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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





Steve Cernek
FCFI President

Happy spring! I say that with the optimism of knowing that spring follows winter every year! I recently returned from a mission trip to Romania. The hint of spring was popping up all around us over there, trees starting to bud, a few flowers peeking out, the stork even returned from her winter vacation back to her nest in the village where we were staying. But..... On returning home to southwestern Wisconsin we were greeted with a foot of snow the next day! As for me I'm still staying optimistic!

Our travels took us to 4 different churches in Romania with an overnight trip to Poland to visit Aschwitz, squeezed in. Our work projects were to build an addition to expand the eating area at camp Casa Rabi and we walled in a multipurpose building to house all kinds of camp activities. The 3 young men who accompanied me were deeply encouraged in their walk with the Lord as we took part in the revival services and interacted with the young people. Our hopes were renewed.

Casa RABY is making plans for an active summer, working around the Ukrainian refugees that are still living there. We have housed many refugees there since the war started. The first two groups that were from state orphanages have found other places to immigrate to and now we have around 30 people left living there. Some of these are families taking care of their handicapped children. The others are older women and one older man, and all of them have no other place to go to right now. They are appreciative of all the help they are receiving and the especially the help from Pastor Alex and his churches. Many of you have contributed to help keep them warm and fed over the winter. The English words 'thank you' were heard often and are extended to you all.

I was touched by the safe and supportive environment that these displaced people are enjoying right now. They are in a very good place there at the camp, better than most could imagine I think, considering the turns their lives have taken, but I was struck by how quickly that safety and calm spirit disappeared when a video and pictures arrived on a cell phone, showing more destruction in their home city with Russian helicopters flying overhead.... Just like that- the calm and peace was replaced with fear, anger and agitation!

Just like myself, I thought, as a child of God I am living in the calm and safety of my Saviours' loving hand but when I allow myself to change my focus to the bad and the evil happening all around me, I allow fear and unbelief to jump into my life! Let us keep our focus right where it belongs, God is in control, He promises to hold His children safely in His hand ! Keep looking to Him for leading and keep on serving!

- Serving Him, Steve Cernek, FCFI Board President

On the Cover - Executive Director's Report



Dennis Schlagel
FCFI Executive Director

During the National Farm Machinery Show, the FCFI crew who was staffing the Fellowship booth in South Wing B, the Seminars Friday and Saturday and the Prayer Station outside seminar Room 105, traveled to Asbury College to attend the revival meetings. The revival meetings had been going on for nearly a month around the clock! Our team was in Estes Hall which is pictured on the cover. One of the messages I heard was from Romans 12: 9-21. A testimony was from a young woman in her second year at Asbury. She explained that her generation, Gen Z, was known for anxiety and depression. Revival begins with individuals repenting of sin in their lives to God. This young woman told us she had repented and was happy to report that she had gone four days in a row without anxiety!

All of us attending were blessed to be part of the revival at Asbury. Let's all pray that similar revival breaks out across American communities. Pray, too, that the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International can be a spark that contributes to individual repentance unto the Lord.

- In Him, Dennis Schlagel, FCFI Executive Director



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Going West! FFA State Conventions in New Locations!



Three Sisters mountains near Bend, Oregon

FCFI has expanded State FFA Conventions to include Washington, Utah, Idaho and Oregon. The Oregon FFA state Convention was in Redmond, Oregon. FCFI team leader, Terry Morrison arrived a day early to set-up and then drive to Bend, Oregon to visit Deschutes Valley where you see the snow covered Three Sisters Mountains. Great place for Terry to go on a prayer walk for the Oregon FFA. Terry, Jeff Goss, and John Caster would be interacting with students the next two days. Pray about planning a trip to the Pacific Northwest next year to help with a State Convention booth and see part of God’s creation.



John Caster, from Oregon, interacts with Oregon FFA Members. John leads Farm Show exhibits in Salem, OR called AgFest and the PrayingFarmers.com event in August.



FCFI Area Director, Jeff Goss, listens to Oregon FFA members at the Oregon State Convention in Redmond, OR.



The Nebraska State FFA Convention was in Lincoln this year. FCFI is using a “Future is in His Hands” #fcfi23 panel for member photographs. Something new for FCFI exhibits and quite fun.



Jeff Goss share the gospel message with one of the many groups of young people at the Western Farm Show in Kansas City. Look at the faces of these people listening. The Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of these people. Neighboring exhibitors loved it and donated money to get to the next farm show. A few times Jeff Goss and Mike Weaver had to stand on chairs to speak to the entire group. Thousands of FFA members attend the Western Farm Show. Thank you for your prayer support that makes moments like this happen.



30th Annual Conference

Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

"Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast." - Psalms 119: 90

July 26 - 28, 2023 - Dubuque, Iowa

FEATURING

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

Early Arrival Activities

- Farm Toy Museum
- Field of Dreams
- Trolley Tour
- Mississippi Cruise

Keynote Speaker
Kevin Cernek



Pastor, Martintown Community Church, FCFI Chaplain

Special Music
Paul Family Bluegrass



Thursday Evening Concert
From the Upper Peninsula

Best Western Plus, Dubuque, IA

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 25, 2023

Registration Form

30th Annual FCFI Conference
July 26 - 28, 2023 - Dubuque, IA

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Early Arrival Special Note: Please send the Monday and/or Tuesday Night Lodging fee of \$111 along with your registration!

Conference fees include; 6 meals and 2 nights lodging per person, starts Wednesday at 5:30pm

_____ # 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

- Farm Toy Museum \$5 each
- Field of Dreams \$22 each
- Tuesday Supper \$19 each
- Trolley Tour \$30 each
- Luncheon Cruise \$40 each
- Monday and/or Tuesday Night Lodging \$111 per night

Conference Registration Fees

WEDNESDAY EVENING, THURSDAY, FRIDAY NOON

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

Total _____ \$ _____

30th Annual Conference Early Arrival Activities*

Please include additional fees with conference registration where indicated.

Tuesday, July 25

10:00 am - National Farm Toy Museum - \$5 each

1110 16th Ave SE, Dyersville, IA

Meet at 10:00am

12:00 pm - Field of Dreams - \$22 each

28995 Lansing Road, Dyersville, IA

Meet at noon, lunch on your own

Ghost Player Tour - 1:30 pm

Farm House Tour - 2:30 pm

Tuesday Supper - \$19 each

FUSE, 224 N2nd Ave NE, Dyersville, IA

Time: TBD



Wednesday, July 26

9:15 am - Trolleys of Dubuque - \$30 each

Tour on the trolleys to the historic downtown, see beautiful architecture & scenery, lock & dam #11, Tri-State view

American Lady Luncheon Cruise - \$40 each

Two hour cruise aboard the American Lady Yacht on the Mighty Mississippi River seeing historic sites. A hot buffet will be served. Trolleys of Dubuque will take us and pick us up if you're a part of the trolley tour

3:00 - 5:00 pm - Conference Registration at Best Western Plus, conference begins at 5:30pm



Please pay for early arrival conference activities, including Monday and/or Tuesday lodging, when registering for conference.

For the second year in row the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International and PrayingFarmers.com organized an event to pray for farmers attending the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, Kentucky. Seminar presentations were held in South Wing B Room 105. PrayingFarmers.com is an organization of agri-businessmen from Oregon to North Carolina that meet at farm shows to pray for farmers.

Ron Miller was our seminar speaker this year with a presentation entitled, "Stability in Unstable Times." Ron and his wife, Kris, raised their family in the 80's. The 80's had high interest rates, inflation, and the Russian grain embargo. His presentation can be watched on the www.fcfi.org webpage. The Lord also provided a video of the Miller family thanks to Big Iron Auctions features called "Share your Legacy". This video can be watched at BigIron.com and on the fcfi.org website and facebook page. Be sure to share the "Stability in Unstable Times" message with those who are struggling.

Following Ron Miller's presentation, the room was set up in circles of 8-10 chairs so people could introduce themselves. Prayer requests were shared and we prayed with farmers and



their families.

Lord willing, we would like to meet with farmers to continue to pray with them in 2024.

For nearly 30 years the Fellowship of Christian Farmers has had a set up and exhibit in South Wing B. The Bible Baptist Church in Maryville, Ohio prepares the wordless walking sticks for the farm show, delivers 4000 sticks, and trains church members to share the gospel message using the walking sticks. Many more rural churches are assisting FCFI in a similar fashion to share the gospel at their local county fair or farm show.

(Right photo) This what the Fellowship exhibit looks like for nine hours each of the four day run of the NFMS. A powerful gospel message that has



the potential, that by faith, can have a massive impact on a person's life. Thank you for praying for farm show outreach.



FCFI Disaster Relief Coordinator, Mike Weaver, is shown sharing the gospel message with a young family.



The Community of Sullivan, Indiana was hit by an EF-3 tornado that destroyed 150 homes in Sullivan. Dan and Lori Miller from Forreston, Illinois arrived in Sullivan County on Monday after the Friday night storm. The village of Sullivan was closed so first responders could safely get the streets open and powerlines restored. The Lord provided lodging and meals at the Union Christian College camp built in 1859. Bonnie Jean the property overseer was also a member of the Sullivan County Emergency Management Agency. Bonnie helped Dan and Lori locate rural properties that were ready to have recovery workers come on Tuesday. Monday night the team of 21 workers prayed for the Lord's wisdom and where they should work. Jim Nelson from Hudson, Illinois served as FCFI Assessment Director, joined the team Monday afternoon. The team also located a CAT 305 mini excavator from a dealer in Terre Haute and delivered the machine Tuesday morning. (Try finding a mini excavator to rent five days after a tornado. This was another miracle the team was thrilled about.)

Mark Freed and his grandson Payton Wiltz, a member of the Lexington, IL FFA Chapter. Mark and Payton hauled two John Deere side by sides with trailers for FFA members to use for picking up tornado trash on soon to be planted corn and soybean fields. Sullivan



FFA and both girls and boys track teams gleaned fields of trash on Good Friday with Payton. FFA members locking arms to help local farmers.



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FCFI Farm Shows & Calendar of Events

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

MAY

- 2-3 Oklahoma FFA – Tulsa, OK
Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835
- 6 Spring Fling – Danville, PA
Doc DeVoe - 570-204-2110
- 10-11 Washington FFA Convention – Kennewick, WA
Terry Morrison - 425-260-4408
- 19-21 Four State Farm Show – Pittsburg, KS
Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835
- 20 FCFI Golf Tournament – Boonville, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 23-24 Mississippi FFA- MSU
Mike Weaver - 618-499-1386
- 27 NY Steam Engine Tractor Pull & Flea Market-
Canandaigua, NY, Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 30-6/2 Kansas FFA Convention – Manhattan, KS
Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835

JUNE

- 2-4 Nittany Antique Machinery Show – Centre Hall, PA
Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
- 3-4 Vermont Dairy Festival – Enosburg Falls, VT
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 3-4 Western NY Dairy Festival, Springville, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 3-4 Antique Tractor Show, Madrid, NY
Dave Porter - 315-771-4514
- 5-7 Louisiana FFA – Baton Rouge, LA
Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835
- 6-8 Kentucky FFA – Lexington, KY
Mike Weaver - 618-499-1386
- 6-8 South Carolina FFA – Greenville, SC
Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835
- 7-8 Alabama FFA - Montgomery, AL
Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835
- 10-11 Meredith Dairy Fest - Meredith, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 10-11 Violet Festival-Dolgeville, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 10-11 Antique Tractor Show, Sharon Springs, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 14 Wisconsin FFA – Madison, WI
Pastor Dave Adams - 815-790-0228
- 13-15 Illinois FFA – Springfield, IL
Dennis Schlager - 309-530-7004
- 17-18 Strawberry Festival-Owego, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 18 Branford Festival-Branford, CT
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823

- Chenango County Dairy Fest - Norwich, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 5 Virginia FFA – Blackburg, VA
Michael Steele - 570-419-9877
- 12 Indiana FFA – Purdue University
Dennis Schlager - 309-530-7004
- 11-13 Florida FFA – Caribe Royale, Orlando
Mike Weaver - 618-499-1386
- 15-17 Farmer's Market – Syracuse, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 16-20 North Carolina FFA- Raleigh, NC
Mike Weaver - 618-499-1386
- 18-19 Millville Carnival-Millville, PA
Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110

JULY

- 3-4 Fort Plain 4th on the Weekend – Fort Plain, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 5 Cheddar Cheese Festival – Adams, NY
Dave Porter - 315-771-4514
- 6-9 Madison County Fair – Brookfield, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 9 Cowlesville Flea – Cowlesville, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 11-14 Texas State FFA Convention- Dallas, TX
Art Free - 512-760-0510
- 11-14 Stick Workdays, Marcy, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 12-22 Lycoming County Fair – Hughesville, PA
Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110
- 13-16 North Stonington Fair, North Stonington, CT
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 14-16 Two Cylinder Expo, Canandaigua, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 18-20 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days – Loyal, WI
Dave Adams - 815-790-0228
- 22-23 Milwaukee Air and Water Show
Dave Adams - 815-790-0228
- 24-29 Troy Fair - Troy, PA
Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
- 24-29 Montour De Long Fair
Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110
- 30th Annual FCFI Conference
Best Western Plus, Dubuque, IA**
- AUGUST**
- Clinton County Fair-Mill Hall, PA
Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110
- 9-10 Niagara County Fair, Lockport, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 9 Empire Farm Days- Pompey, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823

- 4-6 Eden Corn Festival-Eden, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 5 Old Home Days – Vernon Center, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 12 Antioch Baptist Church Block Party,
Williamsport, PA, Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
- 11-13 CVAEMA Steam Show – Chambersburg, PA
Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
- 15-17 Dakota Fest – Mitchell, SD
Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835
- 16-20 Annual Steam, Gas and Threshing Show
Pinckneyville, IL, Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835
- 18-19 Sunbury River Festival – Sunbury, PA
Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110
- 18-20 Woodsmen's Field Days, Boonville, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 19 Roseboom Antique Show, Roseboom, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 22-26 Northumberland County Fair – Sunbury, PA
Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110
- 24-27 Brooklyn Fair – Brooklyn, CT
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 26 Farmer's Market – Syracuse, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 29-31 Farm Progress Show- Decatur, IL
Dennis Schlager - 309-530-7004
- 8/30-9/4 Wyoming County Fair- Meshoppen, PA
Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110

SEPTEMBER

- 8/30- 9/4 Walworth County Fair- Elkhorn, WI
Dave Adams - 815-790-0228
- 8/30-9/3 Sullivan County Fair – Forksville, PA
Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110
- 1-3 Montour Antique Farm Machinery Show
Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
- 1-4 Spencer Fair- Spencer, MA
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 1-4 Sandusky County Restorers Antique Power Show
Gibsonburg, OH, Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
- 6-10 Luzerne County Fair – Dallas, PA
Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110
- 7-10 Hebron Harvest Fair – Hebron, CT
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 7-10 Nittany Antique Machinery Show- Centre Hall, PA
Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
- 9-10 Lycoming County Balloon Fest- Hughesville, PA
Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
- 9 Canajoharie Street Fair- Canajoharie, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823

- Four Town Fair – Somers, CT
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 12-14 Husker Harvest Days- Grand Island, NE
Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835
- 14-17 MD Bike Week, Ocean City, MD
Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
- 15-16 Country Living Farm and Home Show,
Frankfort, NY, Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 16 Cream Cheese Festival – Lowville, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 16-17 Pennsylvania Heritage Day – Easton, PA
Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
- 19-21 Farm Science Review-London, OH
Dennis Schlager - 309-530-7004
- 19-23 International Plowing Match – Bowling Green,
Ontario, Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 22-24 Wolcott Fair – Wolcott, CT
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 23-24 Remsen Barn Festival – Remsen, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 23-24 Underhill Market Festival – Underhill, VT
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 9/23-9/30 Bloomsburg Fair – Bloomsburg, PA
Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110

OCTOBER

- 9/29 – 10/1 Harwinton Fair – Harwinton, CT
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 2-3 Vendor Fair, Teel Farms – Barneveld, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 6-8 Ozark Fall Farmfest – Springfield, MO
Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835
- 6-8 Riverton Fair – Riverton, CT
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 7 Wintergreen Harvest Festival- Canajoharie, NY
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 9-10 Tioga County Early Days, Whitneyville, PA
Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
- 15-16 Fulton Fall Folk Festival – McConnellsville, PA
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 17-19 Sunbelt Agriculture Expo – Moultrie, GA
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 21 Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church Family Day- Arcadia, FL
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 21-22 Hellers Orchard Apple Festival- Wapwallopen, PA
Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
- 28-29 Pioneer Days-Lake Wales, FL
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 28 Apple Fest – Congregational Church- Salem, CT
Bill Brown - 315-749-6823
- 28 Watsonstown Light the Night – Milton, PA
Michael Steele - 570-494-1240