September 10th.**