



## "It's not just about the Numbers"

By Ross & Donna Rutledge, Bancroft Chapter

*"... you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8(NKJV)*

As we begin our busy season of sharing the gospel I am reminded that **behind each face there is a story, a struggle, a stronghold, and victories.** It is important we remember it is not just about the numbers and the masses it is about sharing the gospel to all who are willing to hear and participate. Even if you share and they do not accept Christ that day a seed is planted. Our job is to plant the seed and the Holy Spirit's job is to call them in.



Before our year even began we were busy getting supplies and making sticks. We want to thank Neil Brinkman who made the bulk of our sticks even coming out of tragedy - he was in a serious accident losing his wife and he himself was hospitalized for quite some time. He is now on the mend and serving the Lord. What a wonderful example he is for all of us to keep going even in a place of sorrow. We would also like to welcome a new member to our team - Sue Coulas. She loves the Lord and is a great evangelist.

Our first event for this 2016 year was Saw-Tech. This was a great event to speak into many people's lives. This event had many people from all over Ontario and even a company from Australia. It is important to be a light in this darkened world and to preach the commission that Christ asked us to from Judea, Jerusalem and the ends of the earth. May God be with each one as we preach the Gospel this year in our surrounding areas and even some preaching to the ends of the earth.

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## **President's Message** Mike Sweeney

### **Reaching Further and Affecting More than what the eye can see ...**

Mankind always leaves a heritage that will affect the generation which follows. The greatest legacy that we can pass on to those coming after us is **to know and believe in Jesus Christ**. The greatest sin that can affect the next generation is to not believe in Him. Jesus said when the Holy Spirit comes He will convict the world of sin (singular), John 16:9 tell us what that sin is, **"They do not believe in Me."** This one sin alone will separate man from God for eternity.

We now have a generation of youth that has inherited the sloppy beliefs of their parents, of their schools and of our government, leaving many confused and others not knowing if there is a God or who Jesus Christ is, but thanks be to the God of Our Lord Jesus Christ for the ministry of Fellowship of Christian Farmers; truth always stands out, it is not always accepted - but a lighthouse is what the sailor looks for in the midst of a storm, plus we are the privileged labourers working in His fields. In sharing the story of the beads I quite often ask younger folks when I come to the red bead "Do you know who Jesus is or what He did?" Others I ask "Do you believe that there was a man named Jesus and He died on the cross?" Regrettably the answer far too often is "I don't know" or "I don't believe that stuff."

Proverbs tells us "As a man thinks in his heart so is he," ... whatever we are continually exposed to; be it truth or error we will begin to think it and therefore become it. A lie can only hold one captive if it is believed to be the truth, and the truth can only remain smothered if it is believed to be a lie or it is not known. Mankind longs to be free, and Jesus said "Know the truth and the truth will make you free", but he must hear the truth before he can know it, and that is the ministry of FCF.

Science tells us it is impossible to create a perfect vacuum ... nothingness. Ungodly leaders have succeeded in passing legislation to get God out of our schools and parliamentary buildings, plus the Lord is no longer Lord in too many of our families, nevertheless man has not created the vacuum he hoped to accomplish, but instead he has replaced the God of truth with the god of this world resulting in a violent and morally decaying society.

So what are we doing when we pitch our tent and hang up the Fellowship of Christian Farmers banner? FCF is reaching further and affecting more than what the physical eye sees. We're making a statement - a declaration - a proclamation to man on earth;

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## **From the Desk of Bill Brown**

### **Bringing in the Harvest**

***“Lift up your eyes, look unto the fields; for they are white already to harvest.” John 4:35a***

As FCF shares the gospel all across the US and Canada I've come to realize that our presenters fall into three categories, those who are very jealous (aggressive), they feel everyone should pray the sinner's prayer after hearing the bead story. The next group is just the opposite. They prefer to tell the story and go no further in their presentation. And, finally we have a group that does a real good job of presenting the gospel and then give the listener an opportunity to respond by accepting Christ as their savior, on the spot. I wish all of our volunteers would follow this example.

**In Ephesians 4:11 we read “God gave some prophets, and some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.”**

I realize he's talking about ministry gifts to the church, but I believe every one of us, although not called to be an evangelist can still present the gospel, using the colored bead story, in such a way that those hearing can be persuaded of their need for a savior. A few scriptures to support my point:

**Acts 17: 3b & 4a “Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ. And, some of them believed.” (were persuaded)**

**Acts 18:4 “And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.”**

**Acts 19:8 “And he went into the synagogue and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.”**

I'm concerned when people leave our tent or booth and they're not given a chance to respond. The first weekend in June found Kathy and me at the Vermont Dairy Festival.

Located in Enosburg Falls, NY, it's only about 10 miles from the Quebec border. On Saturday, Derek, a young man in his twenties, stopped by to receive a walking stick. After the bead presentation Derek indicated his desire to receive Christ as his savior. I had the privilege of leading him in the sinner's prayer. Derek had been in drug rehab twice, was brought up in a Christian home but had never committed his life to Christ. He was accompanied by his girlfriend and their young baby girl. I believe she was softened toward the things of God as well. Derek called his mom with the good news and later that evening she stopped by the tent to thank us. Her exact words were, “You were able to do something I could never accomplish with Derek.” I assured her that it wasn't us but that the Holy Spirit was working in Derek's life!

A few years ago the FCFI office in Lexington, IL. received a call from a mother thanking FCF for leading her daughter to Christ at a farm show. It seems she and two teenage friends were killed in a car accident on their way home. What a blessing of assurance when the mom ran across the FCF tract signed on the back by her daughter acknowledging she had accepted Christ.

As you consider these two testimonies, my prayer is that you will reconsider your approach to sharing the gospel. May I encourage you to offer the good news of salvation and also give those who hear a chance to respond. Don't be shy, people are waiting to hear. Remember **“Today is the day of salvation.”** May God bless you as you serve this summer. **“The fields are white, ready for the harvest.”**

Remember to give him thanks in all things,  
Bill Brown



# Transition Coming - Prayer Needed

by Wayne Clark, Executive Director

*"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* Philippians 4:19



The year was 1996 and a February weekend away from farm chores found us at the New York Farm Show in Syracuse. A weekly publication called 'Country Folks' was selling introductory subscriptions for \$1.00. I signed up and we began to receive 'Country Folks'. One week while browsing through the paper we noticed an advertisement for a Christian Farmers conference in Morrisville, NY, scheduled for the beginning of August, and one of the contact people was a guy by the name of Bill Brown. He welcomed us and so began our connection with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers International.

The walking stick came on the scene and we met Dennis Schlagel who gave us a demo at the 3-I Farm Show (Iowa) in 1999. Then in 2000 Bill Brown brought the walking sticks to the International Plowing Match in Elora, Ontario and we were invited to take part. Life for us has never been the same since. What a blessing and joy to be able to share your faith!

Since then, Edith has been involved as Secretary for 3 years, administrator for 9 years and has put together the SOWER beginning with the first edition in 2002. I have had the privilege of serving as a board member for FCFI for 6 years. FCFC has given me the

titles of vice-president, president, and the last eight years as executive director. There were some difficult spots but looking back, it has been a joy to serve. The fellowship with brothers and sisters in the Lord from BC to NS and into the USA has been something that we cherish deeply.

The problem is that that 50 year old who signed up for 'Country Folks' has had twenty-one birthdays since then and as we slow down we realize that we need to step away and allow younger people to carry on the tasks on a full-time basis. Edith has requested a replacement for October with whom she would work to finish out the year. I have asked to be replaced before July 31, 2017. So FCFC is looking for an administrator for this fall and an executive director by next summer.

FCFC needs your prayers:

- Pray that bilingual servants will be found with a 'heart' for the ministry
- Pray that the financial needs are met as a full-time commitment is needed to allow the ministry to continue to grow
- Pray for wisdom for the board and the search committee
- Pray for a smooth transition

## **Opportunities to Serve**

The Fellowship of Christian Farmers-Canada is a national organization which shares the Good News through person-to-person contact with more than 100,000 people across Canada. It also distributes thousands of New Testaments.

**We are looking for people to fill each of the following two positions.**

### **Summary Job Description: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

This is someone who should be passionate about reaching souls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and has a call from God to dedicate himself or herself to that task.

#### **1) Qualifications**

- a) Committed to Christ
- b) Has demonstrated his or her ability to work within and toward the objectives of FCFC
- c) Agrees with and signs annually the statement of belief of FCFC
- d) Has good communication skills in both official languages
- e) Has a rural or agricultural background
- f) Has access to internet and an independent fax number
- g) Has a working knowledge of WORD and EXCEL
- h) Has access to a van or truck for transportation

#### **2) Functions**

- a) Ministry development: To advance the objectives of FCFC across Canada with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors of FCFC. Supervise area field coordinators.
- b) Communications: Oversee communication with supporters and the general public (*The SOWER* newsletter, Fund-Raising activities)
- c) Administration: Develop, execute, and enforce policies and procedures.  
Attend & help prepare Board of Directors' meetings and the Annual Members meeting & Conference
- d) This is a full-time position

#### **3) Remuneration to be discussed**

### **Summary Job Description: ADMINISTRATOR**

#### **1) Qualifications**

- a) Committed to Christ
- b) Agrees with and signs annually the statement of belief of FCFC
- c) Has strong administrative skills
- d) Has a basic knowledge of accounting and has book-keeping experience
- e) Has skills to train people and delegate work
- f) Has access to office space and storage space
- g) Has a working knowledge of WORD and EXCEL
- h) He or she is able to communicate in both official languages.

#### **2) Functions – Duties**

- a) Secretarial duties: Answer phones and emails; Maintain mailing lists; Prepare documents for meetings ; Verify and forward information for insurance certificates to insurer; Order and maintain inventory; Request articles for *The SOWER* newsletter, prepare Layout on computer and proofread; Help prepare annual meeting & conference.
- b) Financial duties: Prepare payroll deductions, T4 Slips, Income tax receipts, Registered Charity Information Return; Provide information to auditors; Bookkeeping (data entry in excel program); Account reconciliation and billing
- c) This is a full-time position. The secretarial tasks (70%) could be separated from the Financial duties (30%) and could be filled by two different persons.

#### **3) Remuneration to be discussed**

**Please forward your application and enquiries to: Jocelyn Aubut at**  
**[jocelynaubut@gmail.com](mailto:jocelynaubut@gmail.com) or 819-374-7374**

## AGM & Conference, April 2016, Dalkeith, ON

*We greatly enjoyed the conference! Each person, from one ocean to the other, has expressed the desire to be of service to the FCFC with a passion and a vision.”* Gerard Aeschlimann  
“We liked the fellowship and learning about new ministries. It touched our hearts to see so many zealous believers testify.” Yves Bellemare



These comments express how we all felt about the conference. While the annual general meeting is important to take care of business matters such as accepting the financial statement, approving the budget, etc., members really gather for the fellowship, exchange of ideas, and spiritual refreshment they find over a long week-end.

← Friday morning started with a tour of Knonaudale Farms, Hans Uhr (right in the photo) started the farm which is now owned by son Christophe and wife Bobbi-Jo.

We profited from guest speakers:

**Mackie Robertson of the Foodgrains Bank** reminded us that we are one of the most privileged people on this earth, and we can be the hands and feet of Jesus as we share our

abundance with those less fortunate.

**Pastor Eddie Buchanan** also pointed out that Canada is a great country to live in and the mission field is coming here. Let's be prepared to build bridges and share our faith with other cultures!

**Sylvain Couture** gave practical information on starting an FCFC chapter.

Saturday morning devotions were led by **Virgil Jones**. The emphasis was on prayer and he encouraged us to spend more time on this important part of our relationship with God.

Our banquet speaker, **Doug Sargeant**, spoke on 'Reaping the Harvest'. He said, "Truly the fields are 'white unto harvest' and God is using the Fellowship of Christian Farmers to bring in a bumper crop for the Kingdom." He encouraged us to stay focused on our goal and persevere. "Jesus is the starter, the finisher and everything in between in your life of faith. Good weather... bad weather, the wise farmer never loses sight of the harvest."



Friday night  
sing-along  
←

"It was great to have  
simultaneous translation."

← Thanks, Rob Mongeau!



**Next year's AGM & Conference, same place, April 21-23**

## New Fieldman - Southwestern Ontario

We thank God for answered prayer. As we were praying for a fieldman for southwestern Ontario, God laid it on **John Baker's** heart to volunteer (with some encouragement from Bert Visscher). A brief testimony from John follows.

I am 62 years old, married to Sharon and we have four adult children, plus four grandchildren. I was raised on a small farm on Barrie Island, in the Manitoulin District of Northern Ontario. My family left the farm and moved to South Western Ontario, in Grey County, where I spent my adolescent years. I was not a Christian and church had no part in my life yet over the course of a weekend youth retreat I made a commitment to follow Jesus Christ. I had no idea what that meant but made a decision to find out and my life journey began. My fumbling attempts of that naive time have strengthened into (44 years later) a passionate desire to serve God. At the age of fifty, I returned to school studying Pastoral Ministry while still working full time as an Electrician, at General Motors. I knew this was God's will but I did not understand how God intended to use me.

Through a series of events that can be deemed as miracles, within five years time - I retired, graduated with my degree and joined the staff of a church in Exeter, Ontario. It was there that I was first exposed to the unique and wonderful evangelistic ministry of FCFC. I observed people who had never witnessed and very nervous, within minutes confidently

sharing and convincing the lost to be saved.

The five beads, the walking sticks, the brief Gospel story combines as a powerful weapon to present the most beautiful story ever told to the world.

This brings me to today as Sharon and I embark on this new journey with FCFC as a Field Man, for Western Ontario. With God's help, we will strengthen and support the local chapters, help establish new chapters, research and develop new venues for outreach events. Above all, seek out and equip an army of people who will confidently and safely, share the story of the "beads". The message of the beads presenting Jesus, the Christ, works. People are being saved.

We are available to speak to individuals, groups and churches. There is a need for those who will pray, support, prepare and present the message.

***"And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?"*** (Romans 10:14b NKJV)



John Baker



At Left:

### **FCFC Board of Directors 2016**

**Back row:** Mike Sweeney, Bill Brown (FCFI rep), Wayne Clark, George Gardiner, Jocelyn Aubut, Duncan MacKiddie, Roy Nielsen

**Front row:** Henry Janzen, Sylvain Couture, Emilie Chartier, Edith Clark, Colleen Grant.

Missing: Douglas Wedel



## RELEASING THE GOSPEL

Wayne McConnachie, South Central Ontario Chapter

To the church of the Thessalonians, Apostle Paul commended them as a good example for –

- **their work of faith** (*meaning works springing from faith, or works combined with faith – having its firm persuasion and grounding of truth*)
- **their labor of love** (*i.e. faithfulness to love in any circumstance, whether in weariness or pain or trouble*)
- **and their steadfastness of hope** (*being cheerful to persevere while having a strong conviction of hope*) in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father.

Paul goes on to say that the gospel (*i.e. the seed put forth*) did not come to them by word only, but also in power (*having an existing & permanent working force*) and in the Holy Spirit (*having the presence of the Spirit of God*) and **with full conviction** (*having a fulfilled persuasion and assurance*).

My prayer for us, is that we too should be good examples and imitators of the Lord. Let us not be slack, but rather faithful, committed and consistent in delivering the all-powerful working gospel, the seed to deliverance and salvation. Let us be so believing that the working word of God is ever-present within us, ready to spring out at any given moment. May our love for God and our love for others be so strong that we care not to leave a soul left for doom & hell. Let us not be pre-occupied with selfish thoughts or living a lifestyle whereby our time and efforts revolve around what we personally want to take pleasure in. The question remains, how deep is our love for others anyway?

And I pray to God that when we do release the gospel to others that we'll be so believing, that the gospel seed sown and heard by others, will have an ever-present and everlasting positive effect. Let our hope and conviction be so prominent that it totally illustrates the same convincing outcome of what the gospel is capable of achieving.

May the combined power of the gospel and our faith have its positive fulfilling effects!

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### FCF Promo

Bert Visscher (left), Exeter, ON, overlooking the broccoli harvest. That's a mountain of broccoli in the background just in from the field, being packed in boxes ready for shipping to market. Earlier this year greenhouses collapsed on Bert's farm and FCF through Hank Huigenbos organized a clean-up team (see the March SOWER).

Bert was interviewed by London Faith FM, a Christian radio station. That interview was aired on March 25 and you can hear it on <https://soundcloud.com/faithfm>, just scroll down and click on his name. He gives a good testimony of the work of FCF. Thank-you Bert!





## “Is it Worth the Trouble?”

Yves Bellemare, Capital City Chapter, Quebec City

Occasionally I have heard this question *“Is it worth the trouble?”* from Christians often

discouraged by the hardness of the hearts of the people to whom they had tried to witness. It is true that the work of evangelism is rarely rewarded by visible and measurable signs. Sometimes you can talk to hundreds of people about Christ without anyone making a decision to give his life to Jesus. Evangelism can be compared to the work of a sower. If we carefully read Jesus' parable of 'the Sower'... the sower scatters the precious seed everywhere, on the road, in rocky soil, among the thorns and on the good soil. The results are different but he does not worry as his goal is to seed and not to make them grow.

When I was about 13 while walking to visit my mother in the hospital, a woman ran across the street to give me a Christian tract on salvation telling me to be sure to read it! This is what happened. This strange encounter and the short story that I read would remain in my head for nearly ten years - up to the day I accepted my Saviour. As the Lord said 'one sows, another reaps' (John 4:37). I never saw this woman again but her work produced fruit. She was not the only one to share the gospel with me: TV programs, lectures, teaching and finally the witness of my brother-in-law was necessary for the Holy Spirit to convince me of the truth. I sincerely believe each time we share the 5-colour message, we sow.

There are different types of soil, but we must continue to seed everywhere. In a brief or long time, we can hope to see the seed germinate as this is what should happen. Our attitude must always look forward to the harvest even if the soil is parched and dry. Now is the time to seed because if we are believers today it is because a sower did his duty in the past. Our society is based on the 'here and now', but the Lord said *“lift up your eyes and look at the fields - they are already white for harvest.”* John 4:35b.

In conclusion, I would like to tell the story of the little boy who was returning starfish which were marooned on the beach back to the ocean. A man asked him why he was doing this. The boy answered that he wanted to save them. But the man said that because there were so many it would not make a difference because the vast majority were still going to die.

The boy responded as he threw a starfish into the ocean, “for this one it makes all the difference”.




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to God and heaven; to the devil and hell; that “WE HAVE THE TRUTH, AND THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY WHICH LEADS TO ETERNAL LIFE ... **JESUS CHRIST.**” What's the result? Heaven rejoices, hell's plans are disrupted and man has an opportunity to be set free.

We must never underestimate the eternal effect of sharing the story of the beads ... of sharing Jesus Christ, His Word is alive and the Holy Spirit can bring to remembrance and convict a person a day, a year, or decades later. God's Word does not return unto Him void but accomplishes that which He pleases.

# Calendar of Events

FCFC plans to have an outreach booth at the following events. Come and join us!

## British Columbia:

**August 5-7, Chilliwack Hometown Heritage Days Fair**  
**September 16-17, Agassiz Fall Fair with Parade entry**  
Henry & Carol Janzen, 604-859-3407, [chjanzen@shaw.ca](mailto:chjanzen@shaw.ca)  
**Nov/Dec: Salt Spring Is Christmas Craft Show, Sydney**  
Bryce Rashleigh, 250-652-1684, [bryce@rashleigh.ca](mailto:bryce@rashleigh.ca)

## Alberta:

**Selected Saturdays, Red Deer Farmer's Market**  
Robert Reid, 403-347-8663, [robert.reid@shaw.ca](mailto:robert.reid@shaw.ca)  
**July 9, Benalto Fair & Rodeo**  
**Aug 4-6, Bentley Rodeo**  
Donna Hegge, 403-986-1614, [don.hegge@hotmail.com](mailto:don.hegge@hotmail.com)

## Saskatchewan

**July 13-16, Colonial Days, Lloydminster**  
**July 22-24, Melfort Exhibition**  
Wayne Clark, 819-242-7067, [wayne.edith.clark@bell.net](mailto:wayne.edith.clark@bell.net)

## Manitoba:

**Jul 28-31, Threshermen's Reunion & Stampede, Austin**  
**August 26-28, Morden Corn & Apple Festival**  
Cornelius Sawatzky, 204-685-3110, [csaw@mts.net](mailto:csaw@mts.net)

## Quebec:

**July 6-10, Expo BBQ Bellechasse, St-Anselme**  
Yves Bellemare, 418-222-4556, [yves.bellemare@gmail.com](mailto:yves.bellemare@gmail.com)  
**July 7-16, JulExpo agricole de Trois-Rivières**  
Jocelyn Aubut, 819-374-7374, [afcc.mauricie@gmail.com](mailto:afcc.mauricie@gmail.com)  
**July 13-17, Vente trottoir, St-Hyacinthe**  
Louise Couture, 450-468-6496, [lcouture000@videotron.ca](mailto:lcouture000@videotron.ca)  
**July 27-31, Expo agricole de Chicoutimi**  
Sylvain Couture, 819-349-4634, [afccquebec@hotmail.ca](mailto:afccquebec@hotmail.ca)  
**Jul 28-Aug 7, Expo agricole de St-Hyacinthe**  
Louise Couture, 450-468-6496, [lcouture000@videotron.ca](mailto:lcouture000@videotron.ca)  
**July 28-31, Rodéo du Camion, Notre-Dame-du-Nord**  
René Déziel, 819-534-2233, [renedeziel0@gmail.com](mailto:renedeziel0@gmail.com)  
**Aug 3-7, Expo agricole de Rimouski**  
Louis Dion, 418-723-6929, [louis.dion.plasteur@gmail.com](mailto:louis.dion.plasteur@gmail.com)  
**Aug 11-14, Expo agricole de Beauce**  
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**Aug 11-14, Expo agricole de Bedford**  
Pierre Bénard, 450-361-2814, [pierrebenard1945@gmail.com](mailto:pierrebenard1945@gmail.com)  
**Aug 18-21, Trois-Rivières en Blues, Trois-Rivières**  
Jocelyn Aubut, 819-374-7374, [afcc.mauricie@gmail.com](mailto:afcc.mauricie@gmail.com)  
**Aug 18-21, Expo agricole de Cookshire**  
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**Aug 19-21, Challenge 255, Baie-du-Febvre**  
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**Aug 25-28, Ayer's Cliff Fair**  
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**Sept 2-5, Expo agricole de Brome**  
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**Sept 8-11, Expo agricole de Richmond**  
Line Chartier, 819-876-7913, [legrandsergea66@hotmail.com](mailto:legrandsergea66@hotmail.com)  
**Sept 9-18, Festival Western de St-Tite**  
Jocelyn Aubut, 819-374-7374, [afcc.mauricie@gmail.com](mailto:afcc.mauricie@gmail.com)  
**Sept 10, Expo agricole de Havelock**  
Pierre Bénard, 450-361-2814, [pierrebenard1945@gmail.com](mailto:pierrebenard1945@gmail.com)  
**Nov 12-13, Salon National de la Femme, Québec**  
Yves Bellemare, 418-222-4556, [yves.bellemare@gmail.com](mailto:yves.bellemare@gmail.com)

## Ontario:

**July 8, Water Wings and Wheels, Bancroft**  
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**Jul 9-10, Ridgeway Summer Festival**  
Bob & Kelly Foster, 905-894-0223, [kfoster@lastmilenet.ca](mailto:kfoster@lastmilenet.ca)  
**July 14-16, Keswick Tent Meetings**  
Wayne McConnachie, 1-888-876-1547, [waynesmail@cogeco.ca](mailto:waynesmail@cogeco.ca)  
**Jul 21-24, Friendship Festival, Fort Erie**  
Bob & Kelly Foster, 905-894-0223, [kfoster@lastmilenet.ca](mailto:kfoster@lastmilenet.ca)  
**Jul 22-24, Lakefield Fair**  
Mike Sweeney, 705-745-3019, [mikesweeney49@hotmail.com](mailto:mikesweeney49@hotmail.com)  
**July 23, Sutton Festival on High**  
Wayne McConnachie, 1-888-876-1547, [waynesmail@cogeco.ca](mailto:waynesmail@cogeco.ca)  
**Jul 30, BIA Bridge Street Bazaar, Carleton Place**  
Garry Boyce, 613-253-8193, [garrygarage@storm.ca](mailto:garrygarage@storm.ca)  
**Aug 5-7, Cambellford Fair**  
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**Aug 5-7, Alliston Potato Festival**  
**Aug 6, Coldwater Steam Punk**  
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**Aug 6, Wilberforce Agricultural Fair**  
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**Aug. 11-14, Stirling Fair**  
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**Aug. 18-21, Vankleek Hill Fair**  
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**Aug 19-21, Forest Steam Show**  
Bert Visscher, 519-808-5340, [bert.visscher.2013@gmail.com](mailto:bert.visscher.2013@gmail.com)  
**Aug 20, Lanark County Plowing Match**  
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**Aug 25-28, Barrie Fair**  
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**Aug 26-27, Coe Hill Fair**  
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**Aug 27, Zurich Bean Festival**  
Bert Visscher, 519-808-5340, [bert.visscher.2013@gmail.com](mailto:bert.visscher.2013@gmail.com)  
**Sept 2-4, Marmora Agriculture Fair**  
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**Sept 2-4, Orangeville Fair**  
Wayne McConnachie, 1-888-876-1547, [waynesmail@cogeco.ca](mailto:waynesmail@cogeco.ca)  
**Sept 2-4, Kinmount Fair**  
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**Sept 9-11, Blyth Steam Show**  
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**Sept 16-18, Madoc Agriculture Fair**  
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**Sept 9-11, Orillia Fair**  
**Sept 16-17, Oro World Fair**  
**Sept 16-18, Bracebridge Fair**  
**Sept 16-18, Beeton Fair**  
Wayne McConnachie, 1-888-876-1547, [waynesmail@cogeco.ca](mailto:waynesmail@cogeco.ca)  
**Sept 16-18, Port Hope Fair**  
**Oct 8-10, Norwood Fair**  
Mike Sweeney, 705-745-3019, [mikesweeney49@hotmail.com](mailto:mikesweeney49@hotmail.com)  
**Sept 20-24, International Plowing Match, Minto**  
Wayne Clark, 819-242-7067, [fccf@bellnet.ca](mailto:fccf@bellnet.ca)  
**Sept 21-25, Lindsay Exhibition**  
Mike Sweeney, 705-745-3019, [mikesweeney49@hotmail.com](mailto:mikesweeney49@hotmail.com)  
**Sept 23-25, 2016 Great Northern Ex. (Collingwood)**  
Wayne McConnachie, 1-888-876-1547, [waynesmail@cogeco.ca](mailto:waynesmail@cogeco.ca)  
**Sept 24, Wellesley Apple Butter Fair**  
**October 1-2, Ilderton Fall Fair**  
Bert Visscher, 519-808-5340, [bert.visscher.2013@gmail.com](mailto:bert.visscher.2013@gmail.com)  
**Oct 6-8, Elmvale Fall Fair**  
**Nov 4-13, Royal Winter Fair, Toronto**  
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#### **New Brunswick:**

**Aug 19-21, Sussex Flea Market**

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**Aug 30-Sept 3, Saint John Exhibition**

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**Sept 17-18, Charlotte County Fair, St. Stephen**

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#### **Nova Scotia:**

**July 9, Truro Farmers' Market**

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**Aug 3-7, Western Nova Scotia Exhibition, Yarmouth**

John Veenhuis, 902-671-2242

**Aug 15-20, Cape Breton County Ex, North Sydney**

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**Aug 23-28, Eastern NS Exhibition, Antigonish**

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**Sept 7-11, Pictou North Colchester Exhibition**

Roy Nielsen, 902-639-2553, [rnielsen@bellaliant.net](mailto:rnielsen@bellaliant.net)

**Sept 16-18, 23-25, Hants County Exhibition, Windsor**

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#### **Prince Edward Island:**

**Aug 24-28, Provincial Plowing Match & Exhibition, Dundas**

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## **Good News is for Sharing!**



Stephen MacDonald sharing the Good News at the South Dundas Trade Show, Morrisburg, ON, Apr 2016

## **Mission Trip Opportunities with FCF International**

### **ECHO - Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization**

Fort Myers, FL, Oct 29 - Nov 5, 2016

Work Projects include: Plumbing, Electric, Outside Repairs, Ditch digging, Landscaping, Planting & Harvesting, Building Construction

**\$320 (US) per person from Ft. Myers**

Cost includes food & lodging

Contact Bill & Kathy Brown, 315-736-5964

### **Reality Ranch Ministries**

Zolfo Springs, FL, Nov 6 -12, 2016

Work Projects include:

Build roofs for livestock pens, small maintenance jobs such as painting, pressure washing, fence repair, etc.

**\$320 (US) per person from Orlando, FL**

Cost includes food & lodging

Contact Bill & Kathy Brown, 315-736-5964

### **---- NEW - NEW ----**

**The AGM decided that to be eligible for membership, a minimum donation to FCFC of \$50.00 is required per person, or \$75.00 per couple.**

**Remember FCFC in your prayers and, as God enables, in your abundance.**

## **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International**

**July 29 – 31, Branson, Missouri**

**Worship, Workshops, Inspirational speakers,  
Special Music by *Sons of the Silver Dollar***

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# Have You Heard the Good News?



Jesus invites you to spend eternity with Him in heaven. Gold reminds us of heaven, God's home.

Jesus said: "I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:2

## However, there is bad news!

Not everybody goes to heaven.

*"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."*

Romans 3:23 ("All" includes you and me!)



Sin is represented by a dark colour - the absence of light.

Heaven is a perfect place - no sin can enter God's presence (if it did, then heaven wouldn't be perfect anymore!)

## But there is good news!

God provided a way to have our sins washed away:

*"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." 1 Peter 3:18*

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16*



The red colour represents Christ's blood that he shed on the cross. He paid the penalty for our sin so that we could be forgiven.

What must we do to be forgiven and gain eternal life?

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9*

*"...if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9*



White represents purity and forgiveness, our sins washed white as snow.

Green represents Spiritual Growth. Once you have accepted



Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, you'll want to grow to know Him better, through reading the Bible, praying, worshipping in a church where Christ is preached, and

sharing the good news with your family, friends, and neighbours.

Have you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour?

Good News is for sharing! Tell someone today!

Do you need help to get started? Contact our office, or contact a chapter near you (See list at right)

*The Purpose of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers is to build, maintain, and strengthen faith in God for the farmer, the farm family, and the community through presenting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.*

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