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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Steve Cernek, FCFI Board President

On the Cover - Executive Director's Report



Dennis Schlager
FCFI Executive Director

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

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

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

FCFI President, Steve Cernek's column explains how FCFI got involved helping Ukrainian children escape the violence in Kyiv. The cover photo shows part of the 70 children walk across the Hungarian/Ukrainian border with 14 adults enroute to a Romanian Church. Continue to pray for opportunities to serve the Lord in this way.

- In Him, Dennis Schlager, FCFI Executive Director

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Oregon, Iowa and Nebraska State FFA State Conventions 2022



Jeff Goss at the Nebraska State FFA Convention.

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

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

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



Oregon State FFA Convention.



Mike Weaver at the Iowa State FFA Convention.

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

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



29th Annual Conference

Fellowship of Christian Farmers, International

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

July 27 - 29, 2022 - Branson, Missouri

FEATURING

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

Early Arrival Activities

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

Keynote Speaker
Kevin Cernek



Pastor, Martintown Community Church, FCFI Chaplain

Special Music
Scott Roberts



Thursday Evening Concert

Lodge of the Ozarks, Branson, MO

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

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

Registration Deadline:
Monday, June 27, 2022

Registration Form

29th Annual FCFI Conference
July 27 - 29, 2022 - Branson, MO

Make Checks Payable to:
FCFI Conference
P.O. Box 15, Lexington, IL 61753

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Tuesday Arrival Special Note: Please send the Tuesday night Lodging fee of \$125 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 _____

Additional Conference Activities

CHECK OPTIONS BELOW AND INCLUDE
PAYMENT ALONG WITH REGISTRATION FEES

- Tuesday "Jesus" **\$60 each**
- Tuesday Supper **\$18 each**
- College of the Ozarks Tour **FREE**
- Lunch at Keeter Center **On Your Own**
- Tuesday Night Lodging **\$125**

Conference Registration Fees

FRIDAY EVENING, SATURDAY, SUNDAY NOON

- Adults _____ \$300.00 US each
- Children _____ \$100.00 US each
- Total _____ \$ _____**

Early Arrival Activities*

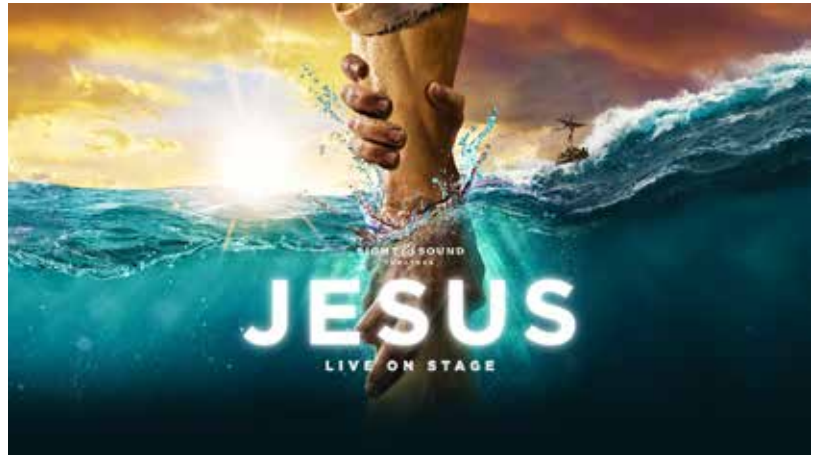
Please include additional fees with conference registration where indicated.

Tuesday, July 26

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

Price: \$60 per person

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



6:30 pm - Supper

Price: \$18 per person

Baby back ribs & meatloaf, coleslaw,
garlic mashed potatoes, and brownies
at Lodge of the Ozarks



Wednesday, July 27

9:00 am - College of the Ozarks Tour

FREE

Meet in the lobby to carpool

Lunch - Keeter Center

Lunch is on your own



1:00 pm - The Living Word National Bible Museum

3:00 - 5:00 pm - Conference Registration

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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



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

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



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FCFI Farm Shows & Calendar of Events

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

APRIL		6-9	Louisiana FFA - Baton Rouge	13-23	Lycoming County Fair - Hughesville, PA		SEPTEMBER
1-3	Flowerton Festival - Summerville, SC		Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835		Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110	8/30-9/1	Spencer Fair - Spencer, MA
	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	7-9	Kentucky FFA - Lexington	15-17	Two Cylinder Expo - Canandaigua, NY		Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
1-3	Susquehanna Home Builders Show		Mike Weaver - 618-499-1386		Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	8/30-9/5	Walworth County Fair - Elkhorn, WI
6-8	Lycoming Mall, Michael Steele - 570-494-1240	8-10	Alabama FFA Convention - Montgomery	25-30	Troy Fair - Troy, PA		Mike Brehm - 262-632-3519
	Nebraska FFA Convention - Lincoln, NE		Mike Weaver - 618-499-1386		Michael Steele - 570-494-1240		Dennis Schlager - 309-530-7004
	Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835	11	Chenango County Dairy Fest, Norwich, NY	27-29	29th Annual FCFI Conference, Branson, MO	8/30-9/4	Sullivan County Fair
7-9	Oklahoma City Farm Show - Oklahoma City, OK, Tony DeGiusti - 405-381-4383	11-12	Meredith Dairy Fest, Meredith, NY				Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110
7-9	Great Bend Farm, Ranch and Hemp Expo		Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	7/30-8/6			Farm Progress Show - Boone, IA
	Great Bend, KS, Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835	11-12	Violet Festival - Dolgeville, NY				Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835
10-12	Iowa State FFA Convention		Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	7/31-8/6			Wyoming County Fair - Meshoppen, PA
	Ames, IA, Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835	11-12	Antique Tractor Show, Sharon Springs, NY				Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110
16	FCF Canada Annual Meeting - Virtual		Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	2-4			Montour Antique Farm Machinery Show
	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	13-16	Wisconsin FFA	4-7			Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
18	Susquehanna County Farm and Home Show		Mike Brehm - 262-632-3519				NYS Balloon Fest - Dannsville, NY
	Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110	14-16	Dennis Schlager - 309-530-7004				Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
20	Pioneer Days - Arcadia, FL		Illinois FFA Convention - Springfield	3-6			Sandusky County Restorers Antique Power Show - Gibsonburg, OH, Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
22	Missouri FFA - Columbia		Dennis Schlager - 309-530-7004	3-5			Nittany Antique Machinery Show - Centre Hall, PA
	Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835	14-18	Florida FFA - Caribe Royale Orlando	4-6			Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
23-24	Syracuse Gun Show - Syracuse, NY		Pete Singer	4-7			Hebron Harvest Fair - Hebron, CT
	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	15-16	Sandhills Ranch Expo - Bassett, NE				Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
25	South Dakota State FFA Convention	17-18	Strawberry Festival - Owego, NY	6			Luzerne County Fair - Dallas, PA
	Marilyn Bunger, Jeff Goss, Mike Weaver		Bill Brown - 315-749-6823				Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110
25-27	Arkansas FFA - Hot Springs Convention Center, Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835	18	Branford Festival - Branford, CT	8-13			Country Living Farm and Home Show - Frankfort, NY, Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
28-29	Georgia FFA - Macon Centreplex,		Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	10-13			Nittany Antique Machinery Show - Centre Hall, PA
	Macon GA, Dennis Schlager - 309-530-7004	21-23	North Carolina FFA - Raleigh				Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
30	Bloomsburg Renaissance Jamboree		Mike Weaver - 618-499-1386				31st Annual Antique Power Days - Marion County Fair Grounds, Salem, IL, Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835
	Bloomsburg, PA, Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110	21-23	South Carolina FFA - Greenville, SC				Canajoharie Street Fair - Canajoharie, NY
		23-25	Jeff Goss, Thomas Herlong	11			Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
3-4	MAY		IH Red Power Roundup - Springfield, OH, Michael Steele - 570-494-1240	12-14			Lycoming County Balloon Fest - Hughesville, PA
	Oklahoma FFA - Tulsa, OK	25	Farmer's Market - Syracuse, NY	17-21			Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
	Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835, Mike Weaver - 618-499-1386	27-30	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	19-20			Four Town Fair - Somers, CT
5-6	Ohio FFA - Columbus, OH		Virginia FFA - TBA				Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
7	Spring Fling - Danville, PA	1-9	JULY				Cream Cheese Festival - Lowville, NY
	Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110	8-11	Millville Carnival, Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110	21			Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
12-14	Washington FFA - Three Rivers Convention Center, Kennewick, Terry Morrison		North Stonington Fair - North Stonington, CT, Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	19-21			Pennsylvania Heritage Day - Easton, PA
20-22	Four State Farm Show - Pittsburg, KS	10	Cowlesville Flea - Cowlesville, NY				Michael Steele - 570-494-1240
	Jeff Goss - 304-610-1835	10	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	19-20			Farm Science Review - London, OH
21	FCFI Golf Tournament, Boonville, NY	10-11	Cheddar Cheese Festival - Adams, NY	19-20			Dennis Schlager - 309-530-7004
24-26	Mississippi FFA - MSU		Dave Porter - 315-771-4514				International Plowing Match
	Mike Weaver - 618-499-1386	10-11	Madison County Fair - Brookfield, NY	19-20			Apple Fest - Central Square, NY
31	Kansas FFA Convention - Manhattan		Bill Brown - 315-749-6823				Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
	Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835	10-11	Four Seasons Craft and Flea Market - Carleton, MN, Pete Singer - 239-849-5527	19-21			Remsen Barn Festival - Remsen, NY
3-5	JUNE	11-15	Texas State FFA Convention - Dallas	21-24			Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
	Nittany Antique Machinery Show		Jeff Goss - 314-610-1835	24-27			Underhill Market Festival - Underhill, VT
	Centre Hall, PA, Michael Steele - 570-494-1240	12-14	Wisconsin Farm Technology Days - Loyal, WI, Pastor Dave Adams - 815-790-0228				Bill Brown - 315-736-5964
4-5	Vermont Dairy Festival - Enosburg Falls, VT		Stick Work Days, Marcy, NY	26-28			Bloomsburg Fair
	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	12-15	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	30-9/1			Doc Devoe - 570-204-2110
4-5	Western NY Dairy Festival, Springville, NY		Benton Rodeo - Benton, PA				
	Bill Brown - 315-749-6823	12-17	Doc DeVoie - 570-204-2110				
5-6	Antique Tractor Show, Madrid, NY						
	Dave Porter - 315-771-4514						