



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

2022 Event Schedule (anticipated)

2022 Anticipated Region Eight Schedule

Jan. 4-6- Keystone Farm Show, York, PA
8-9 - Cape Coral Arts and Music Festival, Cape Coral, FL
12-14 - Virginia Farm Show, Fishersville, Virginia
14-15 - Monroe AG Expo, West Monroe, LA - Goss
15-16 - Florida Manatee Festival, Crystal River, FL
19-20 - Delta Ag Expo, Cleveland, Mississippi - Goss
26-28 - Sioux Falls Farm SD- Goss
Feb 1-3 - Iowa Ag Expo, Des Moines, IA- Goss
1-3 - Vermont Farm Show -Essex Junction
Feb 13-19 - Mission trip to Port Allen, LA
16-19 - The National Farm Machinery Show, Louisville, KY- Goss
24-26 - NY Farm Show, Syracuse, NY
25-27 - Western Farm Show, Kansas City, MO- Goss
26-27 - Swamp Cabbage Festival, LaBelle, FL
March 1-3- Iowa Hawkeye Farm Show, Cedar Falls, IA
3-6- Pioneer Days, Wauchula, FL
3 - FCFI Dinner Meeting, Avon Park, FL
5-6 - Strawberry Festival, Floral City, FL
11-13 - York RV Show, York, PA- Steele
12 - ECHO Global Food and Farm Festival, Ft Myers, FL
17-19 - 3-I Show, Dodge City, KS- Goss
26 - Pioneer Days, Arcadia, FL
April - 1-3 Flowerton Festival, Summerville, SC
8-10 West Branch Susquehanna Builders Home Show, Williamsport, PA - Steel
22-24 - FFA Convention, Macon, GA - Singer
22-24 - Home-Condo and Outdoor Show, Ocean City, MD - Steele
23-24 - Syracuse Gun Show, Syracuse, NY
May 14-16 - Middlecreek Valley Antique Association - Steele
21 - FCFI Golf Tournament, Boonville, NY
28 - NY Steam Engine Tractor Pull and Flea Market, Canandaigua, NY
June - 2&3 - FFA Convention, Montgomery, AL - Singer
4-5 - Vermont Dairy Festival, Enosburg Falls, VT
4-5 - Western NY Dairy Fest, Springville, NY
5-6 - Antique Tractor Show, Madrid, NY - Porter
11- Chenango County Dairy Fest, Norwich, NY
11-12 - Meredith Dairy Fest, Meridale, NY
11-12- Violet Festival, Dolgeville, NY
11-12- Antique Tractor Show, Sharon Springs, NY
17-18- Strawberry Festival, Owego, NY
18 - Branford Festival, Branford, CT
25 - Farmers Market - Syracuse, NY



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The Harvest

"We plant - God gives the increase." 1 Cor. 3:6-9

Photo by Ed Westfall

"Committed to Thee"

Our inspirational front cover picture taken by Ed Westfall comes with the following comment. "The picture shows group commitment that reminds us of FCFI. Where members have multiple skills and talents with all used to accomplish the tasks at hand." **Proverbs 16:3 "Commit your works to the Lord and your plans will be established."** S. Truit Cathy, Founder of Chick-fil-A, says; *"the key to success is to be committed. When we are fully committed to something, we're not likely to give up or be discouraged, in the business world, in our relationships with family, and with the Lord."*

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Committed volunteers came from IN, WS, NY, FL and GA to help staff at the FCF tent at the Sunbelt Ag Expo, Moultrie, GA., Oct 19-21. Over 4,500 stopped by to hear the message. Two hundred prayed to receive Christ.

Committed to Him

Committed to Him!

Commitment- Webster defines commitment as being dedicated to a cause or activity. It means devotion loyalty, faithfulness, and many other things. In Christian terms it can best be explained as an action on our part in response to all God has done for us. Some suggest that there are as many as sixty-nine verses in reference to our commitment to God in the Bible and forty-two in reference to God's people. Commitment to God must be very important. In this issue you'll find folks from all walks of life, but all of them sold out in their commitment to Christ. We've included many upcoming opportunities for you to get involved from a disaster relief mission trip in Louisiana, lots of farm shows and other events where help is needed and our annual walking stick workdays coming up in July, flier included. Each activity needs committed people with different talents to make FCF work. We are always looking for people who wish to make a difference in other people's lives through serving Christ.



*"Committed to each other
and to Him"*

Giving Him thanks in all things,

~Bill Brown

Guest Column Ed & Gail Westfall Westmoreland, NY

Committed to Thee

What does the word committed mean and to whom or to what do we commit? According to the Webster's New World Dictionary, the word commit "...implies the delivery of a person or thing into the charge or keeping of another;"

What does committed look like in today's world? In your life? Marriage certainly would fit that definition. A man and a woman commit their lives to each other and proclaim that What does the word committed mean and to whom or to what do we commit? According to the Webster's New



Ed Westfall, VP Mohawk Valley Chapter

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Make Your Moments Count

Pastor Rob Andreas

The Bible says in James 4:14- "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." As we walk through this life, the truth is we are given very few moments. We need to make the most of every moment that we have been given. You see, as we came into this world, we were given a certain number of days. Each day there are moments that can change our lives forever. The moment one accepts Jesus Christ into their heart is the greatest moment ever. I saw this saying written several years ago that states, "Enjoy this moment, for this moment is your life." We cannot change any of the moments in our past, for what is done is done and we don't know how many moments we have left in our future. The truth is, we only have this moment right now. We can make a difference if we use this moment for the glory of God. Take a moment and share the Gospel message with someone so they can take their moments and make them count for eternity. In eternity our moments will never end. Every moment spent for Jesus now will never be forgotten! Serve the LORD with gladness and make the best of the moments you have



Pastor Rob & Sue Andreas
Portageville Baptist Church
Portageville, NY

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Thank-you For Supporting Our Mission



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World Dictionary, the word commit "...implies the delivery of a person or thing into the charge or keeping of another;"

What does committed look like in today's world? In your life? Marriage certainly would fit that definition. A man and a woman commit their lives to each other and proclaim that agreement before witnesses. We also commit our time and talents and money to various people, organizations and things. Perhaps, you commit to a team, or a friend, a career, your hobbies, your family, your children, your church, your ministries. All of these "commitments" and many more involved a decision and or a choice on our part to commit to that endeavor. "Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, and He will do it." **Psalm 37:5 (NAS).**

The farmer illustrates another type of way to commit. He plants, "commits", the seed to the soil and then expectantly waits for that seed to break through. He continues to care for his crops hoping and trusting the Lord to provide a bountiful harvest.

What does the Bible reveal about being committed?

Ruth committed herself to going with Naomi wherever she went, and her mind could not be changed. Ruth trusted in Naomi's God to be her God and God provided abundantly. She eventually became King David's great-grandmother. **Ruth 1:16-17 (NAS).**

Then there was Abraham who was asked by God to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. In obedience Abraham bound his son to the altar saying "God, Himself will provide" Abraham feared God and did not withhold his son from God. He was committed to God. God did provide, and He continued to greatly bless Abraham making him the father of many nations. **Genesis 22**

Daniel committed himself to pray three times a day to his God, even though it violated the king's law. Daniel ended up in a lion's den for a night trusting in his God. Even King Nebuchadnezzar knew of Daniel's deep commitment to his God and said "Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you." God did deliver Daniel from the pit of lions and Daniel continued to pray three times a day. **Daniel 6:16 (NAS).**

To whom have you committed your way, your works? **Psalm 37:5,16:3** Our God never fails; be committed to Him, trust Him and actively wait to discover what wonderful things He will do in you and through you. "Into thy Hand I commit my spirit; Thou hast ransomed me, O Lord, God of trust." **Psalm 31:5 (NAS).** Our God never fails; be committed to Him, trust Him and actively wait to discover what wonderful things He will do in you and through you. "Into thy Hand I commit my spirit; Thou hast ransomed me, O Lord, God of trust." **Psalm 31:5 (NAS).**

Through the Eyes of a Pastor

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left. I, as a pastor, am thankful for the Fellowship of Christian Farmers for giving the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. The opportunities and moments to share the Gospel are available to all of us. We need to be involved with FCFI for the moments are fleeting fast.

The Truth About Godly Wisdom

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life and he who wins souls is wise. Proverbs 11:30 (NKJV)

He was only six to seven years old, and my stiff body had to bend low to talk with him. "The Bible tells us that the streets in heaven are paved with gold. Have you ever walked on a gold street?" The boy shook his head. "I haven't either and I'm old." "Excuse me." The boy held up his finger. "I think there's a better way to say that." "A better way?" I had no idea what he was referring to. "Yes," he corrected. "We don't say people are old. We say they are wise."

Since that day, I've been thinking about what the Bible has to say about wisdom.

One thing I know, not every old person is wise and not every young person is foolish. Divine wisdom does not come from age, it comes from God. **Proverbs 2:6 says, "For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."**

In 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:16.

Paul eloquently contrasts human wisdom from divine wisdom. In the middle, dividing human wisdom from godly wisdom, stands the cross of Jesus Christ.



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A Book of Proverbs

"Thoughts" from Clark

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

Proverbs – Commitment

**A successful marriage isn't so much finding
the right person as being the right person**

**The one who kneels before God
can stand up to anything**

A man of God is still a man of God

Those who go to great lengths to please

others are seldom short of friends

Give God what's right, not what's left

***"Christ alone
can save the world, but
Christ cannot save the
world alone."***

-David Livingston

***(God needs EVERY ONE of us to
complete this task)***

Annual Kathryn L. Brown Memorial Golf Tournament

Fellowship of Christian Farmers

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 21st, 2022

Woodgate Pines Golf Course, Boonville, NY



Market Place Evangelism

Underhill Fall Festival

Chris Brown and Kevin Fleming, back to camera, sharing on a very busy Sat afternoon. ↓



Underhill, VT , Sept 23-24 Kevin and Ann Fleming, VT natives share the gospel ↑

Market Place Evangelism



Sunbelt Ag Expo



Walter Powell, Omega GA worked tirelessly to share the message for all three days. Walter shown here manning the stroller/wheelchair annex tent. Walter and wife Becky provided lodging and meals for many of our volunteers who travelled long distances to help.



It takes a lot of prep work when you're passing out 4,500 sticks. Alvarez, GA, Ron and Deb, IN and Pete and Sandy, FL getting ready for another day.



Mike Breim, travelled from Wisconsin, praying with a group.





“Perfect Peace comes from knowing Him”

Second Timothy 3:1 in the Amplified translation says; “**But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble** (hard to deal with and hard to bear.)” This scripture pretty well nails the days we are now

living in. The good news is the Bible gives us solutions on how to not just endure these days but how to have peace in a world gone mad. *Isaiah 26:3* says; “**Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.**” As we meditate and think on God and His Word, we will have His supernatural peace. Jesus put it this way in *John 16:33*, “**These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.**” Jesus tells us here that the Word of God will give us peace. Therefore, we ought to be spending more time than ever in the Bible. Sometimes when I listen to the news, I get so upset that I can almost feel my blood pressure go up. But *First Peter 5:7* tells us in the Amplified translation to; “**cast the whole of our care (all our anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all) on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully. God loves us with a perfect love that will cast all fear of this world and the future out of us.**”

~Jeff Goss

Market Place Evangelism

Canajoharie Street Market

Roy Upson
Field Rep at set-up
and ready to share!



Market Place Evangelism



↑ Sept 15, Dave Ferris, veteran volunteer sharing the good news

↓ Sept 17, This group of FFA young folks just prayed with Jeff Goss



Husker Harvester Days



↑ Sept 21, Jeff Goss preaching the good news



Ozark Farm Fall Fest

← Kids listening intently to Jeff Goss

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.

~Reflections on the Fellowship of Christian Farmers fair season by
Roy and Jane Norman, Woodstock, CT.



From mid-August to the end of September The Fellowship of Christian Farmers had a presence at six fairs, one in Spencer, MA and the rest in CT sharing the Good News of Jesus love towards all of humanity through the story of the beads. Each fair is unique as we meet many different people. At the Spencer Fair on Labor Day weekend an elderly lady of little means gave a \$20.00 donation, which I felt so bad that she would give so much. It was the largest donation given that day. She reminded me of the story in Luke 21:1-4 where the poor widow gave two small coins, despite her situation, she gave everything she had. Another lady stopped by our tent with her 8-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son. He was born with a condition that the doctors said prevented him from speaking. Two years ago, Jesus came into the mom's life, the day after the Lord became her

Savior, her son began to speak and has not stopped since. What an awesome God we serve!

In the middle of September, we were set up at the Four Town Fair in Somers, CT. In part of my conversation with another person I shared the story of the 6-year-old boy who started to speak as God healed him. The visitor wanted to share about her uncle and aunt. They had a very difficult marriage, her uncle wanted to leave his wife, but she convinced him to stay as she was unable to care for herself. He promised to stay but would not speak to her ever again. The very next day he had a stroke and has never spoken a word to anyone since. Oh, Lord help us to fear you and never get a head of You.

Thank you for your mercy and peace.

Terry Keib stopped by the FCFI Booth at the Riverton Fair to let us know that her husband, Don, went home to be with the Lord in the spring. Don who originally was from Lowville NY, received Christ at the Maine Farm Days 10 years earlier. Kathy Brown led him to the Lord. Terry wanted to thank us again knowing that Don was in Heaven with his Savior.

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Market Place Evangelism



↑ Kathy Brown sharing with an attentive group of young men. Notice all the Farmall tractors all lined up.

→ End of day tractor parade always a show highlight. Float honoring Bob Carpenter, FCFI board member, farmer and auctioneer. "Well done thou good and faithful servant." Matt 25:11



Elaine sharing and Joe Smith, West-ernville, NY (background putting sticks together) travelled with Bill and Kathy Brown to help



Young FFA student stopped by to help a few minutes. ↑

Round These Parts



If You Open Your Eyes, You Can See The Forest Through The Trees

As we come to the end of the year, I can't help but look back on the work that was done and the people that were ministered too.

Sometimes it may seem small but what we do here goes farther than what we see or know. To the person who hears the gospel a seed is planted or nourished or maybe even a harvest. What we do in this world makes a difference.

1 Corinthians 3:6-6 *I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.*

7 *So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.*

8 *Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.*

9 *For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.*

10 *According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.*

11 *For other foundation can no man lay than Christ Jesus.*

As I am writing I'm out in the woods deer hunting in a tree that I planted over 25 years ago that's among 11 acres of other trees. It used to be a grass field but now stands as a small forest. I didn't want to leave behind or pass on an empty field nor do I plan to just go through life existing but doing things that make a difference here but also eternally. The work, the labor we do now, extends beyond our years. Join us as we help remove debris and build fence for people in Louisiana this winter. Two Disaster Relief trips coming up January 10-15 and February 14-19 consider what you might bring into someone's life. Give me a call to join with these teams or put together another team of friends to go help out.

~Mike Weaver

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Other News...



Riverton CT Fair

Oct 8-10 – Al Tartofino, Faith Bible Church and Kathy Brown working at the fair

Cream Cheese Festival

Lowville, NY

Sept 18 – Ric Rosaro, from Cassville
← Baptist Church sharing. Steve Brown, fieldmen working on handouts



From The Field continued from page 3

Human Wisdom
Temporal, always changing
Taught by men
Leads to pride
Shames the lowly
Leads to death
Boasts in self
Lofty speech

Divine Wisdom
Eternal, surviving the ages
Revealed by Holy Spirit
Leads to humility
Shames the wise
Leads to eternal life
Boasts in the Lord
Speaks of Jesus Christ crucified

Paul summarizes this contrast in the final words of *1 Corinthians 2:16*. ***“But we have the mind of Christ.” Christ’s mind, his passion, the very reason he suffered and died on the cross, is for our salvation. If we have his mind, the salvation of souls will be our passion.***

Dragon Boat Festival

Three inches of rain the night before proved very challenging. Bill and Kathy and Pete and Sandy, all dressed in many layers to stay warm. The gospel still went forward.



Haven Holiday Market

Winterhaven, FL

Winter Haven, FL Nov 20 – The windy weather made for a difficult time keeping tent in place. Pate and Sandy sharing – twelve people accepted Christ



↑ *Pete asking “Are you going to Heaven?”
The response a pointed finger to heaven*



Pioneer Days

Lake Wales, FL



Oct 23-24 Deb and Ron Herrold helping Pete and Sandy, 1,000 sticks passed out. Beautiful FL weather.

Flowerton Festival

Summerville, SC



↑ *Pete down on his knees Jesus said
“Let the little children come unto me.”
Matt 19:14*



*Pastor Rob
busy
sharing*



↑ *Sue Andreas – working at the back of the tent.*



Country Living Farm & Home Show

Frankfort, NY



The event turned out to be very small but the gospel still went out. Bill Slawson, MHV Chapter – sharing.

Other News...



←
\$14,000 load
of sticks.
CP Foster ready
for a trip from
OrangeBurg, SC



←
Thanks to Mark
and Gretchen
Nimey for the
support. Mark
unloading pal-
lets to storage.

Jim Darmond unloading sticks at
Pilgrim Holiness Church in Marcy,
NY. Stick work days are scheduled
↓ for July at the church.



←
Another picture of sticks being unloaded. Don
humpreys, humphreys farms, nh, storing the
last of the load. .

Testimonies from the Field...

Anne Fleming writes – “Sending a little update on the Orleans Fair held in Barton, VT. They said the fair was not heavily attended because of a date change but we gave out 430 walking sticks and several bracelets. Many based their belief on going to Heaven on their good works. We were able to show them in Ephesians “It is by grace you are saved through faith, and not of works lest anyone should boast.” Kevin had a couple in tears, and I did as well when they realized they did not have to do anything other than believe. Our good friend Barbara joined us from Tuesday – Friday. What a blessing!



2022 Mission Trip Opportunity

Building Fences in Central Louisiana

February 13-19, 2022

Relief for Hurricane Ida victims working with Louisiana Cattlemen’s Association

Cost: \$50.00 donation to help with food expenses–

Lodging provided- LA Cattlemen's Association 1-10 Frontage Rd, Port Allen, LA 70767



Work Projects

- *Cleaning fence lines
- *Tree cutting
- *Brush clearing
- *Rebuilding fences
- *As well as other hurricane repair

Best option to fly into Orlando on Thursday, Feb. 10, please contact Bill Brown before purchasing airline tickets to coordinated pick up. (At present best price round trip is \$150.00) Complimentary lodging in Winter Haven until we head to Louisiana on Saturday.

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