

The Profit

For what shall it profit a man to gain the world and lose his soul. - Mark 8:36

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July 29 - 31, 2016
Register Today!



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Sowing, Serving, Reaping for Christ Around the World



B. Todd Brace
FCFI President

Do...Doing...Done!

Greetings fellow Christian sojourners and encouragement from your board of Directors! Welcome to you who are new! Thanks to all for your Christian zeal and enthusiastic pursuit of pleasing The Lord! This article focuses on getting the right work DONE! It is the perfect concept to be chewing on in preparation for the 2016 FCFI Annual Conference. The Conference theme verse is John 4:34, "Then Jesus explained, 'My nourishment comes from doing the will of God who sent me and finishing His work'. The key action is "doing" and "finishing", but success is in doing the Will of God! I believe The Lord would have this article aimed towards readers that are feeling unfulfilled in the work they are doing (or not doing) and rural Church congregations who find themselves with greying pew sitters and declining membership.

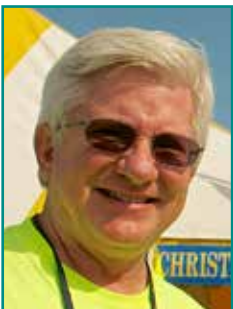
Before moving ahead, it is important for all readers to understand the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International (FCFI) is a tool to get work done. It is not a purpose unto itself, but a tool for Christians and Congregations to use to achieve Kingdom works.

To "DO"... and to "GO"these little words have huge consequences on a daily basis but particularly across a lifetime! John Westley, the founder of Methodism, had two self examination questions he asked himself each day, they were: "Was God my last thought before sleeping and my first thought upon waking?" and "What tasks and encounters will I face today and how may I prepare myself to bring honor and pleasure to God in them?"

Do you have a plan for DOING Christ's ministry?! I will be forever grateful to an agribusiness family in N.E. Ohio for teaching me to apply a "personal spiritual mission/vision and values plan" for my life. No matter how poorly I felt at achieving my Christian goals, I can look back on it and see God blessed it to successfully bear fruit for His Kingdom! See Proverbs chapter 16.

Is it DONE yet?! Thankfully, God put us together, so we don't have to go it alone! The FCFI board members, staff and leading members work hard to discern and provide a variety of "God's Will" opportunities for members and partners to engage in. The Annual Conference is like the harvest dinner, real good food and inspiring stories from the fields. If you, your family or your Church congregation is looking for something new to cook up in the rural community, how about some "spiritual food"? I'm confident Jesus will have a special recipe for all who attend. Bon appetit!

Your fellow sojourner in Christ,
B. Todd Brace



Dennis Schlagel
FCFI Executive Director/CEO

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This issue of Profit magazine shows farmers in action presenting the gospel, leading worship, assisting missionaries and responding to a natural disaster in Canada. Be sure to visit the Fellowship's website www.fcfi.org where you can sign up to participate in upcoming projects. Please send us your email address and put fellowship@fcfi.org into your address file so you can receive project news electronically, saving FCFI printing and postage costs. Thank you ahead of time!

The cover photo was taken at the Farm Day, De Funiak Springs, Florida. Area Leader Walter Powell and his wife Becky were invited to Farm Day from a farmer attending the Sun Belt Agricultural Expo in Moultrie, Georgia. 2500 walking sticks were hauled to the De Funiak Springs event. Walter, Miss Becky and one other worker, named Alan, who manned the walking stick pile, started presenting the gospel in the morning. By 2:30 all 2500 wordless walking sticks had been used. Folks lined up and patiently waited to hear the Powells explain the Lord's plan for each of us to receive salvation by faith. "If only we could have had more workers to help us that day, we could have taken more time one on one with people regarding their spiritual lives," explained Becky Powell. More workers in farm show booths and community events is an observation made by all FCFI Area Leaders. Thank you for praying for more men and women to get involved in the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International exhibits across North America and New Zealand. The Angus Buchan daily devotionals and small group DVD's called "Amen" are available on the FCFI website. 2016 is going to be a challenging year. We need to daily get into God's Word and be a source of encouragement to our friends and neighbors in this difficult time.

I look forward to seeing you in Branson at the FCF International Conference. Email me how you are doing.
Your Brother in Christ,
Dennis Schlagel
Executive Director/CEO

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23rd Annual Conference

Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

John 4:34 Doing the Will of God

"Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and finish His work.'"

July 29 - 31, 2016
Radisson Hotel, 120 South Wildwood Drive, Branson, Missouri

23rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Keynote Address with Pete Briscoe, Pastor of *Bent Tree Bible Fellowship*
- Friday night Inspirational Speaker, Pastor Antonio Gomez from Torreon, Mexico
- Special Concert with *"Sons of the Silver Dollar"* on Saturday evening
- Several great workshops including women's workshops with Suzette Brawner
- Early arrival show *Sight & Sound Theater Moses* on Thursday @ 3:30 pm
- Annual FCFI auction will be held on Friday night this year
- Opportunity on Friday morning to visit the *Lives Under Construction Boys Ranch*

Pete Briscoe
 Keynote Address



Antonio Gomez
 Inspirational Speaker



CONFERENCE NOTES

If you are planning on coming to the conference early it's important to let Kris Miller know what day you are planning on coming and/or if you are staying over on Sunday night as well. Kris will make your reservations with the hotel. Contact Kris at 309-275-3818 or email kris@fcfi.org.

Also, if you are planning on attending the Sight & Sound Theatre production *Moses* on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 pm, please indicate so on the registration form and include those fees with your payment. The discounted cost of the ticket is \$45 per person. The show is 2.5 hours long. The FCFI home office must have a head count 3 weeks ahead of the conference.

On Thursday at 10:30 there will be a short tour and lunch at the College of the Ozarks. The cost of the lunch is \$22.50 per person. Indicate attendance at this lunch and include payment with registration fees.

Please note the June 27th registration deadline, we must have final numbers to the conference center before June 28.

Thanks for your cooperation with these details!

Registration Form

23rd Annual FCFI Conference – July 29 - 31, 2016 - Branson, MO

Names _____

Children _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

of tickets for Moses (\$45 per person) _____ # Lunch on Friday at College of the Ozarks (\$22.50 each) _____

Please include payment for Moses event and College of Ozarks lunch with your registration

Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday morning: Adults _____ @ \$250 US each

Children (10 and under) _____ @ \$ 80 US each

RV Adults _____ @ \$100 US each

(Cost of conference includes six meals and accommodations per person)

Registration Deadline

**is on or before
 June 27, 2016**

**Make Checks Payable to:
 FCFI Conference
 P.O. Box 15
 Lexington, IL 61753**

**Register and Pay
 with your credit card
 at www.fcfi.org**



The work team from the Fellowship of Christian Farmers met in South Texas on January 9, 2016 to help Pastor Green of Helping Hands Ministry and also Pastor Javier Lara of Emmanuel Baptist Church. Kendal and Virginia Pliner do such a great job lining up our jobs and getting supplies ready for us.



Then Richard Binder brought the back hoe and began the dirt work, removing a few inches of top soil and putting a foot of sand on which to pour the concrete. After forming and putting in the plumbing, they hired a cement crew to pour the pad. They did a great job (with Richard's help).



We were not a large group, but everyone had a heart to work. We began Saturday, January 9th, helping Pastor Green at his local food bank. We helped many volunteers serve over 300 families with many food items.



Meanwhile, Bert Henriksen, Bruce Burton, Ernie Laird, Karen Binder, and Deb Herrold removed old, rotten boards and installed new vinyl siding on Emmanuel Baptist Church, north of Edinburg.



Monday morning, the work began with Andy Dahlquist, Dave Ferris, Bob Hibma, and Ron Herrold starting a perimeter fence around the lot and work site.



The congregation there was so thankful that they made wonderful Mexican meals that were enjoyed by all. We enjoyed volunteering and helping our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, as they serve our Savior and try to win souls for Christ, down in the valley in South Texas.



This Week in Agribusiness host, Max Armstrong, allowed FCFI to promote his new book, "Stories From the Heartland" in the FCFI booth at the Commodity Classic March 3-5, 2016.



Part of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers team at the Commodity Classic in New Orleans, including Paul and Barb Taylor, Esmond, Illinois, Jim and Ruth Weber, Atmore, Alabama, and Kendal and Virginia Pliner, Fort Dodge, Iowa.



(Right) Jim Weber, Atmore, Alabama, preached the bible lesson in John 4 at the Commodity Classic worship service.



This Week in Agribusiness host and author of "Stories From the Heartland" Max Armstrong with FCFI Executive Director Dennis Schlagel



National Association of Wheat Growers President Brett Blankenship played the keyboards at the Commodity Classic worship service. Brett is from Washtucna, Washington.



The Western Farm Show was held February 26-28, 2016 in Kansas City, Missouri. The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International exhibited a booth on the show floor to tell the story of Jesus Christ through the Wordless Walking Stick. The Western Farm Show is one of the largest indoor farm shows in the country. It attracts thousands of visitors, including thousands of FFA members from all over Kansas and Missouri.

As reported by Jeff Goss, FCFI coordinator for the event:

“Last year, we did not have much help at this farm show, but this year, we had an abundance of good, hard working help. We had good weather, which is a blessing this time of year for travelling. We all had good fellowship together, even though we are all from different backgrounds and denominations. Paul Van Donselaar said that this was the most satisfying farm show he has done this year.”



Most of the FFA kids found their way to the FCFI booth, and many of them prayed with our volunteers to receive Jesus. Many other farm show visitors also prayed to receive the Lord. An estimated 400 prayed to receive Christ during the three day show. Several also showed interest in FCFI and left names and addresses.



LEFT On February 11, 2016, a major snowstorm off of Lake Huron hit the London, Ontario area, dumping over 3 feet of snow in some areas. Pictured here, to the right of the Morton building, is what is left of the 7 greenhouses on the farm of Pete and Tanya Janssen, son-in-law and daughter of Bert Visscher, past FCF Canada Board member and active volunteer.



RIGHT On February 29th, the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, Canada volunteers descended on the Visscher Broccoli farm, owned by Pete and Tanya Janssen, to clean up the debris left from a huge snowstorm that dumped over three feet of snow on southern Ontario in early February. Six of their seven greenhouses collapsed under the insurmountable weight of the snow.

LEFT We had upwards of fifty volunteers come to help. In the morning, there was a huge mess, but by 4pm, all was cleaned up, and one new greenhouse had the foundation anchors in the ground ready for hoops.



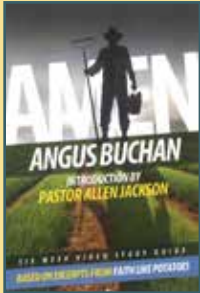
It was truly amazing how fast the clean up was accomplished.



We had two church ladies' groups feed us lunch and then dinner, and were we fed well!!!! God is more than good. He is GREAT!!

Hank Huigenbos, Relief Coordinator, Wingham, Ontario

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FCFI Farm Show & Calendar of Events

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APRIL		17-18	Strawberry Festival, Owego, NY Bill Brown 315-749-6823	4-7	Loyalsock Valley Antique Machinery, Show, Loyalsock, PA Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
1-2	Dragon Boat Festival, Tavares, FL Bill Brown 315-749-6823	18	Branford Festival, Branford, CT Bill Brown 315-749-6823	6	Old Home Days, Seneca Falls, NY Bill Brown 315-749-6823
10-11	Great Bend Farm & Ranch Expo, Great Bend, KS Jeff Goss 314-610-1835	JULY		8-13	Montour-Delong Fair, Washingtonville, PA Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
14-16	Oklahoma City Farm Show, Oklahoma City, OK Jerry Rice 580-426-2442	1-9	Millville Carnival, Millville, PA Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876	9-11	Empire Farm Days, Vernon Center, NY Bill Brown 315-749-6823
15-17	FCF-Ca. Annual Meeting, Dalkeith, ON, Canada Bill Brown 315-749-6823	9-11	WI Farm Technology Days, Barron County, WI Mike Brehm 262-632-3519	10	Antioch Baptist Church Block Party, Williamsport, PA Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
23	Bloomsburg Renaissance - Bloomsburg, Pa. Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876	12-17	Benton Rodeo, Benton, PA Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876	11-20	Skowhegan State Fair, Skowhegan, ME Bill Brown 315-749-6823
MAY		13-16	Madison County Fair, Brookfield, NY Bill Brown 315-749-6823	16-18	Dakotafest, Mitchell, SD Martin Ellingson 605-847-4663
7	Spring Fling, Danville, PA Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876	13-16	Stick Work Days, Marcy, NY Bill Brown 315-749-6823	19-20	Sunbury River Festival, Sunbury, PA Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
14	Berwick Day, Berwick, PA Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876	14-23	Lycoming County Fair, Hughesville, PA Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876	19-21	Wolcott Fair, Wolcott, CT Bill Brown 315-749-6823
21	FCFI Golf Tournament, Woodgate Pines, Boonville, NY Bill Brown 315-749-6823	19-21	Four State Farm Show, Pittsburg, KS Jeff Goss 314-610-1835	21	Taste of Shoreline, Branford, CT Bill Brown 315-749-6823
JUNE		25-30	Troy Fair, Troy, PA Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876	24-25	Maine Farm Days, Clinton, ME Bill Brown 315-749-6823
3-5	Western NY Dairy Festival, Springville, NY Bill Brown 315-749-6823	29-31	FCFI 23 rd Annual Conference, Branson, MO Dennis Schlagel 309-530-7004	25-27	WI Farm Technology Days, Stevens Point, WI Mike Brehm 262-632-3519
4-5	Springwater Bicentennial, Springwater, NY Bill Brown 315-749-6823	30-8/6	Clinton County Fair, Mackeyville, PA Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876	25-28	Brooklyn Fair, Brooklyn, CT Bill Brown 315-749-6823
3-5	Vermont Dairy Festival, Enosburg Falls, VT Bill Brown 315-749-6823	31-8/6	Union County West End Fair, Laurelton, PA Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876	26	Herkimer Co Family Farm Day, Little Falls, NY Bill Brown 315-749-6823
11	Dryden Dairy Day, Dryden, NY Bill Brown 315-749-6823	AUGUST		30-9/1	Farm Progress Show, Boone, IA Dennis Schlagel 309-365-8710
11-12	Violet Festival, Dolgeville, NY Bill Brown 315-749-6823	2-4	Minnesota Farmfest, Redwood County, MN Doug Peterson 507-236-6460	31-9/5	Kiwanis Wyoming County Fair, Meshoppen, PA Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
15-16	Sandhills Ranch Expo - Bassett, NE Duane Reynolds 308-233-4112	3-7	Niagara County Fair, Lockport, NY Bill Brown 315-749-6823	31-9/5	Sullivan County Fair, Forksville, PA Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
15-18	New Zealand Fieldays, Hamilton, NZ Dennis Schlagel 309-530-7004	4-7	Corn Festival, Eden, NY Bill Brown 315-749-6823		

Join And Support FCFI: / We would like to assist the mission of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers in presenting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to farmers, farm families and the entire agricultural community.

I am interested in: More information about the ministry Farm shows in my area Praying for FCFI Volunteer Opportunities

I have a prayer request _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

