



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.”



Empire Farm Days is the largest outdoor show in the northeast. George Williams, Candor, NY and veteran volunteer, sharing in front of the tent. 1,500 stopped by the tent.

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

September

1-3 - NYS Festival of Balloons, Dannsville, NY
1-4 - Spencer Fair, Spencer, MA
7-10- Hebron Harvest Fair, Hebron, CT
7-10 - Antique Power Days, Salem, IL
13-14 - Oneida-Herkimer Farm Progress Show, Mohawk, NY
14-17 - Four Town Fair, Somers, CT
16 - Cream Cheese Festival, Lowville, NY
19-23 - International Plowing Match, Walton, On. Canada
19-21 - Ohio Farm Science Review, London, OH
23-24 - Remsen Barn Festival, Remsen, NY
21-24 - Durham Fair, Durham, CT
23-24 - Apple Fest, Central Square, NY

October

6-8 - Harwinton Fair, Harwinton, CT
6-8 - Ozark Farm Fest, Springfield, MO
6-7 - Outreach Dinners, Adams Center and Steuben, NY
12-14 - 3-I Farm Show, Dodge City, KS
13-15 - Riverton Fair, Riverton, CT
17-19 - Sun Belt Ag Expo, Moultrie, GA
20-22 - Fulton Fall Festival, McConnellsville, PA
25-28 - National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN
28 - Apple Fest, Congregational Church, Salem, CT
28 - Fall Festival, Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church, Arcadia, FL

November

4 - Farm Day - Rocking B-A-B Ranch, DeFuniak Springs, FL

December

7-9 - Tulsa Farm Show, Tulsa, OK

Mission Trips

Oct. 28-Nov. 4 - ECHO Mission Trip, Ft Myers, FL
Nov. 5-10 - Reality Ranch Mission Trip, Zolfo Springs, FL
Oct. 29-Nov 5 - **Echo Mission Trip, Ft. Myers, FL - & 6-12 Reality Ranch Mission Trip, Zolfo Springs, FL**



Do you find yourself fishing alone. Sure can be lonesome and sometimes not very productive! FCF has lots of opportunities. Event schedule is too left of page.

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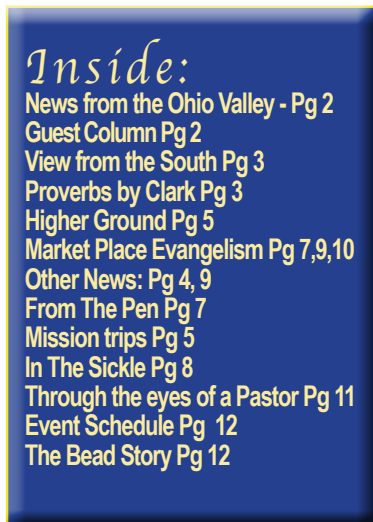
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“Follow Me, And I Will Make You Fishers On Men”

Matthew 4:18-20 “And, Jesus walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two men, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And He saith unto them, Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men. And, they straightway left their nets and followed Him.” Evangelism is for everyone. We are challenged in scripture to fulfill the Great Commission. “Go ye therefore and teach the nations” Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8 “Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judaea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.”

If you're a fisherman, you need to bait that hook. The walking sticks are that bait! A recent statistic states that 61% of Christians do not actively share their faith, no fishing here! Why not join us as together we become “fishers of men.” You and I have a part to play in reaching the world for Christ. If you'd like more opportunities to share why not join us at an event in the near future. Check out the event schedule on the back page. *Together, we can become “Fishers of Men.”*



“And he said unto them, cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it in for the multitude of fishes.” John 21:6 Picture is of the busy street at the Flowerton Festival, Summerville, S.C. March 31 and April 1&2. FCFI will be there again in 2018 from April 6-8. As you can see the fishing was great. 325,000 people visit the annual event rated as one of the top twenty in the US. 4,000 stopped by the FCF tent. We could use more help (fishermen) in 2018.



ME FISH? NOT ME!!

JESUS WAS TALKING TO PROFESSIONAL FISHERMEN.

Those are rough dudes. I know a fella that was on a commercial fishing boat and he was afraid he was going to be killed and thrown overboard for saving a canary. Wait a minute I think I remember that Jesus called all His disciples and all that are born again to go and do what He told these professional fishermen! Be fishers of men! We as Christians are to call all men to repentance and to be born again. Are you? A fisher of men that is? If you are a Christian I know that you have a concern for others, eternity, especially friends, and family, and others you come in contact with. For some it is easier than others to go. We must all encourage each other to

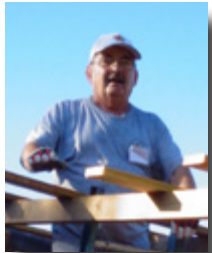
get out and share with others.

In one area of China the believers would go between Christmas and the Chinese New Year and get at least 3 new believers and then disciple them. And the Chinese church has exploded with more believers. If you have trouble sharing come with us and hopefully we can encourage each other to reach out to others. Come help us at our shows and then take it to your family friends and neighbors!! A thousand years from now you will not regret being a fisher of men and obeying our Lord Jesus Christ ~Gary Beery

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Guest Column

Bob Dauchy – FCF Mission Worker from West Edmeston, NY



“Cycle Accident Brings Family Together”

On the morning of June 11, I was riding my motorcycle on my way to the 8AM service to eat at my church. As I was near a farm, I heard a huge BANG! Little did I know that a deer and my motorcycle had collided, I had not seen the deer coming so had no time to react. From that moment and for the next two weeks I had no recollection of events. This was a blessing from God as I went through surgeries to repair broken ribs. My body took on much fluid, over four times the normal amount, I had 15 broken ribs, 8 of which had to be surgically repaired, a severe cut to my liver and spleen and a punctured lung. Medical issues that even hurt although I was in a coma. It was my friend, Bob, who sat with me during those hours and read scripture. The staff was amazed and could see the power of God’s words and was asking Bob about God.

To all of you who have humbled me by your many acts of kindness, you have brought tears to my eyes. Your love changed me from the patient from the motorcycle accident to the man of many cards. Please know that God listened, He kept me in perfect peace. For I knew that God remained by my side.

A blessing from all of this is that God opened my eyes to a Christian family. My three sons reentered my life. Two of them I hadn’t seen in over 20 years. My sons remained by my side through the hospital stay and while in rehab. My oldest son brought his three daughters for me to meet for the first time. God is Good. A motorcycle accident brought my family back together!

The Joy Of Fishing

For as long as I can remember, I love to fish! My earliest memory is sitting down by Grandpa’s pond watching corks floating in the water. There is something exhilarating when the cork drops down. “Pull him in,” was what Grandpa used to say, and with a slight jerk to set the hook, and a little wrestling match between boy and fish, the contest was over, except for a few final shakes and wiggles. And I would shout, “We’re having fish tonight! Whoa!”

The Gospel of Matthew says, Jesus was walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. (Matthew 4:18-20) Jesus has a way of meeting people where they live. Peter and Andrew were familiar with fishing. They knew the details of nets, boats, and hooks. They knew the world of fishing.

But Jesus told them to follow Him and he would make them fishers of men. Jesus enjoyed fish. We can see Him eating fish after his resurrection (see Luke 24:43). But, Jesus is far more interested in the souls of people. To become a fisher of men must mean catching or gathering souls for the Kingdom of God. We can see this quite well in Acts 2, when Peter preached his first sermon after the day of Pentecost. He preached, the people were convicted, and they gladly received the Word. The Bible goes on to say that day, three thousand souls were added (Acts 2:41). I’d say, “That’s a big catch!” Peter became a fisher of men.

I’ve followed Jesus now for several years. He has made me a fisher of men as well. Sometimes it’s one or two people, here and there, sometimes more who become Christians. The thrill of leading a person to faith in Jesus brings much joy to my heart. The Fellowship of Christian Farmers provides a fine way to share the Gospel through the Wordless Walking Stick Ministry. Most recently, God has led me to a new (pond) community. I’ve shared the vision, and several fishermen are now ready to go fishing with me.

I write this article for two main purposes; One, to say again, “Thank you to the Fellowship!” I love each one of you. I’m grateful for what you are doing. Secondly, to challenge each person reading, to gear up and go fishing. Jesus has many more souls He wants to save. He’ll make you a fisher of men too, if you will follow Him.

Gratefully yours,

Pastor Donnie Duncan



Market Place Evangelism



Olcott Bible Church headed up the Niagara County Fair in Lockport, NY again this summer. Eric Sinkora greeting folks in front of tent.



Chris Dearborn sharing the bead story at Niagara County Fair. 900 people stopped by the FCFI tent.



June 2-4 found FCF at the Western NY Dairy Fest in Springville. Roy Upson, from Mohawk, NY, headed up the effort. He's shown sharing the gospel to a group of teenagers. Rainy weather kept attendance down but 400 still stopped by the tent.



Steve Hutton, Holland Patent, NY, helping out at Empire farm Days. Steve is a long time member and volunteer having been on FCF mission trips and serving at several events each year.



Bob Canfield stopped by early one morning at Empire Farm Days in Seneca Falls, NY. He wanted to shown off his well worn walking stick that he received several years ago. Bob uses the stick each morning walking to his barn for chores. Yes, he does know Jesus!



- Jeff Goss Ministering to a group of folks at the Four State Farm Show, Pittsburg, KS – July 21-23



Tom Nolan, Roy Upson and Clark Philips sharing at the very busy tent during Eden Corn Festival. 700 people stopped by inspite of two very rainy days.



Greetings From The South ---

‘Gon Fishin’



Area Leader
Walter Powell
Omega, GA

My wife and I love to go fishing. We have a pontoon boat we enjoy very much. We can get up and walk around on it. It has a top that we can get under in the event of rain or if the sun gets too hot for us. Sometimes when we go out, we catch fish, lots of fish. At other times, we don't catch many fish. There have been times when we did not even catch one fish. Does this mean we would stop going fishing and never get in our boat again? No! Because we like to fish. We have not been fishing in a while, but we are still looking forward to getting back on the boat.

Jesus also said for us to go fishing. He said that He would make us “fishers of men”. This also includes all ages and kinds of people. I like to fish for men myself and to allow God to use me. In Matthew 28, God gives us the command to go into the world and to share the gospel. We really do not have a choice whether to go share the gospel or not if we are followers of Jesus Christ. In fishing for men, we sometimes are successful at sharing the gospel and people come to Christ. At other times, it seems the message falls on deaf ears. Just like in fishing when the fish are not biting, does that mean that I will not go out and witness

again? No! I look forward to going out again because we are living in a sea of lost souls. Just as we use bait to catch the fish, we use the “wordless walking stick” to share the message of salvation. It is the Spirit that woos the listeners to truly hear the message. We are the vessel that God is using so that He gets the glory. Just as we fill our cooler with fish, He increases the kingdom of believers.

When is the last time that you have ‘gon fishin’ for men? Let me encourage you to share the gospel with someone today. ~Walter Powell

A BOOK OF PROVERBS

“FISHING”

1. Why did Jesus ask a fisherman to “feed my sheep”? Because He knew Peter was devoted to Him “Hook, Line and Sinker”
2. On a scale of one to ten, fish always come out on top.
3. Fishermen always seek net profit.
4. A guy who goes fishing in a bathtub is soon all washed up.
5. Give a man a fish and he'll eat today. Teach a man to fish and he'll never go back to work.
6. Never trust a woman who is always fishing for compliments.

Assembled by Clark “Solomon” Phillips
Clark is a past member of the
FCFI Board of Directors

*“It is the quality of
our work that will
please God
and not the quantity”*
~Mahatma
Gandhi

FCFI ANNUAL CONFERENCE July 28-30, York, PA

Photos courtesy of Jerry Druham



Each day we were blessed with worship music provided by Lou Lenaghan, Marcy, NY and Sharon Randal, Osseo, MI



Delores Hayford fills in for Terri Roberts, the Amish Shooters mother. Terri was scheduled to be one of our evening speakers but was very sick and has since gone home to be with Lord. Delores brought the hope of forgiveness that Terri shared throughout her life. Terri's book *Forgiven* is available on Amazon.



Pastor Carl Chapman, New Hartford, NY getting excited as he leads the workshop on "Finishing Well". Staying useful all your life.



The "Communication, - Making the Connection" workshop was led by John Vogel, Editor, *American Agriculturist* magazine.



FCFI Prayer Coordinator, Mary Jones, Tifton, GA encouraging the attendees to have a prayer life that truly reaches out to God.



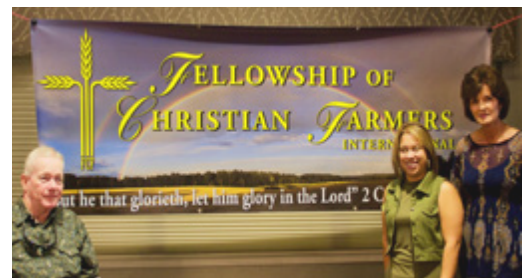
Friday night of the conference is a time for reports on the many ministries FCF is involved with. Hank Hui-genbos, Wingham, ON, Canada shared his experiences of working with Rapid Action to folks in time of need.



One of the highlights of the Sat. evening program was a concert by Harmony Quartet.



Members of the MHV and Woodstock, CT chapters discussed "Making an FCFI Chapter Work". Both chapters are very active in working shows through out the year.



Pastor Randy Johnson, Reality Ranch, Zolfo Springs, FL served as keynote speaker Sat night. Shown in picture is care givers Lizette Luzano, Bowling Green, FL and Paula Harris, Huntsville, AL

Walking Stick Work Days July 12-15, Marcy, NY 45 Volunteers Help Prepare 10,000 Sticks For The Summer And Fall Seasons



Some of the crew hard at work.



The Zacek grandkids helping tag novelty items for the upcoming events. Lots of work for everyone at stick work days.



Market Place Evangelism

Woodsman's Field Days August 18-20, Boonville, NY Nearly 2,000 Visit The Booth With 45 Making The Decision To Follow Christ



Front of booth at Woodsman's Field Days. The Bielby Family, all eight of them helped out.



Chris Brown sharing the bead story at the Woodsman's Field Days.



Our Great Task

Jesus didn't say follow me and I will make you a prayer warrior or even a good Christian even though obviously these things are important. But Jesus did say, "follow me and I will make you fishers of men," If people don't have Jesus, then they do not have life, peace, joy or true meaning to being on this earth. Without Jesus in our life, we are just breathing, eating, sleeping and then dying. Without Jesus, we cannot truly love nor can we have satisfaction from anything in this world. And then most important of all, without Jesus in our lives as Lord, we cannot enter heaven. All these things I have listed is why it is so important to God that we become fishers of men. God does not want people to live in misery in this life and in eternity so He wants everyone saved. The amazing thing is, God has chosen us for this great task of helping bring men into the Kingdom of God. You may think, that is too much responsibility for mankind but all the pressure is on God and His Word. We can't save anybody. Our only job is to open our mouth and speak God's Word in faith. His Word will produce the fruit it was set out to produce. Psalms 119:130 says, "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." As we simply speak God's Word, the Holy Spirit and the Word will do the rest. ~Jeff Goss

Area Leader • High Ridge, Missouri

Thank-you For Supporting Our Mission



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A Time For Change – Marrying

Ecclesiastes 3:1&2 "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted. And I have to add "and a time for a longtime farm bachelor to get hitched."

Last year I married a wonderful woman. Marrying for the first time at age 40 has at times been a hard process. Working alone with cows and calves, I was comfortable relying on myself and seeking help only when absolutely necessary. I had carried that way of thinking into my marriage. God worked on my heart through his word, and using Godly friends to share wisdom on healthy relationship skills. It's been humbling.

It also has been great! It's wonderful to have a wife that's a friend, an encourager and someone with whom I can trust my heart. Trusting someone else, though, leaves me vulnerable. But, God is using marriage as a tool to uncover what I had hidden away. And, my journey of learning will never stop as long as my heart stays open.

In life, just as in farming, you have to expect to fix or repair something daily. All of us need fixing, and going to the Lord in prayer is a great way to start. You never know what God will use to reach you. But he hears the cries of your heart, and in due time he'll answer you. And, yes, my wife approved of this message. ~Neil Norman,

Woodstock, CT

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There's Still Time To Join Us On The FCF Mission Trips!

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



ECHO
17391 Durand Rd. N. Ft. Myers FL
For more information: www.echo.net
\$320.00 per person (from Ft. Myers)
includes food and lodging
The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International
www.fcfi.org
Work Projects Include:
Plumbing and Electrical
Irrigation Repairs - Ditch Digging
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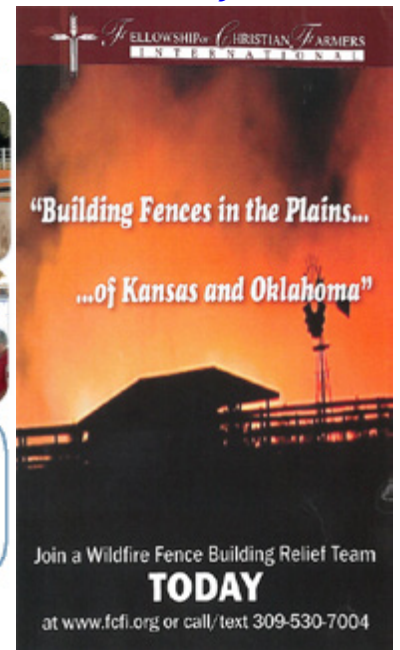
Want more information?
Please contact Bill & Kathy Brown at 315-736-5964 or 315-749-6823

2017 Mission Trip Opportunity
8th Annual FCFI to Reality Ranch Ministries
November 5–10, 2017 Zolfo Springs, Florida



Reality Ranch Ministries
PO BOX 1726, Zolfo Springs, FL 33890
For more information on Reality Ranch: www.realityranchministries.org
\$320.00 per person (from Orlando, FL)
Includes food, lodging and some cost of materials for construction projects.
Work Projects Include: Building Pavilion • Repairing Horse Corals
Many small maintenance jobs: painting • pressure washing • rebuilding fence
and rodeo arena, etc.

Want more information?
Ron & Deb Herold 219-916-3535 or 219-916-3994
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FALL OUTREACH BANQUET

25th Annual
Fellowship of Christian Farmers,
International
Mohawk Valley Chapter

October 7th

at the

Steuben Town Hall
Corner of Route 274 & 9458 Soule Rd
Remsen, NY 13438

With Keynote Speaker
Wayne and Edith Clark

From Grenville-sur-la-Rouge, Quebec

Wayne and Edith are retired farmers and
serve Fellowship of Christian Farmers,
Canada as Executive Director and
Administrator.

Buffet Style Dinner

7:30pm

\$16.00 pp

For Reservations Call

315-736-5964 – by October 4th

Northern NY Chapter Dinner
Friday, Oct 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Six Town Meeting House Church St., Adams, NY
Contact the Porters at 315-778-5247
Family Style Dinner - \$14.00



From the Pen of
BILL BROWN



Friends & Fellow Fishermen

This past year I lost two good friends, both went home to be with the Lord at the young age of 61. Duncan McKiddie served many roles in FCF-Canada. To work with Duncan was a pleasure as his main goal in life was to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. He indeed was a "fisher of men."

Tom Ryan was the other friend I lost. I'd known Tom for nearly all my adult life. His interests and mine were the same as both enjoyed playing sports. But, above all Tom was active in his local church serving in many capacities. He and his wife, Karen, stood up for Kathy and me at our wedding. They were supporters of FCFI believing in our work. He also was a "fisher of men." I still have a plaque hanging in our hall way given to us as a Christmas present many years ago.

*"A friend is one who knows you as you are,
understands where you've been,
accepts who you've become,
and still gently invites you to grow.*

Catch the FCF vision – "become **fishers of men**"

~ Bill Brown



Members of MT. Ephraim Baptist Church, Arcadia, FL manned the FCF tent at Family Fun Day in Apopka, FL. 25 people responded by praying to accept Christ as their savior. The community event was a celebration of life in honor of an 8 year old boy who was run over by a car.



Old Home Days, Vernon Center, NY. Dave Iamele and Don Kenyon working the show. Small shows give opportunities for good one on one conversation.