



## 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.*”



Decorations at the entrance to the FCF-Canada tent at The International Plowing Match in Minto, ON. Provided by Liz Huguenbos, Wingham, ON

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

- January 10-12 - Keystone Farm Show, York, PA  
11-12 - South Carolina Agibuz and Farm EXPO, Florence, SC  
13-14 - North Louisiana Ag Expo, West Monroe, LA  
21 - Georgia Peanut Farm Show and Conference, Tifton, GA  
26-28 - Power Show, Columbus, OH
- February 2-4 - Western NY Farm Show, Buffalo, NY  
15-18 - National Farm Machinery Show, Louisville, KY  
23-25 - NY Farm Show, Syracuse, NY  
26-27 - Swamp Cabbage Festival, LaBelle, FL  
24-26 - Western Farm Show, Kansas City, MO
- March 3-4 - Mid - South Farm and Gin Show, Memphis, TN  
TBA - Peanut Proud Festival  
2-4 - Pioneer Days, Wauchula, FL  
4-5 - Strawberry Festival, Floral City, FL  
11 - Central FL. Dragon Boat Festival, Tavarus, FL  
18 - Pioneer Day, Arcadia, FL
- April 1-2 - Flowerton Festival, Summerville, SC  
5-7 - Great Bend Farm and Ranch Expo, Great Bend, KS  
21-23 - FCF-Canada Annual Meeting, Dalkeith, ON
- May 6 - Bishop's Orchards Donkey and Mule Show, Guilford, CT  
20 - FCFI Golf Tournament, Woodgate Pines, Boonville, NY
- June 2-4 - VT. Dairy Festival, Enosburg Falls, VT  
2-4 - Western NY Dairy Festival, Springville, NY  
10 - Dryden Dairy Day, Dryden, NY  
10-11 - Violet Festival, Dolgeville, NY  
16-17 - Strawberry Festival, Owego, NY  
17 - Branford Festival, Branford, CT

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Love at the International Plowing Match - John Schneider proposing to Linda Huber, both from Palmerston, ON. She said “YES”  
Love at its best! John has been active at farm shows with FCF and also in disaster relief efforts.

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## “And The Greatest Of These Is Love”

I Corinthians 13:13 “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But, the greatest of these is Love”

Love is the key to all we do, in helping others and expressing our faith. Oswald Chambers, said it best, “Work, God's expression of Love to others.” In I Corinthians 13 spiritual gifts are listed but each with a disclaimer that if we don't have love they all fall short. Throughout this issue you'll see love in action, whether on a mission trip because we care or sharing the gospel at farm shows and FCF events, truly an expression of love. Billy Graham expresses it this way

“Without love we are nothing”

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The Pelphrey Family from Marysville, OH helped staff the FCFI Tent at the OSU Farm Science Review last September in London, OH. The kids did a great job of encouraging the over 4,000 show attendees to stop and get a free walking stick.

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## News From The Ohio Valley

### *What Are You Full Of ???*



No I am not considering a derogatory remark!!! What I am talking about is being filled with self. We all know what happens when we are filled with self. I must say that I am speaking from experience here, and if you tell me that you have never been filled with self I would say that I must question that. Why because the scripture tells us that we have all fallen short! So what would you like to be filled with?

How about love? The last part of Ephesians 3 tells us to be rooted and grounded in love and to know the love of Christ that we may be filled up to the fullness of God! Remember the parable of the sower? In Mark 4:19 it talks about being filled up with the worries of the world, riches land money, desires of the flesh and other things come in and choke us to death! Be filled up with love! That covers not just the first two commandments but all of them. Love God with everything you got and love everyone!! I agree that can be hard at times but remember, empty our lives of self!!!

I would like to thank the Lord for the life of Paul Becker from Eaton, Ohio. Paul knew the love of Christ personally and was a great worker at farm shows here in Ohio and in the east with Bill Brown. Paul went to reside with Christ Jesus this past November. We thank God for Paul's life and for his family that still continue to help Bill Brown. One family member told me That Paul loved to share the love of Christ and hand out tracts on the beach. Paul wanted to do that to the end but wasn't able to the last few months.

How about you, can we encourage you in any way? Please let us know! I always end with the invitation to come help us at farm shows or mission trips. We would like to encourage you get out of your shell if you haven't done these things before and we like to be very gentle about it. So please, give us a call and come help, or let us know if we can encourage you in another way. God's richest blessings to all. GO WHEREVER YOU ARE.

*FCFI Area 6 Leader • Gary Beery • P.O. Box 166 Radnor, Ohio 43066*

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## Guest Column

### **Blessed Assurance**



Sandy Zehr

In August of this year, my Mom was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She had been having other health concerns with many serious symptoms prior to this diagnosis. She had been hospitalized, was on oxygen, and had a very high heart rate. Because so much seemed uncertain from day to day, my primary concern was that she was right with the Lord. We had held a Friday night Bible Study at my home in Remsen for many years. Mom would drive down from Boonville most weeks to join us. She doesn't like to drive in the dark, in the rain, or in bad weather. So, I knew Bible Study was important to her. However, although Mom would participate in the Study, I was never certain of her relationship with the Lord and of her salvation.

Prior to going to the hospital to visit one evening, we had prayed and asked the Lord to give some alone time with my Mom, and the right words to say. Shortly after entering her hospital room, all other visitors left. I knew the Lord had provided the time we asked for. When I asked Mom how she was feeling, she shared a little and asked my husband and I to pray for her. I told her we would certainly pray for her and continue to

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## Through The Eyes of a Pastor

**Pastor Randy Johnson, Zolfo Springs, FL**

### **“A Labor of Love”**

*Greetings From Sunny Florida !*

Dear friends, let us Love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God .Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how He showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him This is love not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another; No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another; God lives in us and His love is made complete in us. *1 John 4:7-16.* What awesome news ! Straight from God. As a Pastor, I preach Love, teach Love, Counsel about Love. etc. Love Love Love !!! How many times in a day, a week , a year ,do I use the word love in one of it's various definitions, that God gave to us throughout the Bible ? It's many believe me. It is just one of many “duties “ ( for the lack of a better word ), That come with the “Job”. Talk can come from many sources, education, memorized rhetoric, etc. Someone once said, “talk is cheap”, but God's Word is not just words, It comes with demonstration, and calls every Christian to do same. Jesus himself tells us, If you love me you will obey me.And Jesus also Said, By this will all men know you are my disciples, that you love one another. Some people are easy to love. Their charming personalities, looks, talents, etc .Then there are THOSE people, nothing about them makes it easy to love them. Their personalities are abrasive, looks are repulsive, no talent, as we judge them through our carnal eyes. It is not our “Job “, to pick and choose, but to demonstrate, Thus, The “LABOR”, of love begins.

Remembering The Laborers Are Few,  
**Randy Johnson**

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believe for healing, but first I wanted to be sure she were certain of her salvation. If something were to happen, did she know that she would go to heaven?She immediately responded, yes, she was sure. Then she began to tell my husband and I of the time that she ran into Steve and Mavis at the Barn Festival of the Arts in Remsen. She knew Steve from Bible Study and his visits to the nursing home where she worked, and probably met Mavis a time or two. She said she went into the tent where the bead story was shared with her. It seemed to me that after years of Bible Study, Mom found her assurance while listening to the gospel story as presented through the beads in a Fellowship of Christian Farmers tent. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! There is nothing of greater importance while on this earth than our assurance of where we will spend the rest of eternity after leaving this earth. Thank youFellowship of Christian Farmers for all you do. We so appreciate you! What a blessing it was to serve!



Ozark Farm Fest, Springville, MO. Jeff Goss, FCFI area leader sharing the gospel.

## Market Place Evangelism



Walter Powell, FCFI Area Leader, having a lighter moment with a couple of seasoned farmers at the Sunbelt Ag Expo. Over 7,000 people stopped by the FCF tent.



Wayne McCornachie, standing to right of group, show coordinator with volunteers at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto. Around 11,000 visitors stopped by the FCF-Canada exhibit.

7,000 stopped by the FCF-Canada exhibit at the International Plowing Match held this year in Minto, ON. Stevie Mountain greeting folks as they visit the tent. Stevie has helped at the Plowing Match since he was 7 years old. Also, under the "drive through canopy" John Schneider sharing the good news with a family. Notice the fall decorations in back, provided by Liz Hugenbos.

A view from the back of the busy tent at the Plowing Match. Dave Porter, Watertown, NY and Hank and Liz Hugenbos's grandson Mika, were kept busy tagging the thousands of sticks for the event.



The FCF tent complex at Sunbelt Ag Expo. All ready for a busy three days. Much thanks to Becky Powell and the ladies of Weeks Chapel Church for all their work in making us look good!

**"People may doubt what you say but they will always believe what you do" -unknown**

## other news...

Ron Elliott, Pottstown, PA building some new fence at the ranch. There's always lots of repairs and new construction, as well as cleaning and painting.



## KATHRYN L. BROWN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT: FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN FARMERS

Once again this year the Kathryn L. Brown Memorial Golf Tournament was to benefit Fellowship of Christian Farmers. It was held on May 21, 2016 with a shot gun start at Woodgate Pines Golf Course in Boonville, New York. We had 11 teams with 44 golfers. Every year we have very generous sponsors. We had 106 that donated prizes or sponsored a hole, tee, or cart, and this year even had a table sponsored. We raised almost \$5000 at this year's tournament.

Thanks to all that help coordinate this event. SAVE THE DATE May 20, 2017 at 11:00am for the KLB/FCFI Golf Tournament. To be held at Woodgate Pines Golf Course, Boonville, New York. Hope to see you there!

## "Dates To Remember"

2017 Mission Trip Opportunity  
11th Annual FCFI to ECHO  
Education Concerns for Hunger Organization  
October 28–November 4, 2017 Fort Myers, Florida



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## Higher Ground *“What’s a Trillion?”*

Thinking of counting to a trillion, one number per second? Don’t think too long on it. But take a guess about how long it would take. I’m told it would take 31,688 years – yes, years! Just so you know I didn’t try to time it.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan (when our national debt approached 1 trillion) said that a trillion would be 1,000 \$1 bills stacked 67 miles high, now our national debt is 15 times that (actually it’s 19 times that today). Many people claim that if this trend continues, it will mean the collapse of our monetary system. While there’s no comfort in that, we know that history proves that all of man’s creations fade away. But God does not. That’s why, for our own good, we must place our trust in Him.

All of this reminds me of what the scriptures say about earthly treasures. Specifically, Matthew 6:19-21 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth... but lay up treasures in heaven ... for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Our earthly treasures might be our farm land, stock portfolio or that which we send to Uncle Sam every year. But that’s not where our hearts are to be. As for me, I try to focus on the treasures of heaven, and daily pray for wisdom for our leaders. That way, I’m not filled with fear and robbed of peace.

Charlie Anken

*Charlie went home to be with the Lord a few years ago, but his words still ring true.*

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## other news...



Progress being made on the school building. The project was completed by the end of the week. Ron Herrold, Westfield, IN on roof. Gary Beery receiving advice from a well-meaning volunteer. 9 folks spent the entire week at ECHO in late Oct. The ladies worked on harvesting fruit and making juice concentrate for the November Missionary Conference.

Gary Beery, Radnor, OH driving tractor in preparation to lift center pole of new Haitian School House. The building will be used as a demonstration and gathering place for meetings.



The entire FCF mission group poses for a last minute picture after a busy week of work at Reality Ranch. 15 members came from IN, OH, PA and NY to share Christ’s love through work. The Ranch was recently recognized as “One of the most influential” organizations in Hardy County, FL., our congratulations to Pastor Randy Johnson. It’s a pleasure to work with folks that are reaching out to those in need.



FCF held two outreach meetings in NY the first weekend of October. Dave Porter, Northern NY Chapter leader, welcomes Cathy and Roy Upson, Mohawk, NY, as guest speakers for the events. The Upson’s encouraged those in attendance to answer God’s calling in their lives.

## Greetings from the South *The Greatest Of These Is Love*



Area Leader Walter Powell  
Omega, GA

We live in a time when it seems that we put conditions on love. Thank goodness that God did not use any conditions for His love for us. He loved us before we ever knew Him. With Him there are no stipulations placed on love. We do not have to do this or that in order for Him to love us. He loves us in spite of who we are.

God loves us so much that He sent His son, Jesus, to die for us. This is the message that we need to be telling. This message for ALL is stated in John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (NIV). This includes EVERYONE no matter of race, ethnic group, or religious preference. The evangelistic portion of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers is dedicated to presenting this gospel message that is freely given to mankind.

God is Love. God sent Jesus Christ to demonstrate this love to humanity. Christ commands this love in John 15:12: “This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you.” As Christians we are to follow

this example in sharing this love with others. Think for a moment if we lived in a world that was filled with this kind of love. (Sounds like heaven to me.) Others need to know!

When presenting the gospel message in love at farm shows we come across many who have never heard of this love. We also see others who refuse to accept the love we are offering them. It is never easy to communicate with someone who is offended by the truth of love. Many look upon us and wonder how we can be so willing to go to the masses and talk openly about Jesus. It is because we truly love Christ and we desire for others to know Him and love Him as we do. According to Matthew 28 we are called to go and tell others. What a privilege it is to be a part of an organization that is spreading love in the local communities of our country at a time when love of God is so needed.

## A Book of Proverbs

### “Work and Love Go Hand in Hand”

1. No one was every honored for what he received, only for what he gave.
2. People pay more attention to what you do than what you say.
3. There is no limit to what you can do if you don’t care who gets the credit.
4. The trouble with some who give until it hurts, is that they are supersensitive to pain.
5. Those who go to great lengths to please others are seldom short of friends.

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

“Service to God is the deliberate love-gift of a nature that has heard the call of God.”

-Oswald Chambers

In The Sickle

**Walking In Love**

By Jeff Goss



In Matthew 22:36, when Jesus was asked which is the greatest commandment He responded in verse 37 by saying that we are to love God with all our heart soul and mind. Then in verses 39 and 40, He tells us the second commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself and that all the other laws hang on these two commandments. So, walking in love is not some side issue but it is the main thing in the Christian life. This is why the New Testament has so much to say about this important subject of walking in love. According to Galatians 5:6 our faith works by love so if we don't walk in love we are just spinning our wheels. Jesus tells us in Mark 11:25 and 26 that if we want our prayers to be answered then we can't have "aught" against anyone. An "aught" could be just some little thing we have against someone but according to Jesus if we want to be forgiven by our Father, then we need to get rid of those "aughts" and forgive. Love is not a feeling but a choice we make. Doctors tell us that most sickness is caused by bitterness because our bodies weren't made to hate. Use faith in the love of God shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost and tell Him that you choose to forgive everyone that has hurt you and then fill your thoughts with nothing but love thoughts toward everyone.



**From the Pen of Bill Brown**

*"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God."*

**Learning from Geese**

Kathy and I try to share devotions together each morning. Last fall the writer of that morning's devotion compared Canadian Geese and people in organizations – the same would apply to families. I was intrigued enough to get more information on the web. I shared my finding at a church service in CT. the first Sunday in October and think they are worth sharing here.

1. Geese nearly always fly together – because of this habit they can fly 70% farther while using the same amount of energy. Working together gets more done and with efficiency
2. Falling away from the V Formation requires more energy – They and we need to be a part of a team.
3. Geese rotate leadership – This may be hard for some of us to swallow but each of us has certain expertise and skills. When the lead goose gets tired it moves to the back of the pack to rest, might be a good example for us to follow. Members of a well-functioning organization or team should do the same.
4. This is the one I love the most - Geese honk at each other to encourage and communicate. Churches, organizations and families fall apart without adequate communication!
5. Geese help each other out when in trouble – When one is injured and can't go on, another member of the group stays behind to give companionship. We humans need to follow this example. When was the last time you called someone to see how they're doing?



Hebrews 10:25 "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." (NLT)



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