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 In Jesus name, Amen Lord of my life."

Event Schedule Sept-Dec 2020

- Aug 30 Sept1- Spencer Fair, Spencer, MA cancelled
- 4-6 NYS Festival of Balloons, Dansville, NY cancelled
- 4-6 Flowerton Festival, Summerville, SC cancelled
- 5 Regional Market, Syracuse, NY
- 5-8 Hebron Harvest Fair, Hebron, CT cancelled
- 6 East Avon Flea Market, Avon, NY
- 10-13 Nittany Antique Tractor Show, PA
- 12 Regional Market, Syracuse, NY
- 12-13 Lycoming County Balloon Fest, Hughesville, PA Steele
- 12-15 Four Town Fair, Somers, CT cancelled
- 12-13 Cogan House County Festival, Trout Run, PA Steele
- 18-19 Central NY Farm Progress Show, Mohawk, NY cancelled
- 19-20 Pennsylvania Heritage Day, Easton, PA Steele cancelled 19- Cream Cheese Festival, Lowville, NY - cancelled
- 19 Regional Market, Syracuse, NY
- 26 Taste of Shoreline, Guilford, CT
- 26 Regional Market, Syracuse, NY
- 26-27 Remsen Barn Festival, Remsen, NY cancelled
- 26-27 Apple Fest, Central Square, NY cancelled
- 26-27 Underhill Market Festival, Underhill, VT cancelled
- October 2-4- Harwinton Fair, Harwinton, CT
- 2-3 Outreach Meetings NY
- 3 Regional Market, Syracuse, NY
- 9-11 Riverton Fair, Riverton, CT cancelled
- 10 Regional Market, Syracuse, NY
- 11-13 Tioga County Early Days, Whitneyville, PA Steele
- 14-17 International Plowing Match, Karwartha Lakes, Ontario, Canada cancelled
- 17 Regional Market, Syracuse, NY 17-18 - Hellers Apple Festival, Wapwallopen, PA - Steele - cancelled
- 17-18 Fulton Fall Festival, McConnellsburg, PA- cancelled
- 20-22 Sunbelt Ag Expo. Moultrie, GA- cancelled
- 24 Regional Market, Syracuse, Ny
- 31 Apple Fest, Congregational Church, Salem, CT cancelled
- 31 Mt Ephraim Baptist Church Family Day, Arcadia, FL
- 30-31 Pioneer Days, Lake Wales, FL- cancelled
- 31 Regional Market, Syracuse, NY
- 31 Watsontown Light the Night, Milton, PA Steele
- November 7- Farm Day Rocking B-A-B Ranch, DeFuniak Springs, FL cancelled
- 7- Dragon Boat Festival, Lake Hernando, FL
- 21- Haven Holiday Market, Winter Haven, FL
- December 5 Benton Winter Fest Benton, PA Steele



We are thankful to sit on our back porch and enjoy God's creation, our flag and beautiful flowers.

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"Give Thanks To The Lord"

We have been through a lot, and are still doing so, very trying times in the world. But, as our front cover picture shows, we have so much to be thankful for. "O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercies endureth forever." Ps 118:1 His beautiful creation, His word

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that encourages us and lifts our spirits during trials. "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ve might have peace. In the world ve shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

What great comfort. We in FCFI are going through some of the same trials and challenges you face each day. Nearly all of our events have been cancelled through the end of 2020, but we have confidence in Him that his word will go forth. So, let's join together and give Him the thanks He so richly deserves.



Thankful that youth groups can still go on mission trips, helping others and spend time studying God's Word. Strasburg Mennonite Church, PA on their annual summer mission trip

Being Thankful

I am so thankful to have God's word and His Holy Spirit as my guide and comforter. To say the least we are going through troubling and challenging times would put it too simply. In the last few months, we have been completing applications, paying exhibitor fees, and sending in insurance certificates to many events only to have them cancelled at the last minute. This is frustrating at best.

We continue to hold out with the thought that sometime soon our country will start to open with the possibility to gather in larger crowds. Last week I received notification that The Sunbelt Ag Expo, in Moultrie, GA, had been cancelled as

well. It was the last remaining major farm show to hold out with the hope of welcoming thousands of visitors. However, God has opened doors and we have been able to exhibit at the Regional Farmers Market in Syracuse on a weekly basis. We have also been sharing Christ's love at the



Thankful to have Jimmy and Joseph D'Armond, they call us Grampa and Grandma, stop by for breakfast and to say "HI"

East Avon Flea Market once a month. Not as busy as we had planned but still sharing to a very needy world. As MHV Chapter member, Ric Rosaro, stated "Sometimes the smaller the crowd but better the conversations." We agree. We do have some events on our calendar and continue to look at all options through the fall. We have a couple of mission trips being planned, the annual outreach meetings in NY and I am pleased to announce that the 28th Annual FCFI Conference will be help in central NY next July. Details will follow in the January issue. Thanks for praying and supporting.

Remember to give Him thanks in all things,

~Bill Brown



THE LIFE OF A WALKING STICK

Someone planted a sapling, God made it grow. Someone cut down the tree, someone took it to the saw mill. Someone made a dowel. then someone sanded the top. Someone drilled a hole in it.



Someone put the leather strap with the beads in the hole on the walking stick.

Someone took the walking stick to a farm show.

Someone told the story of the colored beads, which is the plan of Salvation.

Someone discipled the new Christian.

Someone is on their way to Heaven!!

Each of these steps must be taken by someone.

Where will you step in?

Each step is very important.

The end result cannot be achieved if each step is not taken.

Where can you step in?

Jesus said; "Go into all the world and preach (teach) the Gospel (good news) to every

creature (person)". Mark 16:16.

There are many ways to teach the Good News, but the Message is the same.

May God bless each one as they step in.

Guest Column



The Harvest

There is a song written by Billy James Foote, 2003 called "Amazing Love" (You are my King).

The words touch my heart . "I'm forgiven because you were forsaken. I'm accepted you were condemned. I'm alive and well your spirit is within me. Because you died and rose again.

Amazing Love how can it be that you my King would die for me. Amazing Love I know it's true. It's my joy to honor you, in all I do, I honor you. You are my King. Jesus you are

my King.

Yes, Jesus is my King and Savior. It is my joy to honor Him each time I go out to work with FCFI. During the many times I have gone out to hand out the walking sticks, I have shared with the people that have come to listen to my presentation, that they are in the middle of a miracle. I share with them that if someone had said to me when I was 19 years old, that in 50years I would be in Upstate New York sharing the Gospel with these individuals, at this exact location, at this exact time before I became a Christian. I would not have agreed at all. Yes, it is a miracle to me, and I am honored that God has chosen me to represent him in this present day, at this time and place.

Sixty-nine years ago, I was born in New Your City into a sick and dying family from drug use. Both parents were addicts at the time of the births of six siblings. But God intervened and removed us all from certain death. We would not have survived without divine intervention.

All six of us are believers. Two brothers have gone home to be with Jesus. The rest of my family is alive and well. My one brother and two sisters love the Lord with all their hearts because we know we are living, walking miracles.

Gods' Word is true even when we do not know Him.

Psalm 10:14 says "... You are the helper of the fatherless"

Psalm 68:5 says "A father to the fatherless"

Hosea 14:3 "... in You the fatherless find compassion"

I thank Bill Brown for coming to the Cassville Community Baptist Church to share the mission of FCFI many years ago. In addition, I praise God for sending Roy and Kathy Upson into the life of my wife Norayne and my life, when we were neighbors in a small trailer park in Mohawk, NY. in 1977. I am forgiven, I am accepted, I am Loved by Him. That is amazing Love. Yes, Jesus, you are my King.

"Amazing Love how can it be that you my King would die for me. Amazing Love I know it's true. It's my joy to honor you, in all I do, I honor you. You are my King."

Gratefully Serving

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! Psalm 34:3

Wow, what an interesting time we are in. Large shows and events cancelled; gatherings inundated with health concerns. Faces covered, businesses closed, appointments rescheduled, even houses of worship vacant. Storms of fear.

But the joy of the Lord is our strength. Now is the time to rise and seek ways to help those who are lost. Those who trusted in people to guide them, whose hope was in the world's system. Now we need to stand and speak life into this darkness.

Well, God has opened new opportunities to share the Gospel. Like farmers markets and some craft fairs, a few small-town events. Small canopies and willing workers are sent out into ripe

fields spreading the gospel message. Jesus also ministered in large gatherings and at times in small towns seizing every opportunity.

So, out we go sometimes two by two refusing to sit still. Yes, faces covered, wipes in hand with a soul ready to serve CHRIST! Not losing sight of our own physical health concerns and the purpose we are here for! Pray for these workers: Lord, give divine protection, travelling mercies and grow your kingdom with the power of your Word. Always for Your glory!

Is it time for you to go? Need help to start sharing your faith? Ask and you will receive! Seek and you will find! Jesus is waiting for workers willing to commit time for sowing.

A Book of Proverbs

Give thanks:

☐ Philippians 4:13 – I can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

☐ We do not change God's message; His message changes us.

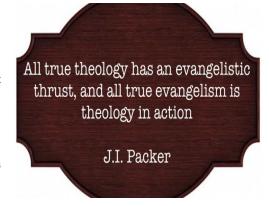
God gives and forgives.

Jesus loves us not because of who we are but because of who He is.

☐ God loves a cheerful giver; He also loves the rest of us.

God is not able to help you until you are in a position to be helped.

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



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Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization

17391 Durrance Rd. N. Fort Myers, FL 33917 239-543-3246 www.echonet.org



Jan. 30-Feb. 5, 2021

Subject to change due to uncertain times.

Echo exists to provide sustainable solutions to fight world hunger. Echo offers hope in the face of poverty & world hunger through sustainable, affordable agricultural solutions to hunger. Echo wants to equip current missionaries & development workers with their

work in agriculture. Their home base in Ft. Myers, FL is a 24 acre research farm to train & demonstrate how to grow & survive in many different environments.

There is a project for everyone at ECHO. We will be painting, gardening, maintenance, construction, library work, office work, seed sorting, etc.

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Ron Herrold, 10438 W 800 S, Westville, IN 46391
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Other News...



Walking Stick Work Days

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Bill Slawson operating the stick molder putting the rounded ends on the sticks.

Russ Bedford and his wife Laurie, FCF members from Jefferson, NY made the trip to

help.





John Synakowski sizing the stick



Crew hard at work. Pastor Rob Andreas, back to camera operating one of the drill presses. Steve Brown pundling sticks, Paul Davidson, Steve Hutton and Bill Slawson running the machines.





I Will Bless the Lord at All Times

Dangerous times, perilous times, and gross darkness are just a few of the words that the Bible describes the last days that we are living in. Those words are not very comforting, but the good news is, God has given us instruction on how we can keep our joy and peace and fellowship with Him strong in these turbulent

times. One of these ways is to do what Psalms 34:1 says, "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth." When we continually praise God in the hard times and the good times, it makes life more enjoyable. It builds up our spirit when we praise God and He inhabits our praises which will make God's presence stronger in our life. The Bible says that there is fullness of joy in His presence and that the joy of the Lord is our strength. Therefore, to have His strength we need His joy and to have His joy we need His presence which will come to us when we praise Him. Our flesh doesn't always feel like praising him and that is why Hebrews 13:15 says, "By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." As we praise God with our lips even when we do not feel like it, God will manifest Himself to us and then we will have the joy and the strength of the Lord to endure in these last days.

~Jeff Goss

Other News...

Thank-you For Supporting Our Mission

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

Syracuse, NY



Kathy Brown and Suzanne Pisano working together.



↑ Chris Brown sharing.



Cathy Upson and husband, Roy take turns heading up the market.

East Avon, NY Flea Market

East Avon Flea Market happens to be the largest flea market in NY. FCF is fortunate to exhibit once a month. Michael and Karen sit on our) have been heading up the effort. Steve Brown helped at our first effort in June.



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.



Steve Brown all set up at the Farmers Market.

One day at the farmer's market I made eye contact with a rather interesting fellow. Bruno, name changed, was an obvious body builder, around 6'5" with a muscle shirt to match. I motioned him over for a free stick, if he would listen to the bead story. I took hold of the Gold bead and said it indicates Heaven! He immediately started to cry, sniffling and choked up. He was deeply affected. He responded that he knew someone was going to speak to him today about God. Jesus was preparing his heart. See what Jesus will do with just one well-placed word. There are lots of Bruno's ready and waiting for that word from you. *Steve Brown*

On our way to Minnesota we stopped at Cracker Barrel because they have parking for RV's fro free and it enabled us to have access to hot food within walking distance. The restaurant that we stopped at was open for inside dining with social distancing. I had the opportunity to joke with the hostess and we talked about why we were travelling. She was interested in what we do, so not to miss an opportunity to witness to someone I went out and brought in a couple of sticks. I asked her to give the manager one and of course explained the beads to her and she answered the question that she indeed had received Christ as her savior. After we finished dinner, I felt lead to get more sticks to give to all the employees. They were accepted and placed on the main counter so everyone could see them and told the meaning of the beads. As we were paying our bill a couple walked up and I heard the clerk explain the beads and receive their own stick. When it was my turn to pay the clerk said the bill had been paid by the manager. It turned out that the hostess was the manager. God not only supplied an opportunity to witness but also provided food for the body. *Pete Singer*

I praise God for the opening of the Regional Farmers Market in Syracuse, NY. I was looking for someone to share the message with when I saw this lady walking by and her gate was off, she appeared to be walking in pain. Immediately I received a check in my spirit to pray for her if she stopped. You guessed it, she stopped. I asked if I could pray for her since she indicated she had three ailments. A while later I saw her walk by, and she seemed to be walking better. She said, "I don't what's going on, it's amazing." PTL *Chris Brown*

FALL OUTREACH BANQUET

28th Annual Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International Mohawk Valley Chapter

October 3rd, 2020

at the

Delta Lake Conference Center 6420 Pilmore Drive, Rome, NY



With Keynote Speaker Dr. Paul Davidson

Dr. Davidson resides in South Trenton, NY with his wife, Ruth. They are parents of two children and several grandkids. Paul is retired from Mohawk Valley Community College where he taught Biology for many years. He presently serves as Chairman of the Board of the Rescue Mission of Utica, NY. He and Ruth are active members of Immanuel Baptist Church in New Hartford, NY. They have participated on several FCFI sponsored mission trips.



Turkey Dinner-7:30pm \$15.00 pp

For Reservations Call

Round These Parts



God Is With Us

To be thankful is to be appreciative of that which is given. We have many reasons to be thankful for God in our lives. Of all the things God has given us, and He has blessed us with all spiritual blessings, one that I am thankful for is the fact that he is with me wherever I go. In our travels throughout the US, whether at farm shows, FFA Conventions or doing disaster relief, I can rest in the promise that I am never alone even when I may be the only one in the vehicle or out building fences. I learned a long time ago to say

we are going to do this or that.

Jeremiah 23:23-24 "Am I a God at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord."

There is boldness when we go out to serve knowing that God is with us. The Holy Spirit dwells within us. How could He be any closer? He is a God at hand. He is near to the broken hearted. His hand is not shortened that it cannot save.

In Psalm 23 the Bible say the Lord is my Shepherd. A shepherd; doesn't care for his sheep from afar off. Customarily a shepherd moved with his sheep, and slept with them in the field, cared for them, and guides and protected them. I give thanks to the one who shepherds me. The same one who has promised to never leave us or forsake us.

Isaiah 41:10 "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

We can be bold in our actions and do things we never thought possible, without fear, knowing God is with us especially if what we do is for His glory.

Matthew 28:19-20 says "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Thankful, Area Leader

Amen.

~Mike Weaver

Walking Stick Work Days help July 14-16 at Pilgrim Holiness Church, Marcy, NY.

9,000 sticks and nearly 5,000 smaller items were prepared for the show season.
65 volunteers made the job fun.

Thanks to Pastor James and Lurene Brewer for the great hospitality shown to FCF.



Rev Carl Chapman operating one of the sanders.



Steve Hutton loves to run a drill press.

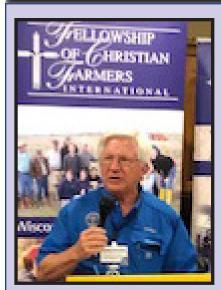


Ladies working on necklaces and bracelets. We pass out thousands on anormal year. Laura Sorrentino, PA, Sue Andreas, Portageville, NY, Lurene, our church host and Kathy Brown enjoying working together.24-26 in Shipshewana, IN



↑ Those that would rather not operate a power tool have lots to do inside the fellowship hall. L-R — Gail Westfall, Ellen Synakowski, MHV Chapter V-P Ed Westfall, Joyce Kitchen, chapter Sec and past Treasurer Bruce Holck.

Other News...



**Ex Dr Dennis Schlagel welcomes the attendees on Friday night.



Dave Carter - FCFI Board President shared from his heart on Saturday night that "Times are Changing" and we as an organization need to ready to face what comes are way.

FCFI Holds 27th Annual **FCFI Conference** -**July 24-26** Shipshewana, IN



Jeff Goss enthusiastically ^ encourages others to be involved in evangelism.



Keynote speaker Kevin Cernek, ^ assistant to the Ex Dr and pastor Martintown Community Church, Wisconsin. Kevin's message titled "The Arm of the Lord" chronicled their churches response to the Corona Virus and how God blessed his church with more attendees to their packing lot services. He also presented each of us a piece of puzzle with the challenge of which piece are we going to play in serving God.



↑ Area Leader Mike Weaver has been busy this year heading up the FCFI hurricane disaster relief effort in the south.

JELLOWSHIP ... MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY OF CHRISTIAN Serve the LORD with Gladness. . HARMERS

Psalms 100:2a

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers is offering four opportunities to serve in the Southern states after the April 12 tornado outbreak where 140 tornadoes caused death and destruction across many states from Texas to North Carolina.

We have been working around the Laurel, Centerville area for the last few months and hope to finish up there and work in some other nearby areas.

Our dates are as follows:

1. August 16-22 Mike Weaver (618) 499-1386 2. September 13-19 Mike Weaver (618) 499-1386 3. October 18-24 Mike Weaver (618) 499-1386 4. November 15-21* Bill Brown (315) 749-6823

*Note: November trip folks from the north can fly to Orlando on Saturday and ride with Bill Brown to Mississippi on Sunday. Air mattresses, pillows, etc. are needed. For clarification please give Bill a call.

We have a nice church to stay in at Glade, Mississippi. They are allowing us to

use their kitchen to prepare meals. We have a shower trailer available to clean up at the end of the day.

up at the end of the day.

Those things needed for your stay: sleeping bag, pillow, towels and toiletries, air mattress if needed, with clothes and enough money to purchase what you might eat in a weeks 'time. Some meals are provided by the church and the people we help as a show of appreciation.

I (Mike) have an assortment of tools to perform many tasks at hand. Our primary work is cutting branches and trees, and fence repair, while looking for opportunities to share the gospel. Hope to see you on the mission field.





(309) 365-8710 or

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN JARMERS INTERNATIONAL

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Serve the LORD with Gladness. .

Psalms 100:2a

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers (FCFI) is organizing a short term mission trip to Lives Under Construction (LUC).

When: October 3-10, 2020 Where: At the ranch near Branson Missouri. Cost: Free. Food and housing provided.

There are projects for all skill levels and physical abilities from painting , construction, organizing at the thrift store, cooking, and showing the love of Christ to the residents and staff. LUC open house is Saturday October 3rd to start off the adventure.

Please watch the short video from LUC and if interested in participating contact: FCFI (309) 365-8710 or fellowship@fcfi.org







Other News...

Cowlesville Flea Market



↑ Steve and Chris Brown travelled to Cowlesville, July 12th for the annual town wide flea market. The organizers gave FCF a complimentary space.

Loyalstock Tractor Show, PA-



↑ Loyalstock Tractor Show, PA – Karen Steele sharing the gospel

Market Place Evangelism

Rust & Antique Show Hollland Patent NY Aug 22, 23



↑ Chris Brown sharing with a visitor to the FCFI tent



↑ - John Croosley, owner of Holland Patent Agway, shows off his rebuilt Ford Truck.

Mark your Calendar!



Fellowship of Christian Farmers 28th Annual Conference Stittville, NY

July 23-25, 2021