



# 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, 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.”

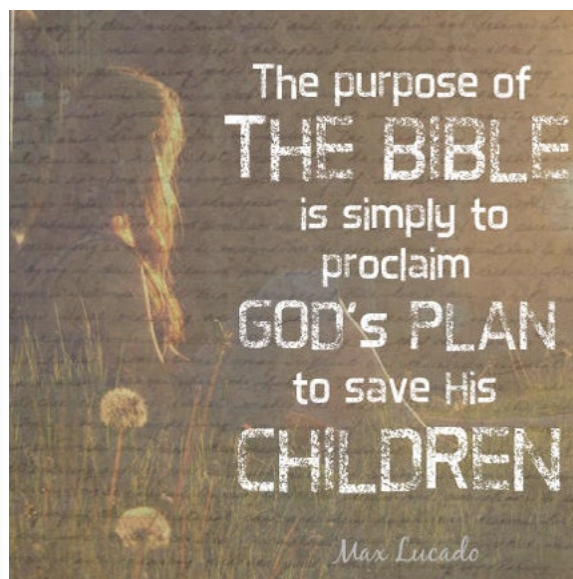
-The **Red Color** - represents the blood of Christ. - Romans 5:8 - “But God commends his love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” When we accept Christ as our Savior our sins are washed **White** as snow. Isaiah 1:18 We're forgiven. Romans 10:9 - “Confess with your mouth 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.”

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 Jan-June 2020

- Jan. 7-9 - Keystone Farm Show, York, PA
- 15-16 - SC AgriBiz, Florence, SC
- 17-18 - Ag Expo, West Monroe, LA
- 18-19 - Florida Manatee Festival, Crystal River, FL
- Jan 30 - Feb 1 - Western NY Farm Show, Buffalo, NY
- Feb 12- 15 - The National Farm Machinery Show, Louisville, KY
- 21-23 - Western Farm Show, Kansas City, MO
- 22-23 - Swamp Cabbage Festival, LaBelle, FL
- 27-29 - NY Farm Show - Syracuse, NY
- 27-29 - Pioneer Days - Wauchula, FL
- 27 - FCFI Dinner Meeting - Avon Park, FL
- 28-29 - Mid-South Farm and Gin Show, Memphis, TN
- March 7-8 - Strawberry Festival, Floral City, FL
- 11-12 - Wichita Falls, TX
- 13- ECHO Global Food and Farm Festival, Ft Myers, FL
- 13-15 - West Branch Susquehanna Builders Home Show, Williamsport, PA - Steele
- 21 - Pioneer Days, Arcadia, FL
- April 3-5 -Flowerton Festival, Summerville, SC
- 11- Maddox Farm Day, Dotham, AL
- 17-19 - FCF-Canada Annual Meeting- Dalkeith, ON, Canada
- May 15-17 - Middlecreek Valley Antique Association - Steele
- 29-31 - Nittany Antique Machinery Show, Centre Hall, PA - Steele
- 30 - FCFI Golf Tournament, Woodgate Pines, Boonville, NY
- June - 4-5 - Vermont Dairy Festival, Enosburg Falls, Vt
- 6-7 - Western NY Dairy Festival, Springville, NY
- 6-7 - Violet Festival, Dolgeville, NY
- 6-7 - Meredith Dairy Fest, Meridale, NY
- 6-7 - Antique Tractor Show, Madrid, NY - Porter
- 11-13- PA State FFA convention, State College,PA- Steele
- 13- Chenango County Dairy Fest, Norwich, NY
- 13-14- Antique Tractor Show, Sharon Springs, NY
- 13-14 - Strawberry Festival, Owego, NY
- 13 - Branford Festival, Branford, CT



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## “Called According To His Purpose”

**Romans 8:28 “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose.”** The Fellowship of Christian Farmers purpose is “to build, maintain and strengthen faith in God for the farmer, the farm family and the farming industry by presenting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.” Winston Churchill put it this way. “It’s not enough to have lived. We should be determined to live for something.” Our prayer is that your something is to live for Christ and to make Him known. We in FCF have lots of opportunities available.

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*Mike Bastiaansen, Embro, Ontario stands in front of the FCF-Canada Exhibit at the International Plowing Match in West Nipissing, Ontario. When it comes to having purpose in our lives, I can't think of anyone who fulfills it better. Mike does what God calls us to do, be good at our job (farmer), be a good husband and serve the Lord with gladness! Mike went home to be with his Lord & Savior on November 23rd, only a few weeks after this picture was taken.*



## What Should Be Our Purpose?



We read in **Deuteronomy 14:2** “You have been set apart and chosen for His purpose.” Our purpose here on earth ought to be what God has commanded us to do in the great commission. **Matthew 28:19a** “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.”

**A good start is the following:**

- Reach the lost – do it now
- The fields are ripe – John 4:35
- Become involved in sowing and reaping – John 4:36-38
- Bear fruit – John 15:1-8
- Be His witness – Acts 1:8
- Finally, declare Christ openly – do it in the sight of others – Matt 10:32-33

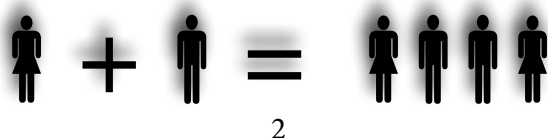
Kathy and I are so thankful for the Fellowship of Christian Farmers and the many opportunities we have been given to serve. People are waiting to hear the “Good News.

~Bill Brown

## My Turn

**“But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that my name be proclaimed in all the earth.” Exodus 9:16** His purpose encompasses all that we do in life, at home, at work, school and community. I believe God created me for a purpose although it took me many years to figure it out. Now in my retirement of 20 years I can say it is a true joy and privilege to work alongside my husband, Bill. Together, God’s word teaches us to persevere each day but also to challenge and stretch us farther. **“Two people are better than one .... Ecclesiastes 4:9.** God doesn’t want us going in different directions because we will accomplish less alone.

Traveling and working shows to share the gospel with the walking sticks has many challenges. Together we support each other, and serve each other which encourages us to do God’s purpose of proclaiming the gospel to the lost. God’s word is meant for action. Action from us. What are you doing to create meaning and purpose in your life? If you’re a single person, there are others waiting to come alongside and work with you in FCF. Two or many are better than one.



## UFO’s Sighted!



The date was July 20, 1969, my sister’s birthday. I was 12 and sharing a room with my 3 brothers. Our bedroom was the largest room upstairs in the old, drafty, farmhouse. It was getting late, so I plugged in the earpiece and pulled the sheet up over my head. Armed with a flashlight, an old AM/FM transistor radio with a broken antenna I lay listening with wrapt attention to the moon landing!

My father had no time or tolerance for space travelers or any other type of science fiction for that matter. I remember him telling me that the great space frontier was between my ears. I loved science, space, technology, in fact, anything that took me from the “here and now” to the “there and then”! Oh, the thrill and excitement as I turned out the light and crept over to the window now looking and listening to the men on the moon!

I was to recall this experience when writing a piece for a paper in college. Harbored in my imagination still tied to the dock, was my fantasy with space exploration and UFOs. My story just needed some type of energy that would defy the gravitational pull of limited reason. I found that power in Romans 1:16!

Before you call your regional leader of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers you will need to hear me out. There may be those who would create a divisive line to either support or disprove the validity of the print before you. UFO’s are real! No, No, NOT Unidentified Flying Objects but Unlimited Future Opportunities! When I think of the changes affecting our nation, with many battles being waged against the forces of righteousness I see a host of Biblically minded individuals who drop doctrinal distinctions and church affiliation to share the Good News of Jesus Christ! Romans 1:16 “I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone” This is an Unlimited Future Opportunity. Think about the possibilities and the course correction of one person as you initiate the conversation that radically reaches into the heart and plants the seed of the gospel into the fertile soil of the heart! They turn from darkness to light, from death unto life! Trajectory is sure!

I am so excited about the vision and vitality exhibited by this group who feel the call, as Moses did when God called to him in Exodus 4:2 “And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, “A rod” (A walking stick!). Let’s go find those UFOs!



Cathy Upson explaining the colors to a young gal and her Mom at the Family Farm Day in Little Falls, NY. Cathy and husband Roy serve as fieldmen for FCF. In the back long time member, Tom Farnell, helps prepare sticks.



↑ Long lines all day at the Farm Day, Rocking B-A-B Ranch, DeFuniak Springs, FL. The event drew 6,000 people to the everything is free event. FCF handed out 1,500 walking sticks and lots of smaller items.

International Plowing Match



↑ Sometimes sticks need a little attention. Wayne Clark and Russ Snider put some stain to the sticks. People love the stained sticks.



↑ Mike Bastiaansen all smiles as he listens to a new presenter share the bead story.



↑ Terry Taylor and Edith Clark serve as greeters at the Plowing match. A friendly smile helps bring the folks in.

Old Tools and Humans  
Each Created with Purpose

My wife and I love it when our Fellowship of Christian Farmers chapter works a Tractor Show. We love to find time to walk around the flea market area and look at all the tables full of old tools. There they lay on tables and on the ground. Some are rusty, some greasy, and some look to be in great shape. It is fun to look at each of them trying to figure out what their purpose is. Each tool was created to perform a certain task or do a certain job. By looking at each the purpose is not always obvious. But every single tool has a job. And that job is accomplished when you put that tool in the hands of a craftsman with knowledge and skills to use each tool. In the hands of the average person those tools do not have as much value.

My wife spoke with a man depressed. He felt he had no man needed reassurance that Everyone has a purpose in tools mentioned earlier, that noticeable or understood. We alone. The Lord explains this “And we know that all things to those who Love God, to according to His purpose.” We

to accomplish OUR purpose in this world. But our purpose is accomplished when we work and strive to fulfill the Lord’s purpose for each of us. Remember, the old tools are most productive when in the hands



recently who was feeling purpose in this world. That he does have a purpose. life. But, like those old purpose is not always can feel lost, confused and situation in Romans 8:23 work together for good those who are the called are thinking our life is lived

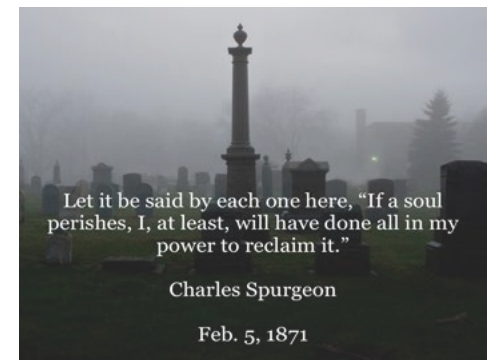
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A Book of Proverbs

“On Having Purpose in Life”

- ~ Life is not worth living unless you have a goal(purpose) you’re willing to die for
- ~ It’s never to late to be what you might have been.
- ~ There is no limit to how much you can do if you don’t care who gets the credit.
- ~ There’s a great difference between making a lot of money and leading a rich life.
- ~ Those who go to great lengths to please others are seldom short of friends.
- ~ During trying times – keep trying.

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



Let it be said by each one here, “If a soul perishes, I, at least, will have done all in my power to reclaim it.”

Charles Spurgeon

Feb. 5, 1871

# Market Place Evangelism



Man was it ever cold!! Roy Upson sharing the gospel at the Fulton Fall Festival in McConnellsburg, PA late October.



# Market Place Evangelism



↑ Jeff sharing Christ with school kids at Farm Progress Show.

# Harvest Fall Market



↑ FCF had a first-time presence at the event in Underhill, VT. Joyce and Cliff Kitchen, Vernon Center, NY made the trip north to enjoy the beautiful fall colors and help at the event.



↑ Chris Brown sharing with a family. Others in picture Kathy Brown and Joyce Kitchen.



↑ FCF workers Kevin and Anne Fleming, Enosburg Falls, VT stopped by to help on Sunday.

# Sunbelt AgExpo

October 15-17



Steve and Chris Brown travelled from upstate NY to help at the Expo. Around 4,000 stopped by the FCF Tent.

↓ Speaking of travelling a long distance to serve. Pictured is Mike Brehm from Wisconsin



↑ Busy Tent at the Expo. Shown in picture - Volunteers Pastor Donnie Duncan and Pat Watson



↑ Jeff sharing Christ with a large group at Ozark farmfest.



## God Has a Plan

In **Jeremiah 29:11** God gives us one of the most encouraging words that He could give us when He says, **“For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future”**. As an evangelist, when I think of this scripture it excites me because that means that every person I help bring to Christ has a purpose. I could be ministering to a future Pastor or missionary or to someone who has a gift as a businessperson who will help finance the Gospel. Of course, the number one motivation to help someone come to Christ should be so they can go to Heaven. But before they get to Heaven God has a specific job which He has equipped them to do to help further His kingdom. A good parent wants their kids to find their calling in life and for them to live with a passion to fulfill this purpose. It would be heartbreaking for a parent to see their kids living depressed with no motivation or reason for living. How much more would it hurt our Father God to see us just existing? This is why He created us to have specific callings. Sadly, cemeteries are full of people who never even came close to living out the true purpose God had for them. We need to let this sad fact motivate us to live out our purpose and to minister to others.

*~Jeff Goss*

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of a Master Craftsman. The Lord is the Master Craftsman that created each of us and has a purpose for each of us. But we have to place ourselves in His hands. How do we “place ourselves” into the hands of the Lord? When we join His spiritual family. We become part of His family when we realize each of us has offended the Lord by breaking

His rules such as do lie and do not cheat (the Bible calls these offenses sins.) We each must personally accept the peace offering of His own son’s (Jesus) death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. Are you finally ready to fulfill God’s purpose for your life? Take time today to get on our knees and humble ourselves to the Lord and say “Jesus I open my heart to you. Come on in!!” Become part of God’s family and realize your real purpose for being created!!!

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“We had people stopping us everyday, asking to hear the story.” Pete Singer said after completing a transatlantic cruise with Norwegian. During the cruise Pete and Sandy presented the Gospel and gave over 100 FCFI necklaces and bracelets to crew, officers and guests. “The beads were the talk of the ship. People stopped us on the jogging path wanting to know how to get a bracelet.”

## Thank-you For Supporting Our Mission



Support FCFI: I would like to assist the mission of Fellowship of Christian Farmers in Presenting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

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## Market Place Evangelism

**Lake Wales Pioneer Days - New fieldmen,  
Pete Singer sharing the gospel.**



**The Kathryn L. Brown/Fellowship of Christian Farmers Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 30, 2020 ay Woodgate Pines in Boonville, NY. It is a four man /woman scramble. Same venue as previous years. The event is a major fundraiser for this ministry. A good time is always had by all. For more information, please contact Steve or Christyne Brown at (315)525-5131 or (315)982-1823. We look forward to having you join us.**

## Testimonies from the Field...

*We'd like to share a few testimonies that came to us in the past couple of months. FCF receives many of them and they encourage us as we work at events sharing our faith.*



*Busy Tent At The International Plowing Match*

*~Peter Talbot shares his experience of working with FCF-Canada at The International Plowing Match in West Nipissing, Ontario, Canada, September 21st., 2019. My name is Peter*

*Talbot and I'm 78 years old. I was saved 20 years ago at the age of 58. I have never been confident to share the gospel, even with individuals until I met the Fellowship of Christian Farmers. Using their technique of the colored bead presentation in less than 5 minutes has changed my life and I must say "Thank You."*



*Rhe'al Malais, one of the bi-lingual presenters at the Plowing Match*

*~Lake Wales, FL - A fellow exhibitor stopped by during takedown time on Sunday, October 27. Her comment was "I want to commend you for the job you did. I was a few exhibits above you and to see people walking by with their walking sticks and still reading the FCF tract was encouraging. What a blessing to have a Christian influence at the event."*

*~Rhe'al Malais, one of the French speaking presenters at the Plowing Match, shared the following. "Larry, who listened to the bead story along with three others, when I asked if he would like to pray the prayer of repentance said that he prayed it while I was talking because he knew he was not saved. He couldn't wait to make that commitment." Editor - When God prepares a heart, they are ready to receive.*

## Market Place Evangelism



*Karen Steele sharing the gospel at the PA Heritage Festival, Troy, PA* ↑



*Karen Steele shares with a husband and wife.* ↑

## Singers Join Staff

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers is pleased to announce that Pete and Sandy Singer have joined the FCF staff and will be working as fieldmen in the southern states. Pete has worked at ECHO in North Fort Myers, FL. for over 10 years as the Physical Plant Manager. FCF has spent a week every fall for the last 13 years at ECHO taking members on a mission trip. The Singers can be reached at (239)456-5527.

## New Staff Pete and Sandy



## NY FCF Chapters Outreach Meetings

October 4, 5



*Two FCFI NY Chapters Outreach were well attended with around 70 at both the Northern NY and Mohawk Valley Chapters. Bert and Wilma Viischer, Ontario, Canada visit with Northern NY Chapter Leader, Dave Porter. Bert served as keynote speaker sharing his experiences of coming to Canada as a young boy from the Netherlands, losing his first wife to cancer and of working with FCF-Canada sharing his faith.*



*It's always good to have the support of local pastors and their wives. Pastor Carl and Roberta Chapman and Pastor James and Lolli Brewer enjoying their meal. Pastor Chapman brought the opening invocation and Pastor Brewer closed the meeting in prayer. We appreciate both of them and their help.*



*Kathy Brown visiting with Don and Luanna Humphreys at the Mohawk Valley Outreach Dinner*

## Market Place Evangelism

### Balloon Fest and Air Show - Lycoming County, PA



*FCFI witness Karen Steele with two young ladies wearing their crowns and hearing the Message!*



*FCFI witness Ernie Reese looks on as FCFI witness Sally Good goes one-on-one with this young man making sure he understands completely.*



*Brother and sister wearing their new FCFI crowns, necklaces, and bracelets! Oh yes, a peace sign from the young man!!*



*The brother and sister from above but with an awesome look on the young man's face as he sees what FCFI treasures await him!*