



# The Harvest

*“We Plant - God gives the increase” - 1 Cor 3:6-9*

**“The Fields are White for the Harvest”**

The main front cover picture is from the recently completed Flowertown Festival in Summerville, SC. Listed as a top twenty in the southeast, it boasts an attendance of over 200,000 people for the three-day event. As you can see, the event turns the streets into a sea of humanity. **Matthew 9:36**“When Jesus saw the crowds, He was moved with compassion.” Jesus said in **John 4:35b**“**lift up your eyes, and look unto the fields; for they are white already for the harvest.**” The Flowertown Festival is just one of the many events FCF exhibits at throughout the year. We have pictures below of some others. **In Luke 10:2** we read **“The harvest is plentiful; but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”** (NIV) With your prayers, and support may we always have the staff and needed volunteers to take this wonderful message of Jesus Christ to a needy world.



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What a privilege to serve the Lord through FCFI. As we travel to events, we always find folks that need reassurance that God has a place for them in heaven no matter how unworthy they may think they are. Over and over, we hear that no one has really explained the salvation message as simply as we do in FCFI. It's hard for people to accept the fact that we "must change and become like little children in order to enter the kingdom of heaven," Matt. 18:3 (NIV). If I may, I'd like to share experiences from two funerals I recently attended. My college friend, Larry Rose, went home to be with the Lord on January 14th. After college I became a farmer, Larry climbed the corporate ladder working his entire life for General Foods. We visited him at his various stops across America. We stayed friends and I had the privilege of visiting him and his family a week before he passed. I'm reminded of the scripture in Matt. 19: 23-24 "It's hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. It's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle." I was pleased that God was indeed gloried at Larry's Celebration of Life. The speakers, music and the pastor made it very clear that there is only one way to heaven. Even in dying Larry was instrumental in presenting Christ where the fields are white for the harvest.

The other experience was at my Uncle John's funeral on March 9th. My uncle lost his mom at a very young age and struggled for many years, but he finished well. He too, through his later years and funeral service was still reaching out to others "where the fields are white for the harvest." My prayer for you and myself is that we never give up sharing Christ to a needy world.

**Giving Him thanks in all things,  
Bill Brown**



### Guest column from Canada - Leona Bastiaansen - Ont. Canada

Jesus lived in a society where most people were quite familiar with an agricultural lifestyle. Many would have had their own personal experiences with the labor associated with the cultivation of land both in seed time and harvest. They would have made their own living that way and thus it is not surprising that Jesus used that familiar theme in a number of His parables.

In the parable of the sower (Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23) Jesus describes four different types of soil that seed can fall on. The sower is Jesus and the seed is the Word of God, His message of hope to the world. Sadly, only one of the four soils was good soil in which the seed could sprout and grow to produce a crop. We acknowledge that each time an FCFI volunteer shares the story of the beads with individuals we are simply sowing the seed that also will fall on a variety of soils. The hearers are not all receptive in the same way. Thankfully we are only asked to plant the seed. In 1 Corinthians 3: 6-8 Paul the apostle states "I planted the seed in your hearts and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters works together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work."

In John 4:35-37 just after Jesus had an encounter with a Samaritan woman at the well he suddenly changes the focus of his conversation with his disciples to the urgency of an upcoming harvest...a spiritual harvest. "You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! You know the saying, 'One plants and another harvests.' And it's true."

In this dialogue Jesus is teaching his disciples the importance of evangelism and the resulting spiritual harvest. We have unlimited opportunities to share the Gospel with individuals if we are willing and we should also have a sense of urgency that the time is short and the eternal destinies of people's lives are at stake. I was recently touched by the video series called The Engagement Project by Dr. Del Tackett. In the segment on reaching our neighbors he gave some convicting statistics. (The actual numbers might not be totally up to date but still make a challenging point.) He stated that the total population of the United States was 240 million and that 80 million were born again believers. That means that each individual believer would need to reach out to only 3 people in order to reach every American. Let us all be diligent in sharing the Gospel to those around us.

This scripture portion reminds us again that the work of evangelism is a collective effort where some sow the seeds while others may have the privilege of reaping the fruits of those seeds and each one will receive their rewards in eternity.



### “The Field Across the Road”

“Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.” John 4: 35 Jesus’ words convey certain urgency. Look. See. Lift up your eyes.

As I picture a field of souls ready to meet Jesus, I also see the field of grain Jesus spoke of, and I know neither field will harvest itself and neither will it show up at the farmer’s front door, wave, and announce, “Here I am, ready to be harvested.”

The wheat farmer must go to the field. Along the way, he may encounter difficulties—problems with farm machinery, health or family issues, severe weather—stumbling blocks to the harvest.

Wheat harvest is a perfect picture of the work of The Fellowship of Christian Farmers and our calling to labor in the soul fields. Compare:

- A grain of wheat consists of three parts, bran, germ, and endosperm. Humans consist of three parts, body, soul, and spirit.
- A timely harvest is crucial.
- Harvesting is a difficult process that requires good preparation.
- We can count on stumbling blocks that urge us to turn back.

Not long ago we faced exactly this when a young family moved in across the road. The first stumbling block came when Pete and I crossed the road to welcome them to the community. To our disappointment, we were snubbed.

What did we have in common with these folks? They’re young, we’re old.

They dress in clothes we consider inappropriate, and we wear “old people” clothes. This can’t be our field, we reasoned, and so we extended no further effort, other than to smile and wave as we passed by when walking our dog.

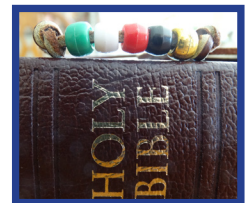
Then, a few weeks ago, we received news that the apartment we applied for almost four years ago was ours. We were excited, but with each box I packed, I couldn’t shake the feeling that we had unfinished business with the family across the road.

Had we missed the harvest?

The truth is we don’t yet know. We pray we have not, and we’re working to make up for lost time. Thankfully, we see God working in their lives. He’s working in ours as well, reminding us to lift up our eyes, and see that the fields before us are white for harvest.



### Words Of Encouragement



**JC Ryle “I pity the man who never thinks about Heaven.”**

**DL Moody “Christians should live in the world but not be filled with it”**

**“A lack of planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part.”**

**“Treat your corporate worship like you treat your children’s ball game. You’ll be there on time.”**

**“A lot of people believe in God, but do they believe God?”**

**Pastor John Hagee “It is not what others say about you that defines who you are; it is what God says about you.”**

**“No one has the right to expect the words you say to speak louder than how you behave or act.”**



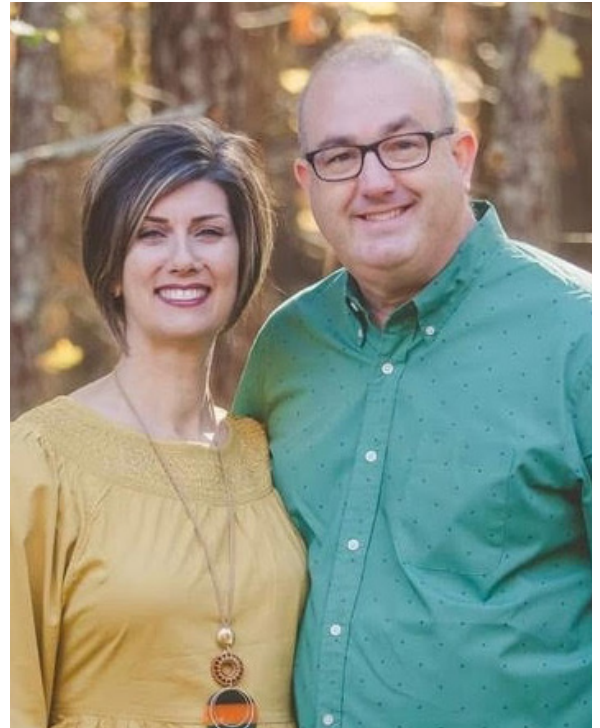
As a young pastor, I was as energetic and full of vision as any pastor ever has been. I was ready to contend for the faith unto death, and was totally convinced that with God on my side, I had the wherewithal to change the world. Over the course of the last 28 years, I've experienced God's faithful goodness and lots of ministry "wins" along with my fair share of setbacks and disappointments. In retrospect, I believe I was right in having great expectations and faith that Christ through the church is the greatest hope of the world. However, I was dead wrong to assume that my solo efforts would produce maximum kingdom results. Isn't it amazing how arrogant young men can be?

Thankfully, along the ministry road I have been blessed to encounter like-minded men and women who are just as passionate and driven to spread the gospel as I am. We share the same hopes and envision the same goals. These choice servants of the Lord reach people groups that I will never be able to reach. They speak languages and embrace cultures that are foreign to my understanding. Many of these heroes sacrifice much to pursue the call of God in their lives and I have grown to value and appreciate their contribution to the kingdom.

Individual missionaries and missionary organizations like the Fellowship of Christian Farmers sometimes go unknown or unnoticed in our world but are widely known in the Kingdom of God (and in the kingdom of darkness by the way). As a local congregation, members of the FCF have become our partners and envoys to a segment of the world that we would never have reached without them. I am so grateful that we labor together and I'm reminded that this is how the Lord intended it to be:

"Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."- John 4:35-38

With our love, prayers, and support, Fellowship of Christian Farmers sows and reaps and our congregation gets to play a small role in all of it. Praise be to God that the body of Christ is working together to see "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in the earth as it is in Heaven."



**"Well done, good and faithful Servant."**

After serving The Fellowship of Christian Farmers for over 30 years as Executive Director, Dennis Schlagel has decided to step down and spend more time with his family. We as his FCFI family cannot thank him enough for all that has been accomplished under his leadership. FCFI grew substantially, especially with the introduction of the now famous "Walking Sticks". Mission trips were taken to Russia, Jamaica, New Zealand, Haiti, Mexico, and Romania to name a few. He and Jan gave of their lives' sacrificially to further the Kingdom. Thank you again, Dennis and Jan. You have been an encouragement to many. "Well Done"!!!







For years I used to quote Jesus in John 4:35, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest, and that if they were ripe 2000 years ago than they are really ripe now. I have been evangelizing since 1981 and I can honestly say I have never seen the harvest as ripe as it is today. I have been evangelizing with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers for over 25 years which would include ministering to thousands of FFA students. Even though they have always been hungry and receptive to the Gospel, that hunger has gone to a whole new level recently. Every state and every place which we minister at, more teens and adults are praying with us to be born again than I have ever seen before.

For years I have passed out Gospel tracts at gas stations, Walmart's, gyms and on the streets, and never have I seen people so excited about receiving these tracts. A great example of this was when I stopped at a Quik Trip in Kansas City to get gas while on my way to minister at the Nebraska FFA convention in Lincoln, Nebraska. I gave the clerks Gospel books and then began to leave. By the time I got to the door, one of the clerks asked me what it was I gave her. I went back to the cash register and explained the plan of salvation to her. Despite customers and other QT employees all around us,

she stayed totally focused on what I was saying. At this point all she cared about was her soul and eventually in front of the whole store she prayed the sinner's prayer with me. One customer came up behind me and told the lady to listen to what I was saying because it was the truth. I went to my car to get some follow up literature and when I returned to the store, one of the QT employees was ministering to her and inviting her to their church the following Sunday.

What a joy and privilege to be living in this great time of harvest. I encourage everyone reading this to get involved in the fun and begin to share Christ wherever you go because the harvest is truly ripe.

## Nuggets from the Buckeye – By Bill Nichols – Bellefonte, OH

As we are wrapping up disaster relief at Indian Lake I have come up with some analogies. Samaritans Purse moved in with their command center. They also moved in with their Chaplain unit. I compared the command center to God. He moves into helping the lost and discouraged, the people with destroyed lives. The Chaplain Center was there to lead, uplift, and instruct the people whose lives had been destroyed. Over 200 volunteers showed up to be boots on the ground. I compared the volunteers to Christ to come to seek and to save that which was lost. As the relief work forged ahead there was resistance at times from the victims. There was brokenness most of the time. Shock and disbelief were everywhere. As we pushed ahead 39 people were led to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Praise God! Satan comes in to wreak havoc on our lives but Jesus can take a bad situation and make it beautiful.

The fields are ripe and ready for harvest. When I started doing shows some 20 years ago, we used to count the souls saved. Today the numbers are overwhelming. Praise God! Jesus is getting his church ready for his return. Let's run with all our might so we might say as Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith".



## ANNOUNCEMENT: Mission Trip



# September 9-13, 2024

Details:

Leave NY on Saturday September 7th

Lodging provided on Saturday night

Meals provided

lodging provided by

High Point Baptist Church-Mayfield, KY

Working with the Fuller Center for this project

A love offering will be taken to cover expenses-Resources available if you need help with the costs



Mayfield made national news when a EF4 Tornado struck the area on December 10, 2021. 600 businesses were destroyed, along with 400 homes. They are in rebuilding process. Work for everyone. Ladies are welcome as well and homes need interior painting.

Contact: Bill Brown, FCFI Area Coordinator Cell-(315) 749-6823 Home: (315) 736-5964 Email: labrow1@gmail.com

Contact: C.P. Foster, Cell: (607) 725-2971 Email: cpfoster8@yahoo.com

## Supporting Mission

### Thank - You For Supporting Our Mission



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

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Make payable to Fellowship of Christian Farms International)

To be used for: General Fund as needed \_\_\_\_\_ or Area Leaders of Choice  
Mike Weaver \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Brown \_\_\_\_\_ Jeff Goss \_\_\_\_\_ Bill Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

I am paying by: \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ AMEX One Time Donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp mm/yy \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ monthly gifts on going until notified otherwise



FCFI, PO Box 15, Lexington, IL 61753



## Introducing New Executive Director of FCFI

The Board of Directors for The Fellowship of Christian Farmers is excited to introduce Dan Janzen from Kalamazoo, Michigan as our new Executive Director. We asked you to pray as FCFI looked for a new Executive Director and God answered your prayers!

Dan grew up on a family farm with a hard work ethic and amidst a diverse variety of crops in the Willamette Valley, Oregon. A region steeped in history as the destination of the Oregon Trail. His parents instilled a deep sense of faith and service which extended from many generations of Mennonite/Methodist and farming heritage. They ran the Fellowship of Christian Farmers booth for 23 years.

During his formative years, his home hosted missionaries, fostering a personal connection with those his parents and their church supported. Among them was Gene Lewton, a missionary with a farming background whose wise counsel forever altered his life's course. With just a few strategic sentences, Gene planted the seed of possibility within him: the idea of becoming an agricultural missionary. From that moment, Dan was steadfast in pursuing this calling.

Years later, Dan had the privilege of joining Gene in Kenya for a three-month agricultural internship. Gene, having dedicated over four decades to mission work, was a beacon of dedication and service.

One of the most cherished memories from his eight years as a missionary in South Sudan was a conversation with the wife of a young man, Kalo, from the Nuba Mountains. Visiting to provide agricultural training, he remarked on her husband's remarkable grasp of the Christian worldview and his application of biblical principles to uplift his community. She attributed his transformation to a book, 'Poverty of Nations: A Sustainable Solution,' which Dan had provided him with. It was a poignant reminder of the profound impact a simple gesture, like sharing a book, can have on someone's life journey.



## Testimonies from the Field



Pastor Leroy Thompson, originally from Jamaica writes “ Glad to have been able to help, It was a blessing to do the Lord’s will to share the gospel with those the Lord has prepared to hear the Good News. What you farmers are doing is the right thing. You blessed me by allowing me to be apart of what God is doing to reach lost people through your ministry. Thank you.” Pastor Leroy now works as IMG Missions Field Coordinator to the Caribbean and Underserved and makes his home in FL.





## Gone Home

It is with deep sorrow that we share with you the passing of Steve Brown, faithful co-worker, on Sunday, April 14. How appropriate that he went home on the Lord's Day! 1 Timothy 6:12 "Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

Steve indeed fought the good fight to which he was called. He and his wife Chris, partnered with us for 15 years as FCFI grew in the East. He was always ready to give a helping hand or drive the extra mile to share the good news. The week before his passing was spent at The Flowertown Festival in Summerville, SC. Over 3,000 folks heard the wonderful message of Christ, always presented by the Browns and others with a smile. We will miss him dearly and all he meant to so many. Thank you, Steve, for answering the Call!



**The Flowertown Festival in Summerville,  
SC was the last event Steve worked before his passing.  
We are going to miss you!**



## *Floral City Strawberry Festival*



Snowbirds Pastor Carl Chapman and wife Roberta helped at the show passing out over 900 sticks. Shown is Roberta explaining the bead story to a young girl.



Kathy Brown sharing. We want to thank Pat and Ada Bielanski for their help as well.

## *Report from PA - The Steeles*



Family checking out the gift table at the York, PA RV Show



Look at the beautiful smiles on these young Christian ladies as they received their gifts at the Ocean City MD Home and Easter Show



Sally Good sharing the Good News in PA!





## Jeff Goss



You can see the sincerity of this young man as he kneels to pray to receive Christ at the Tennessee State FFA Convention



Jeff Goss preaches the Gospel at the Nebraska State FFA Convention.

## Florida



Mt Ephraim Baptist Church stepping up to help at Pioneer Day.



Our first time at this event last of March. Clewiston is the Cane Sugar capital of the US. Leona Bastassian, ONT, Canada shares with a group of young men. Fredi Silva from a local Baptist Church was so impressed with the ministry that he spent a couple of hours helping us.

## Strawberry Festival , Live Oak, FL



Kathy Brown spends some time with a family.



Bill talking baseball and Jesus with young baseball players.



## NY Farm Show

*Over 1,100 people stopped by the booth in Feb.*



Ric Rosero flanked by 2 young football players that just happened to be brothers. Not very often that Ric talks with guys who are as tall as he is.



Steve Hutton, past missionary chairman at Redeeming Love Fellowship Church and MHV Chapter member shares.



Joyce Kitchen shares as husband Cliff looks on. The Kitchens are long time members and officers of The Mohawk Valley Chapter.



Mary Zacek spent a few hours helping as well. We were very blessed to have lots of help. PTL





# Market Place Evangelism

## Keystone Show – York, PA



Steve and Chris Brown headed up the three day show. Chris all smiles as she shares the gospel with a family.



Steve doing what he enjoyed most, sharing!!!

## Home Show – Utica, NY

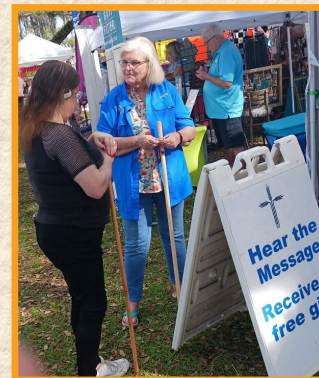


Mark Nimey with 5 young hockey players. Mark just led them in the sinner's prayer.

## Swamp Cabbage Festival – LaBelle, FL



Lots of folks stopped by and thanks goes out to Life Ministries, LaBelle for all their help.



Sandy Singer sharing. The Singers headed up the event where 1,100 people stopped by.





## Market Place Evangelism

### *Highlights from the Flowertown Festival, Summerville, SC*

*3,000 people stopped by for a free gift.*



Sometimes you have to fill all kinds of responsibility. Bill Brown hanging on to a baby carriage so grandma could hear the message.



Pete Singer sharing with the overflow crowd at the back of the tents.



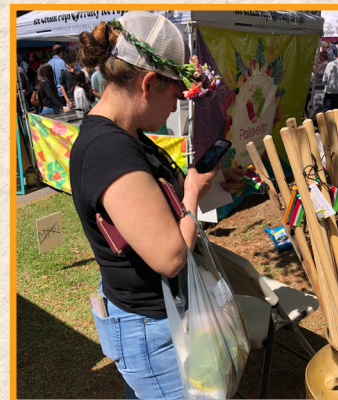
Pastor Rob and Sue Andreas drove down from Portageville, NY to help.



Leona Bastassisian sharing the gospel.



Kathy with a Spanish speaking family. The young girl translated for Dad and Grandpa. We always carry Spanish tracts for just a moment like this.



I couldn't resist this Kodak moment as a young gal takes a picture of the stick card.





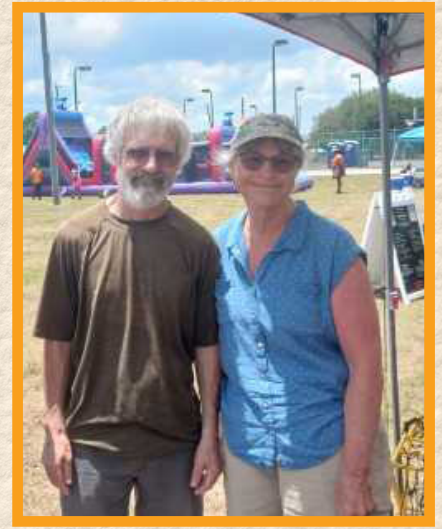
## *More Events & Helpful Hands*



Anne Sharing The Bead Story



ECHO Event



Help All The Way From Vermont

## *Brown Sugar Festival*







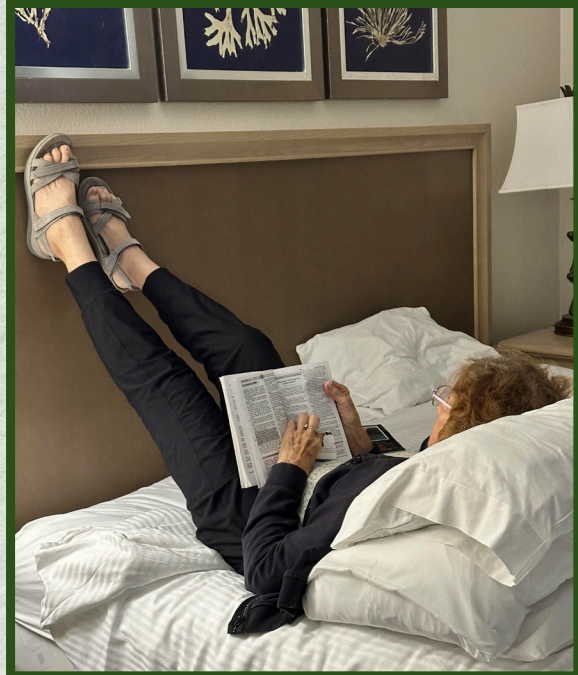
## More Pictures From Our FCFI Events In Florida







Bill and Kathy Brown had the privilege of speaking at a Wednesday Night Service at Asaville Baptist Church in Anderson, SC early March. The church has ordered supplies and will be exhibiting at a couple of local events. Shown in picture from l-r are church members Diana Buell, Smith Boukright and Pastor DeWayne Evans. Diana has worked with FCFI for many years serving as cook on mission trips and at events.



Sometimes you just have to get off your feet. Kathy reading her morning devotions.



## “Wakeup call from Connecticut” Pastor Mitch and Sue Santelli, Woodstock, CT

All eyes on God! In our global situation, we see an awaking taking place. When I say “awaking,” I don’t just mean spiritually but also talking about events and key Gentile nations in end-time prophecy. Iran referred in the Bible as Persia is awaking. China is awakening. North Korea as well as Russia. The first century church had to deal with circumstances similar to ours. The apostles led them to keep their eyes and minds focused on eternal life with Jesus. No matter how ridiculed, abused, and rejected they were with hardships. It is the same today. We’re to endure and be prepared. As we give out “walking sticks,” at events we attend, we’re keeping our eyes focused on Jesus. Focusing on sharing our righteous new life with people who have never experienced Christ’s peace. His foreknowledge allows every FCF event to be worked out for good. As we continue to give testimony to the sanctification of the Holy Spirit and the covering of Jesus’ blood – we will do well to share the kind of peace that brings deliverance and assurance to the human soul. As for the coming world events – nothing to worry about as we should be busy witnessing and praying for lost souls to be saved. As we do, God takes care of those who trust and obey! In Jesus name!







# Fellowship of Christian Farmers Walking Stick Work Days

*Working so that thousands will hear the “Good News” in 2024*



**Dates – July 9-12, 2024**

**Time: Start each day at 9 AM – coffee and donuts**

**Lunch at noon - provided**

**We will finish each day by 5 PM**

**Where – Pilgrim Holiness Church**

**6079 Cavanaugh Rd, Marcy, NY**

**RSVP –(315) 736-5964 – Browns**

**We will have tents set up – rain or shine**

**Our goal is to prepare at least 25,000 sticks for the 2024 event schedule.**

**Our inventory is very low!**

**Come work for a couple of hours – a whole day or every day.**

***Honoring Steve Brown***







# 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference

Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

## Our Hope is in the Lord

*"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13*

**July 24 - 26, 2024 - Fair Oaks, Indiana**

### FEATURING

- Farm Show Reports
- Disaster Relief Reports
- Devotions
- Special Speakers
- FCFI Auction
- Concert
- Great Food & Fellowship

### Early Arrival Activities

- BioTownAg
- Kemin Foods, Inc.
- Sonoma Farm
- Dairy & Pig Adventures

Keynote Speaker  
Joe Humrichous



Executive Director  
of Paradigm One

Special Music  
Heritage Gospel Quartet



Thursday Evening Concert  
Francesville, IN

## Fair Oaks Farms, Fair Oaks, Indiana

For more information, contact: FCFI (309) 275-3818 or kris@fcfi.org

**Register and Pay with your Credit Card at [www.fcfi.org](http://www.fcfi.org)**

Registration Deadline:  
Friday, June 21, 2024

### Registration Form

31st Annual FCFI Conference  
July 24 - 26, 2024 - Fair Oaks, IN

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Early Arrival Special Note: If you are staying Tuesday night, please send Extra Night's Lodging fee of \$145 along with your registration**

Conference fees include; 6 meals and 2 nights lodging per person.

Conference starts Wednesday at 5:30pm

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

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> BioTownAg              | <b>FREE</b>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kemin Foods            | <b>FREE</b>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sonoma Farm            | <b>FREE</b>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy & Pig Adventures | <b>\$19 each</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Night Lodging  | <b>\$145</b>     |

### Conference Registration Fees

WEDNESDAY EVENING, THURSDAY, FRIDAY NOON

- |   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adults _____   | \$300.00 each   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children _____ | \$100.00 each   |
| <b>Total</b> _____                      | <b>\$</b> _____ |



## 31st Annual Conference Early Arrival Activities\*

**Tuesday, July 23rd**

**12:00 pm**

**BioTownAg**

402 W 100 N, Reynolds, IN

<https://biotownag.com>



**3:00 pm**

**Kemin Foods**

3960 W 800 S, North Judson, IN

<https://www.kemin.com>



**4:30pm**

**Sonoma Farm**

23315 Shelby Rd, Shelby, IN

<https://www.sonomafarm.com>



**Wednesday, July 24**

**Fair Oaks Farms**

856 N. 600 E, Fair Oaks, IN

<https://fofarms.com>

**10:00 - 3:00**

**Alternate between**

**Dairy & Pig Adventures**

**\$19 each**

<https://fofarms.com/activities/>

Lunch on your own at the Cowfé

**3:00 - 5:00 pm**

**Conference Registration**

at Fair Oaks Farms, conference

begins at 5:30pm



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





# 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 our 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*

## Fellowship of Christian Farmers 2024 Anticipated Schedule

### June

- 1-2 - Vermont Dairy Festival, Enosburg Falls, VT - Fleming
- 1-2 - Antique Tractor Show, Madrid, NY - Porter
- 3-6 - Louisiana FFA State Convention, Alexandria, LA - Goss
- 4-7 - Alabama FFA State Convention, Montgomery, AL - Goss
- 8-9 - Meredith Dairy Fest, Meridale, NY
- 8-9 - Violet Festival, Dolgeville, NY
- 8-9 - NY Upstate Outdoor Expo, Mohawk, NY
- 10-14 - Florida State FFA Convention, Orlando, FL - Goss
- 11-13 - Mississippi State FFA Convention, Starkville, MS - Goss
- 11-13 - Illinois FFA State Convention, Springfield, IL - Goss
- 14-15 - Strawberry Festival, Owego, NY
- 14-15 - Old Home Days Centennial Celebration, Ames, NY
- 15 - Branford Festival, Branford, CT
- 18-20 - South Carolina State FFA Convention, Clemson University, Goss
- 22 - Farmers Market - Syracuse, NY
- 22 - Nutmeg Truck Show - Brooklyn, CT
- 25-27 - North Carolina State FFA Convention, Raleigh, NC - Goss

### July

- 3 - Fort Plain 4th on the Weekend - Fort Plain, NY
- 6 - Cheddar Cheese Festival, Adams, NY - Porter
- 4-7 - Madison County Fair, Brookfield, NY
- 4-7 - Four Seasons Craft and Flea Market, Carleton, MN - Singer
- 8-12 - Texas State FFA Convention, Houston, TX
- 9-12 - Stick Work Days, Marcy, NY
- 11-14 - North Stonington Fair, North Stonington, CT
- 11-14 - Two Cylinder Expo, Canandaigua, NY- every other year - 2025
- 13 - Anoka Riverfest, Anoka, MN - Singer
- 18-21 - Lamoille County Fair, Johnson, VT - Fleming
- 18-21 - Lumberjack Days, Stillwater, MN - Singer
- 22-27 - Troy Fair, Troy, PA - Steele
- 24-26 - FCFI Annual Conference, IN
- 26-28 - Lebanon County Fair, Lebanon, CT

### August

- July 31 - Aug 4 - Niagara County Fair, Lockport, NY
- 1-3 - Empire Farm Days, Pompey, NY
- 2-4 - Corn Festival, Eden, NY
- 3 - Old Home Day, Vernon Center, NY
- 3-4 - Lumberjack Days, Grand Rapids, MN - Singer
- 6-8 - Farmfest, Morgan, MN - Singer
- 6-10 - Addison County Fair - Vergennes, VT - Fleming
- 9-11 - CVAEMA Stem Show, Cumberland Valley, PA - Steele
- 17 - Roseboom Antique Show, Roseboom, NY
- 16-18 - Woodsman's Field Days, Boonville, NY
- 20-22 - Dakota Fest, Mitchel, SD - Goss
- 21-25 - Connecticut Valley Fair, Bradford, VT - Fleming
- 22-25 - Brooklyn Fair - Brooklyn, CT
- 22 - Labor Day - Cross Roads Chapel - MN State Fair - Singers
- 24 - Farmers Market - Syracuse, NY
- 27-29 - Farm Progress Show, Boone, IA - FCFI Staff

### September

- Aug 29-Sept 1 - Spencer Fair, Spencer, MA
- Aug 29-31 - Montour Antique Farm Machinery Show - Steele
- Aug 30-Sept 1 - Sandusky County Restorers Antique Power Show, Gibsonburg, OH
- 4-8 - Orleans County Fair, Barton, VT - Fleming
- 5-8 - Hebron Harvest Fair, Hebron, CT
- 5-8 - Nittany Antique Machinery Show, Centre Hall, PA - Steele
- 6-7 - Lycoming County Balloon Fest, Hughesville, PA - Good
- 8-9 - Central NY Farm Progress Show, Mohawk, NY
- 7 - Canajoharie Street Fair, Canajoharie, NY
- 7-9 - Lycoming County Balloon Fest, Hughesville, PA - Steele
- 8-11 - Four Town Fair, Somers, CT
- 12-15 - MD Bike Week, Ocean City, MD - Steele
- 13-15 - Country Living Farm and Home Expo, Herkimer County Fair Grounds
- 14-15 - Gun Show, Syracuse, NY
- 14-15 - Pennsylvania Heritage Day, Easton, PA - Steele
- 14 - Cream Cheese Festival, Lowville,
- 20-22 - Wolcott Fair, Wolcott, CT
- 21-22 - Remsen Barn Festival, Remsen, NY
- 21-22 - Apple Fest, Central Square, NY
- 21-22 - Underhill Market Festival, Underhill, VT
- 27-28 - Outreach Dinner Meetings, NY

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*Steve, you are sorely missed. Your work ethic and example of what a Christian man should be was contagious.*