



Crop Plan 2019

Dear Friends of FCFI,

The spring of 2019 will be remembered from Kansas to Ohio and from Wisconsin to Arkansas as the planting season that was extremely delayed. Delayed planting is a "Crisis" in America that is going to impact the entire country. Farmers are stressed and we need to pray for farm families.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds, in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4: 6-7

Would you call your friends who farm and find out how they are handling this spring's stress? Hearing a person's voice is more powerful than a text or email. The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International was started in 1985 during the credit crisis. The initial farmers saw a need for farmers to hold each other up through a difficult time. Farmers are excellent counsellors to each other. The only difference today is our best farming friends may live in another state. We need to work at guarding our hearts and minds in Christ just as the verse above says.

Would you send the FCFI Home Office scripture verses or devotions that have positively helped you guard your heart in the midst of stress? FCFI President Dave Carter told me last week that his local Crop Insurance Agent used an Angus Buchan devotional entry from May 19th to encourage six farmers struggling with delayed planting. We will post the devotion on the www.fcfi.org website. Another farmer shared with me Psalm 62:1-8 has encouraged him.

"Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us." Psalm 62: 8

Lord willing, we can start a positive virus of farmer scriptures, devotions, and testimonies that can be a source of encouragement to get through a stressful time.

This is a very important time in our nation's history for the ministry to continue sharing the gospel message with people at farm shows. Your prayer and financial support keeps the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International well-funded to continue being a witness unto the Lord Jesus Christ this year.

Be sure to send the Home Office your e-mail address and place FCFI as an approved sender in your address book. This saves printing and postage costs. Be sure to "like" FCFI on its Facebook page at www.fcfi.org.

Your Brother in Christ,

Dennis Schlager, Executive Director/CEO
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The Fellowship of Christian Farmers organized a base camp for flood disaster relief in Nance County Nebraska in April following a bomb cyclone on the Loup River that connects with the Missouri River. The Loup Canal gates have breached in six places near Genoa, Nebraska. Another levee breached in Nance County June 3rd. Initial FCFI teams cleared trash from fields so they could be planted. The power of the water even separated railroad ties from the rails and spread the 200 pound ties across fields. April

is a hard time to recruit disaster relief workers. Delayed planting in Nebraska has created a double disaster. Lord willing, we will continue to recruit farmers and ranchers to Genoa, Nebraska to do long term disaster relief. The length of the Missouri River, Mississippi River, and the Arkansas River all has agriculture damage. It is a massive disaster situation. Please contact the FCFI Home Office to organize a time for your team can travel to help farm families in Nebraska. Thank you so much for praying for farm families battling flood damage.

The Lord is at work building a Fellowship of Christian Farmers organization in New Zealand. The South Island Agricultural Field Days was March 27-29 in the farming community called Kirwee near Christchurch. Shown in the photo above is the South Island Agricultural Field Days Team. Little did anyone know that on March 15th a gunman would enter a Mosque in Christchurch and murder 50 people. The gunman also had a Go Pro video camera attached to a headband so he could Facebook live the murderous act throughout New Zealand. The live video lasted 17 minutes. A horrific impact on the five million people that live in New Zealand. The South Island Agricultural Field Days Board of Directors nearly canceled the farm show out of respect for the dead.

The Fellowship exhibit became a place for people to talk about why such a terrorist attack could happen in New Zealand. June 12-15 will be the National Fielddays Farm Show on the North Island near Hamilton. Fellowship of Christian Farmers NZ will have its 9th exhibit in a row. On Thursday night during Fielddays a Rally meal hosted by Capernwray Bible School will bring New Zealand farmers together to meet each other to cultivation friendship in rural NZ. Capernwray students have prepared 1300 wordless walking sticks and 500 wordless puzzles to share the gospel during the four days of National Fielddays.





FCFI Area Director Jeff Goss presents the gospel with four Arkansas FFA members at the Arkansas FFA State Convention. In his newsletter Jeff reports "even though there has been a lot of traveling...it has been well worth the effort. In all my years of ministry, I have never seen so much receptivity to the Gospel. At each of these conventions we have a constant flow of kids who are totally focused on hearing the Gospel message come to our booth. So far, we have had thousands of these kids pray with us..."

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International is halfway into the plan to have exhibits at 18 State FFA conventions. The goal of the exhibits is to share the gospel message. FFA students will also be challenged to participate in an FCFI Disaster Relief campaign in their area, and organize a Used Shoe campaign in their school or community. Your prayer and financial support makes it possible to increase the Fellowship's contact with high school FFA members. Thank you so much!



The Georgia FFA State Convention and Career Show in Macon, Georgia, was an impressive display of all types of schools for students to consider in planning their career.

YES Dennis, *I / We will partner with FCFI to make a difference!*

Please Check All that Apply

- ☒ **RAPID RESPONSE** Support FCFI Disaster Relief Campaigns including Nebraska Flooding \$50,000.
- ☒ **FARM SHOW MINISTRY** Help cover the exhibit fees including FFA Conventions \$95,000.
- ☒ **SMALL GROUP MATERIALS** Angus Buchan Small Group materials inventory \$2,000.
- ☒ **MOST URGENT NEED** Please use our/my gift wherever it is NEEDED MOST on the day it arrives.

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Thank-you for helping FCFI get more digital in communicating with you.

- ☒ We will partner with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers in praying for its ministry outreach.

Please pray for us: _____

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26th Annual Conference

Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

"Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near." Isaiah 55:6

Registration Deadline:
Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Registration Form

26th Annual FCFI Conference
July 26 - 28, 2019 - Dubuque, IA

Name _____

Spouse _____

Children _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Conference fees include; 6 meals and 2 nights lodging per person

_____ # of additional Nights, please specify dates _____

Make Checks Payable to:

FCFI Conference

P.O. Box 15, Lexington, IL 61753

Additional Conference Activities

CHECK OPTIONS BELOW AND INCLUDE
PAYMENT ALONG WITH REGISTRATION FEES

- ☐ Knipper Dairy (Free)
- ☐ Farm Toy Museum (\$5 each)
- ☐ Fenelon Place Elevator (\$3 each)
- ☐ Mississippi River Museum
& Aquarium (\$13 each)
- ☐ American Lady Yacht (\$36 each)

Conference Registration Fees

FRIDAY EVENING, SATURDAY, SUNDAY NOON

- ☐ Adults _____ \$300.00 US each
- ☐ Children _____ \$100.00 US each

Total _____ \$ _____

July 26 - 28, 2019 - Dubuque, Iowa

FEATURING

- Rapid Action Reports
- Mission Reports
- FCFI Auction
- Informative Workshops
- Great time of fellowship and reconnecting with friends
- Opportunities to tour Knipper Dairy, the National Farm Toy Museum, Fenelon Place Elevator, the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium and the American Lady Yacht luncheon and tour.

Keynote Speaker

Joe Humrichous



Executive Director
Paradigm 1

Special Music

Common Bond Quartet



Saturday Evening Concert

Grand River Center - Dubuque, IA

For more information, contact: FCFI (309) 365-8710 or fellowship@fcfi.org

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