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Kansas , Oklahoma,
Texas & Colorado
Wildfires
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For what shall it profit a man to gain the world and lose his soul. - Mark 8:36

**Sowing, Serving, Reaping
for Christ Around the World**



B. Todd Brace
FCFI President

Honoring a Blessed Life

One of the cherished attributes of Christian maturity is the awareness of God's blessings on our lives over time. It's faith, increasingly becoming substance. The mounting evidence of unmistakable, ongoing miracles in a believer's life as they age helps awaken and strengthen their assurance of Jesus' providence. Responsive believers in this process devote increasingly greater amounts of time and resources to Christ's callings and their personal relationship in the Holy Spirit. Spiritual growth is exciting, enhanced with mystery and the unexpected! The fruitfulness of the Lord's blessing is inspiring and in some people it's exemplary. Though difficult, sometimes unrecognizably, God's blessing is often brightest when cloaked in adversity. But, God is good, all the time.

Shall we boast upon ourselves, no! Shall we boast upon the Lord? Yes! Says 1st Corinthians 1:31, "The person who wishes to boast should boast only of what the Lord has done". The 2017 FCFI Annual Conference claims this verse as its theme and seeks to raise up "Glory in the Lord". This year's conference contrasts extreme adversity with extreme blessing. One of the featured speakers is Terri Roberts, the mother who endured the unthinkable tragedy of her beloved sons' shooting of 10 Amish school girls in Pennsylvania. Yet out of her catastrophe, Jesus has enabled her to become a sought after author and speaker, showing people how to find "Joy through Adversity." FCFI conferences are designed for the purpose of empowering people and agribusinesses in the rural community to greater good to the Glory of the Lord. I'm encouraging you to come and confident you will learn much in the company of awesome Christians.

Speaking of awesome Christians and I'm not bragging on them, but the blessing of the Lord on their life; I want to close by honoring Clark and Sue Phillips, long time FCFI members from upper New York State. Clark fulfilled his stewardship in 2016 as author and producer of the monthly FCFI Prayer Guide, since John Avery, originator, completed his time of service in 2005. Clark served 9 years on the FCFI Board, participated in several missions and has provided critical FCFI leadership right up to the present. In 1997, he and Sue with the support of others and FCFI, founded dairy in Romania. Their current endeavor is establishing a school in rural south Sudan. He and Sue have lived an exemplary Christian life, being blessed with 4 children, 15 grand children, 2 great grand children and a 1200 cow dairy farm, now operated by their son and grandson. Yea God!

Your Fellow Sojourner in Christ,
Todd Brace, FCFI President

Breaking News: Clark and Comanche Counties, Kansas Wildfires



Dennis Schlager
FCFI Executive Director/CEO

As we were going to press with this issue of Profit magazine, wildfires were breaking out in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Texas. Farmers began calling the FCFI Home Office asking what is the Fellowship going to do to respond to these disasters? Jerry Rice, FCFI Disaster Relief Coordinator, ranches in Boise City, Oklahoma. Jerry determined that Clark and Comanche counties in south central Oklahoma had a 500,000 acre wildfire where ¾'s of the cows with calves were killed. The High Plains Journal reported in its March 13th issue that Clark County has 47,000 cows with calves and Comanche has 35,000 cows with calves. This event took place March 6-8th. The High Plains Journal website has numerous articles that chronicles what farm families are going through. These families need the help of FCFI disaster

crews. We are still assessing the disaster, but we will be in the Ashland, Kansas area using a local church camp for initial lodging & meals. Please watch for details regarding the Kansas Wildfire relief campaign at www.fcfi.org. If you can make the trip to south central Kansas please contact the FCFI Home Office. E-mail: fellowship@fcfi.org or cell/text 309-530-7004. Thank you for putting prayer into action and for supporting the Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International.

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The team arrived in Torreon 9pm Saturday, met at airport by Pastor Tony and Bety. Worshipped Sunday morning at Gomez Palacio Church. During the week, worked on several jobs, including cleaning and painting the church floor, installing a new countertop and base cabinets in the kitchen, installing a new sink, range hoods, and refrigerator, and opening a wall for a serving area. Steel posts were delivered to support a second floor storage area. The posts were anchored in the floor and welded together to frame the storage area. On Friday, a wood floor was installed.



There was no time during the week where there was any danger. It was a safe trip. The team was well cared for by the hosts, and rapport with the church was excellent. A return trip is already being planned.



Tuesday morning, Fernando Deluna, Tony's son-in-law, gave us a tour of the John Deere engine plant where he works as an engineer in sales. Tuesday evening some of us went to Pastor Ramon Sosa's first service in the new church plant in Torreon. There was good support from Tony's church for Ramon as well as all 15 of the people that Ramon invited. It has been encouraging to see young men that I have known over the past 18 years mature and be obedient to God's call in their lives. It is solid evidence of Pastor Tony's leadership in the church and his desire to develop new pastors to lead in the future. God is surely working in Mexico.

Written by Dave Carter, FCFI Vice President





24th Annual Conference

Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

"But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" 2 Corinthians 10:17

July 28 - 30, 2017 - York, PA

FEATURING

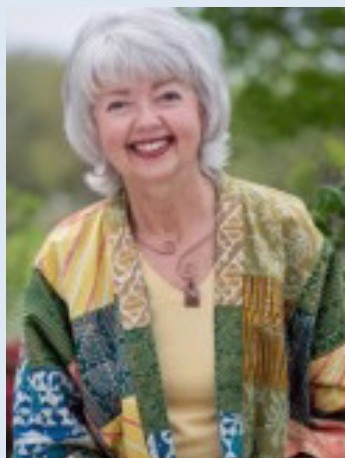
- Mission Reports
- Charter Bus Tours of Amish Alternative Agriculture
- Great Amish cooking
- Sight & Sound Theatre Jonah
- Rapid Action Reports
- Shopping & Golf

Keynote Speaker
Pastor Randy Johnson



Cowboy, Rancher, Preacher
Reality Ranch, Zolfo Springs, FL

Inspirational Speaker
Terri Roberts



Author of "Forgiven: The Amish School Shooting, a Mother's Love, and a Story of Remarkable Grace"

Special Music
Harmony Quartet



Heritage Hills Golf Resort & Conference Center

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:
June 28, 2017

Registration Form

24th Annual FCFI Conference
July 28 - 30, 2017 - York, PA

Name _____

Spouse _____

Children _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Conference is scheduled for Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday morning

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

☐ Sight and Sound Theatre, Jonah
\$54.00 US each

☐ Bus Tour - \$15.00 each

☐ Good and Plenty Restaurant
\$24.50 each

☐ Golf (check if you plan to play)

Conference Registration Fees

FRIDAY EVENING, SATURDAY, SUNDAY MORNING

☐ Adults _____ \$250.00 US each

☐ Children _____ \$80.00 US each

Total _____ \$ _____

Conference Early Arrival Activities

Please include additional fees with conference registration where indicated.

Wednesday, July 26 - Check-in

Heritage Hills Golf and Conference Center
2700 Mt. Rose Ave, York, PA 17402

Thursday, July 27

MORNING

Men's Golf Tournament - 9:00 am
\$40/Per Person. Best Ball, all skill levels invited.
2-man teams picked before tee off
Great opportunity to fellowship!

Ladies - Shopping at York Mall with Kathy and Becky

Lunch on your own



EVENING

Dinner - Meet in lobby for car pool at 3:00 pm
Good and Plenty Restaurant, Smoketown
\$24.50/Per Person - Family-style Dinner (price includes tax and tip)
Must be paid in advance when registering for conference!

Jonah - Sight and Sound Theatre - 7:00 pm
\$54/Per Person
Must be paid in advance when registering for conference!

Friday, July 28

Charter Bus Tour of Alternate Amish Agriculture - 8:30 am
\$15/Per Person
Must be paid in advance when registering for conference!

Lunch - Dienners Restaurant, Ronks
\$14.25/Per Person

Return to Hotel by 3:00 pm for conference sign-in



24th Annual Conference starts at 5:00 pm



From August 9 to August 16, a massive amount of rain fell in Louisiana. Called a mesoscale convective system, it flared up around a weak, low pressure area, and caused it to remain stationary for a whole week, dumping two to three inches of rain per hour at times. Some areas southeast of Baton Rouge received twenty-four inches from the stationary system. Highest totals reached 31 inches in Watson, LA, just northeast of Baton Rouge.



The clean up continues 6 months after the storm. The Fellowship of Christian Farmers, led by Rapid Response Coordinator Melvin Bell, of Mahomet, Illinois, is organizing volunteer work crews to help clean up the thousands of homes damaged by the flood waters of the August 2016 storm.

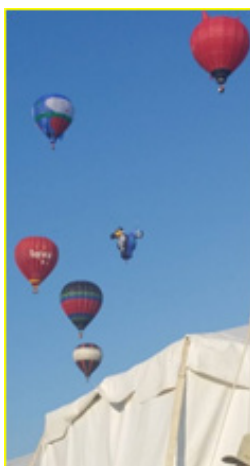
The work in Louisiana is just beginning. In early March, many college aged youth will be on Spring break and coming to the Baton Rouge area to help with the clean up and construction. Nearly 160,000 homes are in need of repair, anywhere from clean up to complete reconstruction. The effort will take up to 2 years to complete the recovery.



"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14

The FCF ministry has been growing in Canada and spreading into new areas. In the past year we were present at 110 events across the country from British Columbia on the west coast to Nova Scotia in the east. More than 110,000 people heard the Good News of Jesus Christ at one of our booths.

In the province of Quebec alone, our volunteers shared the gospel message with over 62,000 people. Quebec is one of the most un-evangelized areas of the western world. Jean-Marc Girard reported: "Muslims, discouraged people, young people, seniors, sportsmen, atheists, the 'religious', and the handicapped represent the diversity of the people to whom we talked."



Our Quebec fieldman, Sylvain Couture, reported: "At the Chicoutimi Farm Expo a woman with her family came to our booth, listened to the message, and wanted to know more. She was thirsty and wanted to hear more! She left her address after having a long discussion with Emilie."

Michael Gauvreau shared his experience: "The Gatineau Balloon Festival was unbelievable! ... The 5-colour story is so simple and so easy to understand. People were happy to hear the significance of the colours. I shared the message with over 200 people and among this number there were only two who told me they were not interested."

"It is wrong to believe that people are not thirsty – these are lies from the enemy. If we want to see God at work, when He calls us we have to say in faith, 'Here am I, Lord'; and we will be in the front row to see the action. **I believe God can use us to make a change, a difference, an awakening, a new and transformed Quebec!**"
Sylvain Couture



Encouraging notes from Nova Scotia

At Yarmouth County Ex, one young couple wanted to know if bad sin could be forgiven. I told them that Jesus forgives all sin if we confess it to Him. "Could Jesus forgive abortion?" I replied; "Yes, and He will remember it no more." - Anne Veenhuis
At Antigonish, a little girl of about 6 years came early to the booth and wanted a stick. I explained that the sticks were for adults. Then she saw the Bible. Her heart was set on having one (a New Testament would not do!) I told her to bring a parent or adult with her. Shortly she returned with her Mom who works with the rides. They both heard the gospel and she left, happily hugging her Bible. God is so loving and gracious to give this dear little one, living in the midst of a worldly environment, a love for His precious Word. - Leona Nielsen

Morden Corn & Apple Festival, Manitoba

Every prayer was answered! Report from Henry & Carol Janzen, Cornie & Chery Sawatzky

This festival is touted to be the largest annual event in Manitoba and this was the first time FCFC had a presence there. There was a constant pressing crowd of 30-35 people waiting to receive their stick and hear the gospel message. One of the many exciting stories our volunteers shared:

A couple in their mid 70's said they had never heard the Gospel presented so plainly before nor had they ever been confronted so pointedly with their eternal destination. They both agreed with one another they really did want to have their sin forgiven and that Peace with God and simultaneously prayed to invite Jesus to be their Lord and Saviour. They eagerly received their first Bible from us, and being aware of a good Bible preaching church in their home town, they both committed to one another to start going the next Sunday, although they had not attended previously.

FCF - Canada AGM & Spring Conference

"Looking Ahead"
Jeremiah 29:11

April 21-23, 2017, Dalkeith, ON
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July 28 - 30th

York, PA

Registration Info Enclosed

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FCFI Farm Show & Calendar of Events

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

APRIL

- 1-2 Flowerton Festival - Summerville, SC
Walter Powell 229-528-4561
- 5-7 Great Bend Farm & Ranch Expo-Great Bend, KS
Jeff Goss 314-610-1835
- 8 Heritage Farm Day-Dothan, AL
Walter Powell 229-528-4561
- 20-22 Oklahoma City Farm Show - Oklahoma City, OK
Tony DeGiusti 405-381-4383
- 29 Bloomsburg Renaissance Jamboree
Bloomsburg, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876

MAY

- 6 Bishop's Orchards Donkey & Mule Show
Guilford, CT
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 6 Spring Fling - Danville, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
- 13 Berwick Day - Berwick, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
- 20 FCFI Golf Tournament
Woodgate Pines, Boonville, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823

JUNE

- 2-4 Nittany Antique Machinery Show
Penns Cave, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-458-9876
- 2-4 VT Dairy Festival - Enosburg Falls, VT
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 2-4 Western Dairy Festival-Springville, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 10 Dryden Dairy Day - Dryden, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823

- 10-11 Violet Festival - Dolgeville, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 16-17 Strawberry Festival - Owego, NY
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 17 Branford Festival - Branford, CT
Bill Brown 315-749-6823
- 17-18 Sandhills Ranch Expo - Bassett, NE
- 14-17 New Zealand Fieldays - Hamilton, NZ
Dennis Schlagel 309-530-7004

JULY

- 6/30-7/8 Millville Carnival - Millville, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 11-13 WI Farm Technology Days - Algoma, WI
Mike Brehm 262-632-3519
- 11-16 Benton Rodeo - Benton, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 13-22 Lycoming County Fair - Hughesville, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 21-23 Four State Farm Show - Pittsburg, KS
Jeff Goss 314-610-1835
- 24-29 Troy Fair - Troy, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110

28-30 FCFI 24th Annual Conference - York, PA
Dennis Schlagel 309-530-7004

AUGUST

- 7/29-8/5 Clinton County Fair - Mackeyville, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 6-12 West End Fair - Laurelton, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 1-3 Minnesota Farmfest - Redwood County, MN
Doug Peterson 507-236-6460

- 7/31-8/5 Montour-Delong Fair - Washingtonville, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 9 Antioch Baptist Church Block Party
Williamsport, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 15-17 Dakotafest - Mitchell, SD
Martin Ellingson 605-847-4663
- 18-19 Sunbury River Festival - Sunbury, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 29-31 Farm Progress Show - Decatur, IL
Dennis Schlagel 309-365-8710
- 30-9/4 Wyoming County Fair - Meshoppen, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 30-9/4 Sullivan County Fair - Forksville, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110

SEPTEMBER

- 7-10 Nittany Antique Machinery Show
Penns Cave, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 7-11 Luzerne County Fair - Dallas, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 9 Danville Fall Arts & Crafts Fair - Danville, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 12-14 Husker Harvest Days - Grand Island, NE
Don Walmsley 402-371-2489
- 17-23 Gratz Fair - Gratz, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110
- 19-21 Farm Science Review - London, OH
Gary Beery 740-494-2035
- 23-30 Bloomsburg Fair - Bloomsburg, PA
Doc DeVoe 570-204-2110

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I am interested in: ☐ More information about the ministry ☐ Farm shows in my area ☐ Praying for FCFI ☐ Volunteer Opportunities

☐ I have a prayer request _____

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