

For what shall it profit a man to gain the world and lose his soul. - Mark 8:36

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Sowing, Serving, Reaping for Christ Around the World

President & Executive Director's Column



FCFI Presider

I know many of you like being in the middle of God's work and one of FCFI's main missions is to give ordinary farmers, like me and you, the opportunity to jump in and use our abilities to further God's Kingdom. Let me share a story: As a young farm kid in the late 1960's I developed an interest in the country called Romania. It was a communist run country at that time but God gave me a keen interest in learning all I could about it. And I felt that God would take me there someday and work with orphans. Now fast forward to the start of the 21st century, when I read some articles in the Successful Farming magazine about a FCFI mission trip to Romania. It took a couple years but I finally convinced my wife that I should go. My daughter and I made the first trip there in 2003. We were privileged to meet and work with FCFI missionary farmers, Clark and Sue Phillips from Collinsville

NY. They spent 6 years of their lives developing and running a milking parlor style, 150 cow, dairy farm in conjunction with Caminul Felix, a large orphanage in Oradea, Romania.

That trip I fell in love with the Romanian people, (Clark and Sue, too), and the country, and I have returned on mission trips for 16 straight years up until the travel restrictions of the last couple years. Through the years I have used my "farming" skills to remodel churches and homes, construct buildings, fix equipment, share the love of Jesus and pertinent to this story, start up a nursing home facility built from scratch. Then when government regulations became overbearing we transitioned the nursing home into a youth camp center in 2014.

Now jump ahead to 2022; recently my brother Kevin, who is the pastor of Martintown Community Church called me with a question. His church wanted to help with Ukrainian refugees, many of who are seeking shelter in Romania, how can we help? I called Pastor Alex who has been instrumental in all my involvement throughout the years. As I shared with him the gift that was offered, he spoke through tears of joy, and told me that he had been asked that day, if he could help find a place to relocate 70 kids from a Ukrainian orphanage near Kyiv. Alex told them to bring the kids to our camp, and although he had no money to support them he would be trusting God to provide. The church's monetary gift was an overwhelming confirmation that God could and would provide, starting even before the need was made known!

So around 70 kids came! They left the orphanage and that night their town was heavily bombed. Great timing, you say? Alex said, GOD'S PERFECT TIMING!!

Isn't it great to be a part of God's work and to see how He fits everything together? An old folks home to a temporary orphanage??? Who would have thought it!!

So back to you; You don't have to be someone "important" or "special" to do God's work, just be tuned in and listening for God's prompting and then get ready to jump in,(not too much different than farming). God made you for a purpose so get going and do it! There is no one better if He has called you! Most of God's work through the ages has been done by "ordinary" people. So make yourself available to God and remember FCFI wants to help you in any way we can! You'll never know how God will use you until you start.

- Steve Cernek, FCFI Board President

On the Cover - Executive Director's Report



Dennis Schlagel FCFI Executive Director

The three photos on the Profit cover represent three ministry projects the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, international has been part of this year. Branson Tractors, Rome, Georgia donated a 52 hp tractor to FCFI equipped with a loader, grapple attachment and a post hole digger. A second posthole digger was donated by Lowe Equipment Attachments from Viola, Wisconsin. The December 10, 2021 tornado that hit Mayfield, Kentucky stretched across 200 miles of damage. FCFI has been working on farms in Marshall County, Kentucky. Much long term recovery remains. Contact the FCFI Home Office if you have a team or workers that would like to come to Kentucky.

Greg Peterson from Kansas is shown with two boys visiting the FCFI exhibit at the Louisville Farm Show February 16-19th. The boys were familiar with the Peterson Bros. Farm music videos that promote faith, farming, and family. Greg and his wife,

Brooke Anne, sang at the "Gathering in Freedom Hall" outlined on page six of Profit.

FCFI President, Steve Cernek's column explains how FCFI got involved helping Ukrainian children escape
the violence in Kviv. The cover photo shows part of the 70 children walk across the Hungarian/Ukrainian

the violence in Kyiv. The cover photo shows part of the 70 children walk across the Hungarian/Ukrainian border with 14 adults enroute to a Romanian Church. Continue to pray for opportunities to serve the Lord in this way.

- In Him, Dennis Schlagel, FCFI Executive Director

FCFI

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Oregon, Iowa and Nebraska State FFA State Conventions 2022



Jeff Goss at the Nebraska State FFA Convention.

- 2. Help FCFI at a State Convention or farm show listed on the Profit calendar page by taking photos, writing stories, or producing a 2–3 minute video for use on the FCFI website and social media.
- 3. Help maintain a social media site for FCFI like Facebook, Goetter, Gab, etc. in the coming months. Much change is taking place in social media and FCFI needs young people's help to do this task well.



Oregon State FFA Convention.

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International began its participation at State FFA Conventions in Oregon, Nebraska, and Iowa . As many as 30 states will welcome FCFI at their state conventions. The Fellowship has a long history with FFA/ Vocational Education in high school and collegiate levels. This year we have some agribusiness and spiritual goals we are striving to achieve.

 Disaster Relief projects: We hope to have FFA members and their chapter participate in a disaster relief campaign initiated by FCFI or by asking FCFI to come to aid in a disaster relief effort in their community. Helping farm families going through a tornado, hurricane, derecho or wildfire achieves an FFA goal of maintaining this best tradition of our national life as stated in the FFA Creed.



Mike Weaver at the Iowa State FFA Convention.

Help staff FCFI exhibits as listed on our calendar.
 Young people greatly improve the impact upon visitors.

Contact the FCFI home office if you would like to be directly involved with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International.



29th Annual Conference

Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

"Fear not, for I am with you..." Isaiah 41:10

July 27 - 29, 2022 - Branson, Missouri

FEATURING

- Rapid Action Reports
- Mission Reports
- Devotions
- Special Speakers
- Concert
- Great food and fellowship
- FCFI Auction

Early Arrival Activities

- Sight & Sound Theater "Jesus"
- Tour College of the Ozarks
- Lunch at Keeter Center
- Bible Museum

Keynote Speaker Kevin Cernek



Pastor, Martintown Community Church, FCFI Chaplain

Special Music Scott Roberts



Thursday Evening Concert

Lodge of the Ozarks, Branson, MO

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

Register and Pay with your Credit Card at www.fcfi.org

Registration Deadline: Monday, June 27, 2022	Registration Form 29th Annual FCFI Conference July 27 - 29, 2022 - Branson, MO	Make Checks Payable to: FCFI Conference P.O. Box 15, Lexington, IL 61753		
Name	July 27 25, 2022 Blatison, MO	Additional Conference Activities CHECK OPTIONS BELOW AND INCLUDE PAYMENT ALONG WITH REGISTRATION FEES		
I Address		☐ Tuesday "Jesus" \$60 each		
Address		☐ Tuesday Supper \$18 each		
City	State Zip Code	☐ College of the Ozarks Tour FREE☐ Lunch at Keeter Center On Your Own		
Phone	_ Email	☐ Tuesday Night Lodging \$125		
। । Tuesday Arrival Special Note: Pleas । Lodging fee of \$125 along with you	Conference Registration Fees FRIDAY EVENING, SATURDAY, SUNDAY NOON			
Conference fees include; 6 meals and 2 n	ights lodging per person, starts Wednesday at 5:30pm	□ Adults\$300.00 US each □ Children\$100.00 US each Total\$		

Early Arrival Activities*

Please include additional fees with conference registration where indicated.

Tuesday, July 26

3:30 pm - Sight & Sound Theater "Jesus"

Price: \$60 per person

1001 Shepherd of the Hills Expy, Branson Meet in the theater lobby by 3:00 to get

your ticket

6:30 pm - Supper

Price: \$18 per person Baby back ribs & meatloaf, coleslaw, garlic mashed potatoes, and brownies at Lodge of the Ozarks



9:00 am - College of the Ozarks Tour

FREE

Meet in the lobby to carpool

Lunch - Keeter Center

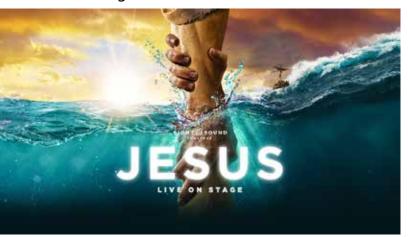
Lunch is on your own

1:00 pm - The Living Word National Bible Museum

3:00 - 5:00 pm - Conference Registration

at Lodge of the Ozarks, conference begins at 5:30pm

Please pay for early arrival conference activities, including Tuesday lodging, when registering for conference.







This year's National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, Kentucky had a nice twist. Freedom Hall is a large stadium on the grounds of the Kentucky Exposition Center. It is a very large exhibition center with many exhibit rooms and meeting areas. A good friend of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, Rob Smucker, from Oregon, organized a prayer meeting for Friday morning at Freedom Hall. The hope was to fill Freedom Hall, which holds nearly 12,000. As it turned out, about 300 people showed up for the Friday morning prayer event, with 11,000 watching online! Appearing at the prayer event were the Peterson Farm Brothers, country singer Sam L. Smith, and several farmers who offered up prayers for farmers and victims of recent tornadoes in the Benton area. To view the Gathering in Freedom Hall go to youtube.com; search Fellowship of Christian Farmers, select playlist and then select Praying Farmers.



Greg Peterson of Peterson Farm Bros. chatting with some young fans at the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville

This prayer event was a new ministry opportunity for the Fellowship of Christian Farmers. The Kentucky event came shortly after our first large prayer event, a prayer breakfast in Oregon. More prayer meetings are planned for the future, including the Commodity Classic, and perhaps the Farm Progress Show.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

Thirty students from the Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism assisted FCFI in sharing the Gospel in our exhibit and attended the Prayer Gathering. Dr. Tim Beougher is their director.

Please visit www.fcfi.org to see the story of the Gathering at Freedom Hall, Friday, February 18, 2022. Or, visit the Fellowship of Christian Farmers on youtube.com: search Fellowship of Christian Farmers, select playlist - Praying Farmers to see the 2 hour video, or the shorter Angus Buchan 20 minute video.



Greg Peterson and Sam L. Smith performing at the prayer event

FCFI Disaster Relief



donated funds, equipment, and building supplies. Richard Boyan of Crossroads Lawn and Garden in Benton, KY worked with Mike to provide us with a Branson tractor to be used in disaster relief. Others have supplied us with tractor accessories, including a bucket for hauling branches and a power auger for digging post holes. Marshall County Co-op in Benton supplied us with fence posts and wire for repairing fences.

In Louisiana, near Port Allen, Area Leaders Mike Weaver and Bill Brown visited the Wiles farm, repairing the roofs of their shop and camper shed. They also helped a farmer named Dave Watson, repairing his pole barn. A dozen volunteers from

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International is busy working disaster relief in both Kentucky, in response to December tornadoes in the Benton area, and in Louisiana, in response to Hurricane Ida, which hit Louisiana on August 29, 16 years to the day of Hurricane Katrina.

FCFI Area Leader Mike Weaver led multiple trips to western Kentucky, where devastating tornadoes swept through the Kentucky Lake area, destroying houses, barns, pastures, and fences. Mike's team cleared downed trees and rebuilt fences. This could not be done without the generosity of a great many people, who





several states made the weeklong trip building fences, repairing buildings, and clearing debris. Each disaster relief trip makes a small dent in the overall massive amount of work needed to complete the cleanup.

All of our disaster relief equipment is currently deployed, including our motor coach, two shower trailers, Kubota, 5th wheel command center, flat bed trailers, chainsaws, and tools. We are very grateful to all the volunteers and contributors who help people recover from weather disasters with their generosity. We will be engaged in disaster relief in Louisiana and Kentucky for the foreseeable future.



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FCFI Farm Shows & Calendar of Events

VIEW THE CALENDAR, AND CHECK FOR UPDATES AT WWW.FCFI.ORG

	APRIL	6-9	Louisiana FFA - Baton Rouge	13-23	Lycoming County Fair - Hughesville, PA		SEPTEMBER
1-3	Flowerton Festival - Summerville, SC	7.0	Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835	15 17	Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110	8/30-9/	
1-3	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823 Susquehanna Home Builders Show	7-9	Kentucky FFA — Lexington Mike Weaver - 618-499-1386	15-1/	Two Cylinder Expo - Canandaigua, NY Bill Brown - 315-749-6823		Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
1-3		8-10	Alabama FFA Convention — Montgomery	25-30	Troy Fair - Troy, PA	8/30-9/	
6-8	Nebraska FFA Convention - Lincoln, NE	0.0	Mike Weaver - 618-499-1386	23 30	Michael Steele - 570-494-1240		Mike Brehm - 262-632-3519 Dennis Schlagel - 309-530-7004
	Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835	11	Chenango County Dairy Fest, Norwich, NY	27-29	29th Annual FCFI Conference, Branson, MO	8/30-9/	
7-9	Oklahoma City Farm Show - Oklahoma		Bill Brown - 315-749-6823			-,,	Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110
7.0	City, OK, Tony DeGiusti - 405-381-4383	11-12	Meredith Dairy Fest, Meredith, NY Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	7/20.0/6	AUGUST	8/31-9/	
7-9	Great Bend Farm, Ranch and Hemp Expo Great Bend, KS, Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835	11-17	Violet Festival - Dolgeville, NY	7/30-8/6	Clinton County Fair Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110	0/24.0/	Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835
10-12	lowa State FFA Convention	11 12	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	7/31-8/6	Union County West End Fair	8/31-9/	Wyoming County Fair - Meshoppen, PA Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110
10 12	Ames, IA, Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835	11-12	Antique Tractor Show, Sharon Springs, NY	7751 070	Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110	3-5	Montour Antique Farm Machinery Show
16	FCF Canada Annual Meeting — Virtual		Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	2-4	Empire Farm Days, Pompey, NY	3 3	Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	13-16	Wisconsin FFA		Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	3-5	NYS Balloon Fest — Dannsville, NY
18	Susquehanna County Farm and Home Show Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110		Mike Brehm - 262-632-3519 Dennis Schlagel - 309-530-7004	4-7	Loyalsock Valley Antique Machinery Show — Williamsport		Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
20	Pioneer Days - Arcadia, FL	14-16	Illinois FFA Convention — Springfield		Michael Steele - 570-494-1240		Sandusky County Restorers Antique Power
22	Missouri FFA — Columbia		Dennis Schlagel - 309-530-7004	4-8	Niagara County Fair, Lockport, NY		Show - Gibsonburg, OH, Bill Brown - 315-736-5964 Nittany Antique Machinery Show - Centre Hall, PA
	Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835	14-18	Florida FFA - Caribe Royale Orlando		Bill Brown - 315-749-6823		Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
23-24	Syracuse Gun Show - Syracuse, NY	15.16	Pete Singer	5-7	Eden Corn Festival, NY	4-7	Hebron Harvest Fair — Hebron, CT
	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	15-16 17-18	Sandhills Ranch Expo - Bassett, NE Strawberry Festival - Owego, NY	,	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823		Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
25	South Dakota State FFA Convention Marlyn Bunger, Jeff Goss, Mike Weaver	17-10	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	6	Old Home Days - Vernon Center, NY Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	7-11	Luzerne County Fair — Dallas, PA
25-27	Arkansas FFA - Hot Springs Convention	18	Branford Festival - Branford, CT	8-13	Montour-Delong Fair - Washingtonville, PA	9-10	Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110 Country Living Farm and Home Show - Frankfort,
23 27	Center, Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835		Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	0 .5	Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110	3-10	NY, Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
28-29	Georgia FFA - Macon Centreplex,	21-23	North Carolina FFA — Raleigh	10-13	NY Steam Engine Tractor Pull and Flea	8-11	Nittany Antique Machinery Show - Centre Hall, PA
	Macon GA, Dennis Schlagel - 309-530-7004	21 22	Mike Weaver - 618-499-1386 South Carolina FFA - Greenville, SC		Market - Canandaigua, NY		Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
30	Bloomsburg Renaissance Jamboree Bloomsburg, PA, Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110	21-23	Jeff Goss, Thomas Herlong	11	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823 Antioch Baptist Church Block Party.	8-11	31st Annual Antique Power Days - Marion County
	•	23-25	IH Red Power Roundup - Springfield,		Williamsport, PA, Michael Steele - 570-494-1240	10	Fair Grounds, Salem, IL, Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835 Canaioharie Street Fair - Canaioharie. NY
2.4	MAY		OH, Michael Steele - 570-494-1240	12-14	CVAEMA Steam Show - Chambersburg, PA	10	Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
3-4 I	Oklahoma FFA — Tulsa, OK eff Goss - 314-610-1835. Mike Weaver - 618-499-1386	25	Farmer's Market – Syracuse, NY		Michael Steele - 570-494-1240	10-11	Lycoming County Balloon Fest - Hughesville, PA
5-6	Ohio FFA - Columbus, OH	27-30	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823 Virginia FFA - TBA	17-21	Annual Steam, Gas and Threshing Show -		Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
7	Spring Fling - Danville, PA	27-30	IULY	19-20	Pinckneyville, IL, Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835 Sunbury River Festival - Sunbury, PA	15-18	Four Town Fair — Somers, CT
	Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110	1-9	Millville Carnival. Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110	17 20	Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110	17	Bill Brown - 315-736-5964 Cream Cheese Festival — Lowville, NY
12-14	Washington FFA - Three Rivers Convention	8-11	North Stonington Fair - North Stonington,	21	Roseboom Antique Show, Roseboom, NY	17	Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
20-22	Center, Kennewick, Terry Morrison Four State Farm Show - Pittsburg, KS		CT, Bill Brown - 315-749-6823		Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	17-18	Pennsylvania Heritage Day — Easton, PA
20-22	Jeff Goss - 304-610-1835	10	Cowlesville Flea - Cowlesville, NY	19-21	Wolcott Fair, Wolcott, CT		Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
21	FCFI Golf Tournament, Boonville, NY	10	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	19-20	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823 Maine Farm Days, Clinton, ME	20-22	Farm Science Review - London, OH
24-26	Mississippi FFA - MSU	10	Cheddar Cheese Festival - Adams, NY Dave Porter - 315-771-4514	17 20	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	20-24	Dennis Schlagel - 309-530-7004 International Plowing Match
	Mike Weaver - 618-499-1386	10-11	Madison County Fair - Brookfield, NY	19-20	Sunbury River Festival - Sunbury, PA	25-26	Apple Fest — Central Square, NY
31	Kansas FFA Convention — Manhattan Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835		Bill Brown - 315-749-6823		Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110	25 20	Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
		10-11	Four Seasons Craft and Flea Market -	19-21	Woodsmen's Field Days, Boonville, NY Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	25-26	Remsen Barn Festival – Remsen, NY
3-5	JUNE Nittany Antique Machinery Show	11 15	Carleton, MN, Pete Singer - 239-849-5527	21-24	Brooklyn Fair - Brooklyn, CT	25.26	Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
ر⊸ر	Centre Hall, PA, Michael Steele - 570-494-1240	11-15	Texas State FFA Convention — Dallas Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835	2127	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	25-26	Underhill Market Festival — Underhill, VT Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
4-5	Vermont Dairy Festival - Enosburg Falls, VT	12-14	Wisconsin Farm Technology Days -	24-27	Northumberland County Fair	9/23-10	
	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823		Loyal, WI, Pastor Dave Adams - 815-790-0228		Doc Devoe 570-204-2110	.,25 10	Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110
4-5	Western NY Dairy Festival, Springville, NY	12-15	Stick Work Days, Marcy, NY	26-28	Middlecreek Valley Antique		
5-6	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823 Antique Tractor Show, Madrid, NY	12 17	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	30-9/1	Association, Michael Steele — 570-494-1240 Farm Progress Show - Boone, IA		
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