



# The Bead Story, Good News For All!!

Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Have you accepted Him as your savior? The colored beads we use attached to our walking sticks, by a piece of rawhide, tell the wonderful story of God's love for us...

-The **Gold Bead** – “The Street of heaven was pure gold, as it were transparent glass”. Rev. 21:21. We all want to spend eternity there. John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.” -The **Dark Bead** - represents sin. Sin separates us from God. Romans 3:23 – “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” -The **Red Color** - represents the blood of Christ. - Romans 5:8 – “But God commends his love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ dies for us.” When we accept Christ as our savior our sins are washed **White** as snow. Isaiah 1:18 We're forgiven. Romans 10:9 – “Confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that God raised Christ from the dead, and you shall be saved.” -Finally the **Green Bead** - Once we accept Christ as our savior there will be spiritual growth. II Peter 3:18 – **“But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ.”**



Sticks and more sticks at the Memphis Cotton and Gin Show. The show remains one of the largest indoor shows in the south.

God's gift to us is free and can be received by praying a simple prayer.

**“Lord, I'm a sinner in need of forgiveness. I believe you died for me on the cross and rose again. I want to turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. I ask you to come into my heart and become Lord of my life.” In Jesus name, Amen**

## Event Schedule

**June** 3-5- Western NY Dairy Festival, Springville, NY  
4-5 - Springwater Bicentennial, Springwater, NY  
3-5 - Vermont Dairy Festival - Enosburg Falls, VT  
11 - Dryden Dairy Day, Dryden, NY  
11&12 - Violet Festival, Dolgeville, NY  
17&18 - Strawberry Festival, Owego, NY  
18 - Branford Festival, Branford, CT  
**July** 9-11 - Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Barren County, WI  
11-16 - Logan County Fair, Bellefontaine, OH  
13-16 - Madison County Fair, Brookfield, NY  
13-16 - Stick Work Days, Marcy, NY  
22-24 - Four State Farm Show, Pittsburg, KS  
29-31 - FCFI Annual Conference, Branson, MO  
**August** 3-7- Niagara County Fair, Lockport, NY  
4-7 - Corn Festival, Eden, NY  
6- Old Home Days - Vernon Center, NY  
9-11 - Empire Farm Days, Seneca Falls, NY  
11-20 - Skowhegan State Fair, Skowhegan, ME  
18-21 - Woodsman's Field Days, Boonville, NY - Tentative  
19-20 - Groton Olde Home Days, Groton, NY  
19-21 - Wolcott Fair, Wolcott, CT  
21 - Taste of Shoreline, Branford, CT  
24-25 - Maine Farm Days - Clinton, ME  
25-28 - Brooklyn Fair - Brooklyn, CT  
26 - Herkimer Co Family Farm Day - Little Falls, NY  
30-Sept 1- Farm Progress Show, Boone, IA  
**September** 2-4- NYS Festival of Balloons - Dansville, NY  
2-5 - Spencer Fair, Spencer, MA  
6-11 - Harden County Fair, Kenton, OH  
8-11 - Hebron Harvest Fair, Hebron, CT  
9-10 - Oneida - Herkimer Farm Progress Show, Mohawk, NY  
15-18 - Four Town Fair, Somers, CT  
16 - Cream Cheese Festival, Lowville, NY  
20-24 - International Plowing Match, Finch, ON, Canada  
24-25 - Remsen Barn Festival, Remsen, NY  
22-25 - Durham Fair, Durham, CT  
26-27 - Apple Fest, Central Square, NY



**Correction:** In Issue 7 Jan-May 2016 we incorrectly listed the photographer as “Kevin” Cambell. The correct name should have been Keith Cambell. Our apologies Keith!

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## The Harvest

**“We plant - God gives the increase.” 1 Cor. 3:6-9**

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**“He paid a debt He did not owe,  
I owed a debt I could not pay”**

The caption for our front cover comes from the beautiful chorus composed by Ellis J. Crum in 1977. It has become one of my favorites as the message is no less true today than it was over 2,000 years ago when Christ went to the cross. Just as the picture displays Christ died on that middle cross for you and I. We in The Fellowship of Christian Farmers share this good news all across Canada and the United States. Our guest column in this issue written by Pastor Rob Andreas, page 2, expands on this very topic, “A debt I couldn’t pay.” Without a doubt we believe what Billy Graham once said “With all my heart, I want to leave you with truth, that Christ died for your sins.” If you’re not sure of your debt being paid in full read carefully “The Bead Story, Good News for All” on the back page. Finally, we ask each of you to consider helping us in sharing the good news, lots

of opportunities are available. David Livingston, famous Scottish missionary in the 1800’s, left us with this thought. “Christ alone can save the world, but Christ cannot save the world alone.” That means you and I have a part to play.

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↑ Ron Herrold, Westville, IN, gets comfortable (hat turned backwards) as he shares with a group of young guys at Pioneer Days, Wauchula, Florida.



↑ The FCFI booth at the Western Farm Show, Kansas City, MO, was very busy according to Area Leader, Jeff Goss. Jeff reports that most of the 4,500 FFA members that visited the farm show stopped by the FCFI booth.

News From The Ohio Valley

Giving Him Thanks



Thanksgiving to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thankful to Him for providing help and leadership to get us through the shows the last year and a half. Including Jeremy Stout, from Marysville, Ohio, and his crew that continue to make sticks, pick them up and deliver them and provide help at the shows. To share the gospel, greet, welcome, hand out sticks and encourage others. Also thanks to Bill Nichols and his crew from the Bellefontaine, Ohio area who started 2 new shows last year at Logan County and Hardin County Fairs. Thanks to many who have prayed for and encouraged me during my battle with cancer this past year and a half. God’s richest blessings to all and we are looking for a great 2016. Psalm 69:30 “I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving.”

Gary Beery  
Radner, OH

Guest Column

A Debt I Couldn’t Pay



By Pastor Rob Andreas – Portageville Community Baptist Church, NY

At the beginning of this year we were greatly challenged at the York Farm Show in York, PA. We had opportunities to share the old, old story many times, to those who are already believers, to those who know it best. Many declaring their faith in Jesus Christ. One man named Edwin Martin, a wise Mennonite, listen as we shared the Gospel message using the walking stick and beads. After being asked if he was 100 percent sure if he were to die if he would go to heaven, he answered enthusiastically that he was sure. But then he went on to share with us a great illustration that has stuck with us since that day. Edwin said, “When I got saved I realized, it was as if I had a million dollar debt and not a plug nickel to pay.” As I thought on this, two passages stood out in my mind. First, Matthew 18:23-27, where Jesus told the parable of the king who would take account of His servant. It reads like this:


“Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.”

This is indeed what God has done for all us who trust Him as our Savior. He forgives a greater debt that we could never pay and he does so by His precious blood. 1 Peter 1 :18, 19 says, “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” Thanks Jesus for paying our debt!

From the Pen of Bill Brown

“Just One Request – Honor Him with Service”

I received a phone call in January from Area Leader Walter Powell requesting prayer for Buddy Schofill. Buddy was admitted to the hospital with a high fever and the doctors were having a difficult time locating the infection. Buddy passed on Friday with his family by his side and the memorial service was held on Sunday. When folks stopped by during the calling hours to pay their respects, they were greeted by an “FCF Walking Stick” on each end of the casket, a testimony of Buddy’s love for the ministry of FCFI and the Lord, whom he served. You see, Buddy was a faithful member of New Life Baptist Church located in Adele, GA. He was the driving force at New Life in getting the sticks prepared for all the events in GA. Pastor Donnie Duncan (Pastor Donnie shares his thoughts in “Through the Eyes of a Pastor”) shared at the funeral service that because of Buddy and his willingness to serve New Life played an integral part in supporting the ministry of FCFI. In John 22:26 we read “If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.” (ESV) Many of you serve in various capacities-with FCFI, whether preparing sticks, tying rawhide and beads, serving at

  
“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”  
Mark 16:15

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Through The Eyes of a Pastor

Donnie Duncan, Pastor  
New Life Baptist Church, Adel, GA

Paul marveled at God’s wisdom bringing the wisdom of man to naught. He said it like this; “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.” ( 1 Cor. 1:18-19) For Paul, Christ crucified, displayed the wisdom of God.



Buddy Schofill

I continue to be amazed at the wisdom of God in using the wordless walking stick through the Fellowship of Christian Farmers. I am overwhelmed in how God can take something rather simple yet use such a tool to communicate his powerful Gospel to the world. I recently witnessed this at an event in Blakely, Georgia. We gave over 2,500 sticks away that day. People always seem to be mysteriously drawn to the presentation of Truth. I also thought of my friend and brother in Christ, Buddy Schofill. It has been a couple of months now since Buddy went home to be with Jesus. Although all of us know that we shall die some day, we just didn’t realize that Buddy’s death was so imminent. Each time the doctors checked his physical condition, he was gradually getting closer and closer to being with Christ. We deeply miss Buddy. He was a faithful member of New Life Baptist Church of Adel, Georgia. Buddy rarely missed worship services and he always had a hand in the many ministries of our church. Whether it was building a wheel chair ramp for someone in need, or cooking breakfast for a group, or serving as director of the men’s ministries, Buddy was a servant and he was thankful for the privilege to serve the Lord.

Of the many things he did, Buddy was passionate about the walking stick ministry. He was always on top of the demand to have the next batch of sticks constructed and ready for Walter Powell. He would rally the troops announcing the next construction dates. He was sure that before we ever left the evening’s work that

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## ✦ 2016 Mission Trip Opportunity

10th Annual FCFI Mission Trip to ECHO

Oct. 29 – Nov. 5, 2016

Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization — For more information visit [www.echonet.org](http://www.echonet.org)

ECHO 17391 Duran RD, N. Ft. Myers, FL

\$320.00 per person (from Ft. Myers, FL)

Includes food and lodging



### Work Projects

- Plumbing, electric, outside repairs
- Irrigation repairs - ditch digging
- Landscaping, mulching and trimming
- Planting and harvesting
- Power washing and cleaning
- Building construction



### Lodging

LeHigh Resort Club  
Joel Road, LeHigh Acres, Florida  
([www.vrresorts.com](http://www.vrresorts.com))

For more information contact:  
Bill & Kathy Brown 315-736-5964 or 315-749-6823

## ✦ 2016 Mission Trip Opportunity

7th Annual FCFI Mission Trip to Reality Ranch Ministries

PO box 1726 Zolfo Springs, FL 33890

November 6-12, 2016

For more information on Reality Ranch: [www.realityranchministries.org](http://www.realityranchministries.org)

\$320.00 per person (from Orlando, FL)

Includes food, lodging and some material cost for construction projects



### Work Projects

- Build roofs for livestock pens in rodeo arena
- Build more bleachers for rodeo arena
- Repair horse corrals
- Small maintenance jobs: painting, pressure washing, fence repair, and rebuilding rodeo arena

There is a job for everyone!

For more information contact:  
Ron & Deb Herrold 219-916-3535 or 219-916-3994  
Bill & Kathy Brown 315-736-5964 or 315-749-6823



## Greetings From The South

### Unseen Servant

As we share the gospel message with so many each year, it is not always the ones presenting the gospel that stand out. Many times it is the ones who stay in the background and do things that are just as important as greeting and talking with individuals and groups who are eager to receive our 'wordless walking stick.' Buddy Schofill was just one of those. I met Buddy several years ago at New Life Baptist Church in Adel, Georgia. Buddy was my contact person in their church. When I called Buddy about helping us get sticks ready for upcoming shows, he was always ready to help. He would come to our house and pick up pallets of sticks and carry them back to the church to drill holes and round ends. He also took beads and leather to attach to the sticks. He got members together to help him accomplish his task. I could always depend on Buddy to accomplish the mission whenever I called him. Buddy became sick a couple of months ago and passed away. We surely will miss his help and dedication to making sure we had sticks ready at all times. The role he played in FCFI was very important to him and to us. As he lay in the hospital those last few days, his main concern was making sure the sticks were ready for our show in Memphis. People like Buddy are a vital asset to FCFI. In many ministries there are those who are out front where others are aware of them. There are also those who work behind the scenes getting things ready to go to the shows. Without them we would not be able to do the things we do. We are so blessed to have known Buddy. I am reminded of Buddy in II Corinthians 9:12, "This service that you performed is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." A servant of the Lord is important no matter what your role may be. Let God lead you and guide you in becoming a member and fellow worker in Christ.



Area Leader  
**Walter Powell**  
Omega, GA

## A Book of Proverbs

### “On Wealth”

1. You can't borrow your way to wealth.
2. Don't wait for your ship to come in, swim out to meet it.
3. True wealth is in friends, not fortune.
4. Wealthy people have a lot of will power.
5. The best measure of your wealth is in how much you're worth after your money is all gone.

*“Troubles in marriage often start when a man is so busy earning his salt that he forgets his sugar.”*

Assembled by Clark “Solomon” Phillips  
Clark is a past member of the FCFI Board of Directors  
and makes his home in North Collins, NY

## Freedom in Jesus By Jeff Goss, High Ridge, MO

I just recently celebrated my spiritual Birthday. I received Jesus into my life over 35 years ago on March 28, 1981 and God gave me a dramatic conversion experience. Because I had sowed the wind, I reaped the whirlwind. I had been living a sinful life and the Bible says the way of the sinner is hard. So because of my sinning, my way was hard. But when I cried out to the Lord, it felt like a thousand pounds came off of me and I went from extreme turmoil to extreme peace in one instant. The Holy Spirit came down on me in a powerful way and I felt the yoke of sin and bondage break off of me. The blinders came off of my spiritual eyes and for the first time in my life I could see what a sinner I was and how good God is. I remember thinking God is so much better than sin, why did I waste so much time in sin. It was like I had been dead for 19 years and now I was alive. I felt so clean and forgiven and I wanted to stay this way so I ended a relationship I was in at the time. I went to a beer party that night and tried to drink a cup of beer but it would not go down because God had changed my desires. I learned firsthand that whom the Son sets free is free indeed.





## Market + Place Evangelism



Bill Nichols helped staff the FCFI booth at the Power Show Ohio in Columbus, OH, also in Feb. Bill will be heading up two county fairs this summer in Ohio. Check out those events on our calendar.



FCFI was well represented at the Western NY Farm Show in Buffalo, NY the first week of Feb. by Clark Phillips and Pastor Justin Leininger from North Collins Wesleyan Church.



Becky Powell, Omega, GA getting ready to greet show attendees at the Mid-South Farm and Gin Show, Memphis, TN. The Powell's report a great response with over 2,500 visitors to the FCFI booth.



Look at the lineup! Walter and Becky Powell, Area leaders from Omega, GA, worked the Farm Day – Rocking B-A-B Ranch, DeFuniak Springs, FL. This picture graced the front cover of the May issue of The Profit. 2,5000 stopped by the one day event and received a free walking stick.

Even after 20 years of exhibiting at the NY Farm Show in Syracuse, NY we're still busy passing out free gifts. The show remains the largest indoor farm show in the east. Dave Zehr, MHV Chapter member (back to camera) sharing the good news to group of young farmers. The event held Feb. 25-27 saw over 1,500 stop by the FCFI exhibit.



## Other News

### Disaster Relief in Ontario, Canada

February 29th only comes once in 4 years. Every time that day comes we will remember February 29, 2016. It was the day 50+ volunteers came together to cleanup and start rebuilding our family farm's disastrous greenhouse collapse. Earlier in the month two days of continuous snow resulted in 4 feet (1.25m) of accumulation and collapsed 5 of the 8 greenhouses structures used to grow the 13 million plants on our broccoli farm. Greenhouse seeding usually starts March 7. The collapse happened on February 11 and 12. The possibility of losing part of a season or finding the expense and logistics of others growing for us overwhelmed us. A call to Bill Brown, a field man from the fellowship of the Christian Farmers International got the ball rolling. He, in turn, asked Hank Huigenbos to head up the disaster relief. Hank called a number of churches in the area, we set a date and then we leaped into action with over 50 volunteers showing up to work on Feb 29. After our safety talk, signing of waivers, and a devotional, the work started at 9:00am. The volunteers were divided into 4 groups with each group being assigned a task and the responsibility of how best to see that accomplished. By noon we had accomplished such an astounding amount of work and also because of forecasted inclement weather we canceled the following day of work. The afternoon was spent with further cleanup, emptying of wagons of scrap steel, dumping of materials, and the beginnings of rebuilding. The gifts and skills of all the individuals involved was truly something to behold and was a true gift of God. Asking for help and receiving that from such a large number is truly humbling and awesome. Scripture mentions that when His people work together in unity there He will command a blessing. This was evidenced by several denominations of churches coming together to work side by side and accomplishing this daunting task. Sometimes disasters come our way and we wonder what is happening and then a miracle like this happens. What an awesome God we serve. Our families are grateful for each and every one that helped in any way. May the God that blessed us with your presence bless you as we continue to walk in His light!

Bert and Wilma Visscher  
Pete and Tanya Janssen



This is what 4 ft of snow will do to greenhouses

Crew getting down to work.



Keith Campbell, first FCF-Canada Pres, spent the day helping as well. Over 50 people responded to the call for help. What a blessing to see God's people show His love to those in need.



Junk loaded on trailers as the cleanup continues.

What would a disaster relief effort be without great food and fellowship. Two local churches provided the food for the meals in need.



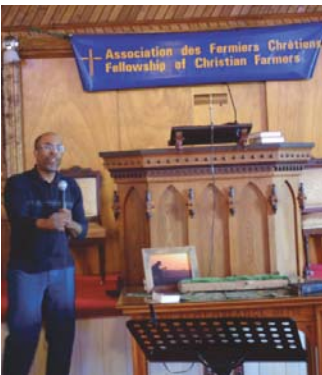


# Other News

Farm tours are a big part of opening day at the conference, this year the group visited Knonaudale Farm located in Chrysler, On. The farm is owned by Christoph and Bobbi Jo Uhr. They have a great herd of Holstein cattle and sell breeding stock. We were greeted by Christoph's father, Hans (right in picture). Hans started the operation after moving from Switzerland to Canada.



Saturday morning devotions were led by Pastor Virgil Jones. The emphasis was on prayer and Pastor Virgil encouraged all to spend more time in this most important part of our relationship with God.



FCF-Canada Ex Dr, Wayne Clark greeting everyone to the annual meeting, April 15-17, 2016. Broadalbane Baptist Church hosted the 3 day event. The church is celebrating 200 years of service.



Having some fun at the conference. Emily Chartier trying to keep musicians and singers in line.



## Through The Pastors Eyes continued...

we gathered around and prayed over the sticks and for those who would be receiving them. Buddy simply believed in this ministry and considered the wisdom of God in granting to us the Gospel of His dear Son. Even during Buddy's sickness, he requested the colored beads and the leather straps. He wanted to make the most of his time by sewing the beads on the bracelets to be used on the sticks. I had the privilege to preach Buddy's funeral. As I reflected on his life, I couldn't help but wonder if someone had tapped Buddy on the shoulder and said, "Sir, I didn't know you on earth, but I understand that you were one of God's willing servants during your stay there. I want you to know that I'm in heaven today because I trusted Jesus as my Lord and Savior, I heard about him when receiving a walking stick with some colored beads attached with Scripture telling me about Jesus. I just want to say thank you." I'm so thankful for Buddy Schofill. His family needs your prayers as they mourn the loss of their dad, granddad, and brother. Our church family needs your prayers as we sorely miss a brother in Christ. But for this moment I wish to say, thank you to the Fellowship of Christian Farmers. You gave a venue in which God proved his faithfulness and wisdom through the simplicity of the gospel. Buddy believed the gospel. He believed in the venue of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers especially the walking stick ministry. May we all be inspired to press on with this same hope.

Humbly submitted,  
Donnie Duncan, Pastor



Bob Patrick won the putting contest at the FCFI Golf Tournament. Also pictured is Mavis Rogers who coordinated the putting contest.

The winning team at the FCFI Golf Tournament. These guys shot a 10 under par to win the tournament held on May 21 at the Woodgate Pines in Booneville, NY. Over \$4,500 was raised for general fund of FCFL



One of the 11 teams that entered the FCFI Golf Tournament. Pictured to left is Jimmy DeArmond, his wife Brittany has worked in the NY FCFI office for the last ten years. Next tournament is scheduled for May 20. Thanks to Steve & Chris Brown for heading up the event.



From The Pen continued...

shows and of course praying. In February, 50 volunteers worked at the Visscher Farm in Exeter, ON. helping to clean up after 3 ft. of snow fell and collapsed their green houses. We thank each one of you who volunteered and especially Hank Huigenbos from Wingham, ON, who coordinated the effort. Hank has participated on several FCF sponsored mission trips. I could list hundreds who serve from staff to board members, chapter leaders and volunteers in the walking stick ministry. Now, I come to the point of asking you, "Is there something you could do to serve? Possibly even increase your involvement? If you've never taken that step of faith, possibly God is calling you at this very moment. The following says it so well.

Just One Request

Dear Master, for this coming year  
Just one request I bring:  
I do not pray for happiness,  
Or any earthly thing -  
I do not ask to understand

The way Thou ledest me,  
But this I ask: teach me to do  
The thing that pleaseth Thee  
I want to know Thy guiding voice,  
To walk with Thee each day