



# The SOWER

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*"A sower went out to sow his seed..." Luke 8:5*

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## Why Do We Evangelize? by Sylvain Couture

First of all, we evangelize because God asks us to (Matthew 8:19-20). It is not a suggestion but rather a commandment. Jesus began his public ministry by evangelizing and ended up telling his disciples to "Go". Evangelism is therefore the beginning and the end, or the Alpha and Omega, of the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ.

It is also because, like God, we do not want anyone to perish (end up in hell, separated from God for eternity), but that all would be saved. That is to say that they would be in heaven, eternally in the presence of God (2 Peter 3:9, 1 Timothy 2:4).

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**FCFC Board 2015:** Back row: Gary Beery (FCFI), George Gardiner, Todd Brace (FCFI Pres), Bill Brown, Douglas Wedel, Roy Nielsen, Duncan MacKiddie, Mike Sweeney, Sylvain Couture. Front row: Wayne & Edith Clark, Donna Hegge, Emilie Chartier, Colleen Grant. Missing: Jocelyn Aubut

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

***"We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:3***

Fellowship of Christian Farmers is a very comprehensive name for a ministry. The Apostle John said "We are telling you what we have seen and heard, so that you can have fellowship with us --- and our fellowship is with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ." Fellowship in the Greek means association, community, communion, joint participation, and intimacy.

Corrie Ten Boom shares in her book "The Hiding Place" the unbearable conditions she experienced in the Nazi concentration camp in World War II; hundreds of women of all ages were crowded into a building with no heat, they had to exist on a starvation diet, disease was rampant, no toilets, and the building was so infested with lice that the guards would not enter, plus they had to pile the corpses (including her sister) at the door until the guards decided to remove them. As overwhelming and overpowering as these conditions were both physically and emotionally, Corrie said, "I would by far prefer to endure such trauma as this, compared to my time in solitary confinement." What is it with solitary confinement that makes it so devastating and disastrous to the human soul? ... No fellowship, no association, no community, no communion, no joint participation, no intimacy.

God made man in His image and likeness and that image and likeness is not complete, fulfilled or satisfied without "Fellowship." Fellowship with God and fellowship with each other.

We in FCF, like the Apostle John, are telling people what we have seen and heard so that they may have "Fellowship"; to have fellowship in the Spirit while on earth is to be in the family of God for eternity.

Evangelism means to proclaim the good news. Have you ever noticed how mankind has an open ear for negativism? A prime example is the 6 and the 11:00 o'clock news, plus any local gossip.

But the greatest and most ecstatic news in the universe is that Jesus Christ is coming back for His Church! And the saints who are still here at that time are going to see Him, hear Him and meet Him in the air! What a glorious time of praise and fellowship that day will be! How the news media covers this phenomenon will be anyone's guess.

Even though we don't share this depth of the gospel when using the 5 coloured beads, we are giving everyone that will listen to us the opportunity to be seated at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

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## From the Desk of Bill Brown

### What was I Thinking?

When working with good friend and FCFI Board Member, Ron Herrold, from Westville, IN, he often exclaims when things aren't going as planned, "What was I thinking?" I've had the privilege of working with Ron and his wife, Deb, on several mission trips, always a very positive experience.

However, mission work does not always go the way we'd like it to. Supplies don't arrive on time, the weather doesn't cooperate, and volunteers don't always agree on how things should be done. However, with everything that could go wrong and when it does, Ron is always quick to take responsibility with the simple few words of "What was I thinking?"

Sometimes I ask myself that very question. It seems everyday situations arise that could have been avoided by giving a little more thought as to how the outcome might be. Ben Franklin, one of America's most famous founding fathers, is credited with the following, "A penny for your thoughts." Makes one wonder what some of our thoughts are really worth? Kathy is always asking me "What are you thinking?" Most of the time about family and FCF.

Phil 4:8 gives us a little advice on this matter: **"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things."** (NIV) Quite a list indeed. The book of Proverbs is full of words of encouragement and things to think about.

Something funny might be appropriate at this spot in my article. Someone once said, "He who laughs last thinks slowest." Well, that's not exactly true for Kathy and I; since both of us have hearing difficulty we're the last to laugh because others are laughing so it must be funny so why not follow suit. Another thought to ponder: Don't over think, take time to think about the things of which you are grateful. That will keep you focused. A couple of final thoughts:

Prov. 16:3 – ***Commit your work to the Lord and your plans will be established. (ESV)***

Prov. 17:22 – ***A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. (ESV)***

Romans 12:3 – ***For by the grace I say to every one of you; Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. (NIV)***

What am I thinking about at this very moment? Well, how our schedule is going to work out for the next few days. We expect FCF-Canada President, Mike Sweeney and board member Jocelyn Aubut, from QC, to arrive later this evening. They'll be loading sticks in the morning for the work in Canada. Mike and I will be flying to Lexington, IL, for an FCFI board meeting later tomorrow. Oh, I almost forgot, Kathy and I will be speaking at a church group tonight about our mission trips in the fall. No need to worry, God will make it all work out.

So, what am I thinking about, the same thing that should be foremost on your mind. How can we further the kingdom of God!

Remember to give Him thanks in all things, Bill Brown

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Bill is a former dairy farmer. He and his wife Kathy live in Marcy, NY. Bill brought FCF to Canada in the year 2000. He serves with FCFI as an area leader for the northeastern US, and as an agent for FCF-Canada.

## New Board Member Douglas Wedel - Personal Testimony

I was born on a dairy farm in north central Kansas. My parents Nathan and Betty taught me about God and having a personal relationship with Him. At age eight I realized I was a sinner and I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior, because only his blood could wash away my sins and give me the gift of Eternal Life. For as we read in John 1:9 *"the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."* Therefore from early childhood it was a common practice for my dad to read the Bible and pray with us at the table and for my mother to read missionary stories and pray with her children before we went to sleep at night.

When I was 13, I professed my faith in Christ publicly through baptism and became an active member of the Friedenstal Mennonite Church. After spending four years at Grace Bible Institute in Omaha, Nebraska, I left as a missionary with Gospel Missionary Union to France. There I met Mona Medin, a school teacher from Minnesota. We were married a year later. During our time in France, three sons were born into our family: Jonathan in '75, Jeremy in '78 and Joel in '82.

In 1989, the Lord led us to continue our missionary service in French Quebec. It has always been our desire along with our church ministry to share our faith in Christ with those that live in our area. To be effective in sharing Christ, my wife and I have taken training courses with Campus Crusade for Christ, Inter Varsity, and Child Evangelism Fellowship using the 5 colors of the gospel.

It was at a tractor show in Compton, Quebec close to 10 years ago now, that I heard the words "free walking stick". I was curious to know what kind of stick this was so I approached the Christian Farmers' tent. When I saw the 5 colors I knew that this was the message that I used to share the gospel with CEF. I had been praying to God for a way to reach the farmers and rural areas of Quebec. I therefore let them share the gospel with me. When they came to the question, have you ever asked Jesus Christ to be your Savoir? I said "praise the Lord, I am a believer in Jesus Christ." They asked if I was interested in helping Christian Farmers in sharing the gospel. I accepted the challenge. I brought two young men that were in my Sunday school class to be trained in sharing their faith. They in turn invited their sister Emilie and her husband Sylvain Couture. The rest is history... the incredible journey of how God has used this couple to inspire so many to share their faith, including my son who is a pastor in Chambly Quebec. **To God be the glory for the way He is using Fellowship of Christian Farmers to shake the foundation of the secular society of Quebec!**



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# Third Annual Spring Conference & AGM

Breadalbane Church, Dalkeith, ON, April 17-19, 2015

by Wayne Clark

My heart is full of gratitude to our great God for the third successful conference and annual meeting of FCFC. People came with expectations and concerns and prayerfully left with hope and encouragement to face the tasks which God has set out for them. Thanks also goes to all those who participated. Some travelled a great distance to be present. The spirit of unity reigned throughout. This year Rob Mongeon brought a new dimension with simultaneous translation which kept everything flowing at a smooth pace.

As Christians and volunteers we need to periodically pause and celebrate the great things that God has done. In other words, put fellowship into action.

Friday morning started with a visit to the St. Albert cheese factory and a stop off at Duval's dairy goat farm. The "kids" got everyone's attention, stealing the show.



Donna, AB & Mélanie, QC



A highlight of Friday afternoon, Paul DeGraaf showed slides of his recent trip to Africa, drilling for water in Burkina Faso. This was a SIM co-op project. People rejoiced when a new well produced lots of drinking water, but what do you do when three attempts result in three dry wells? Praise the Lord! God is in control.

Friday evening was a time of sharing. Testimonies came from north, south, east, and west. The joy and enthusiasm were contagious. We were able to rejoice in what God is doing through FCF chapters which remain faithful.

We really appreciated having Todd Brace from Ohio, president of FCF International. He gave an update on FCFI activities, which include a lot of disaster relief.

Some members brought musical instruments. Bert Visscher led us in a gospel sing-along accompanied by Bill, Emilie, and Ken; Sandy Roddick treated us to several solos.

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Todd Brace, FCFI

Kelly Foster  
Niagara Chapter

## Spring Conference – Saturday & Sunday



Virgil Jones

**Devotions & Prayer:** Virgil Jones challenged each one of us about our prayer life as he led a time of prayer and devotion first thing Saturday morning.

The annual general meeting followed. **New Board member:** Douglas Wedel from Magog, QC, was elected to the Board for a three year term. He gave a moving testimony on how his agricultural roots led him to an FCF tent. (See p 4)

Two **workshops** were held on Saturday afternoon. Kathleen Hay did an excellent job on how we should recruit and keep volunteers. She told us that the personal touch is the important thing, and a phone call is much better than an email.

The second one, led by Paul DeGraaf, had to do with what is God's role and what is our role in bringing someone to the Lord. We are simply the messenger and God does the rest. A healthy discussion followed.

Saturday evening we were treated to a delicious roast beef dinner prepared by the Vankleek Hill Anglican Church ladies. We were blessed by country gospel music supplied by Jacques and Jeanne Boulianne. Their ability to easily switch from English to French made the evening enjoyable for all.

FCFI area leader Bill Brown presented Duncan MacKiddie with a plaque in appreciation for his service as president of FCFC. See photo opposite page. Duncan's wife Johanne was included too, because, as Bill said: "We men can't do ministry without the support of our wives who work right beside us."

Pastor Harry Frielink from Barrie, ON, brought a message which addressed "The Method and Message of Manfishing". He looked at some of the challenges in presenting the gospel to a culture that doesn't understand sin and wants to turn God into a personal butler or blessing genie. The text was Matthew 4:19: ***"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."***

FCFC conducted the Sunday morning service at Breadalbane Church. The Sunday School hour was devoted to missions reports. Jacques Boulianne led the worship time again, and Harry Frielink addressed "The Heart of a Manfisher", looking at Psalm 51 and **David's number one qualification of being a soul-winner: having a heart broken by sin and healed by the gospel.** The text: Psalm 51:13: ***"Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you."***



Kathleen Hay



Paul DeGraaf



Harry Frielink

The conference wound up with lunch and fellowship in the church hall. People lingered over coffee as they enjoyed conversation with newfound brothers and sisters in the Lord.

### **A couple of comments on the conference:**

*"I would like to say that we were well received: a warm welcome, good organization, excellent food, and above all these considerations, we had the opportunity to meet wonderful people coming from other regions of Quebec, Ontario, United States, even from western Canada. Our exchanges with leaders of other chapters were really very encouraging and enriching."*

Johanne Patenaude



*"Thank you for all the work you put into such a successful AGM meeting just held. The unity, caring, and sharing made it the best one that I have attended. I strongly support holding the Meeting and Conference yearly. It is a tremendous amount of work and we know that it does not just happen. It provides information on all aspects of the FCFC work."*

*It also provides opportunity for fellowship and unity, a feeling of being a part of a broad organization having common experiences and goals.*

*Perhaps even more so for us, and those of other provinces who are not many in numbers of members, or chapters. We also have more insight into how much is accomplished by you at head office for the chapters and FCFC in general. Praise Him."* Roy Nielsen



***"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."***

***1 Thess 5:11:***

### **Next year's conference:**

**April 15-17, 2016**

Same place:

Breadalbane Baptist Church

**Dalkeith, Ontario**

(½ way between Montreal & Ottawa)

**Mark it on your calendar!**



**Saturday evening banquet →**



## Red Deer Chapter

by Donna Hegge



***“Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matt. 11:2***

What a wonderful promise of God this is! I couldn't help but think of it time and again as I witnessed my first Tractor Pull in Lacombe. Tractor after tractor (from very old to very

interest to do just that! We look forward to meeting with them personally this month to discuss things further!

Our next major outreach is planned for Bentley (40 km north-west of Red Deer). This town will be celebrating their 100th birthday! Bentley is located in the midst of many farming communities. They are expecting hundreds of visitors during their 4 day celebration (6-9 Aug.). We have been offered a lot in the hub of their town (120 x 50 ft.) free of charge! A Christian couple in Bentley have offered to donate their tent to us (40 x 20 ft.) for this great evangelistic opportunity! What a blessing!!! For the first time, we will be able to invite people in and offer them a seat to listen to the Gospel. We are delighted that Mélanie Maltais is coming all the way from Quebec to join our team and we pray that the Lord will raise up many more Christians to come and proclaim the Gospel with us!

modern) was challenged to pull the heaviest load possible! I thought of our loving Lord Jesus Who carried our heavy burden of sin on the cross, opening the way for us to be forgiven and to have fellowship with Him and our holy heavenly Father! He also calls us on a daily basis to cast our burdens upon Him, and He shall sustain us! (Ps. 55:22)

The Red Deer Chapter was delighted to have a booth at this event throughout the Father's Day week-end to share this Good News! In our final hour there, we had the great joy of seeing 4 men being led to Christ by one of the men on our team. Many others also heard a clear message of the Gospel and we pray that they, too, will choose to follow Jesus!

Another highlight at this event was that we had prayed very specifically that we might meet a couple who would be willing to join with FCF to share the Gospel at various places in the farming community of western Canada. A couple in a nearby booth visited us a few times and showed a keen

We rejoice greatly in seeing the Lord extending the chords of our tent to Lacombe, Bentley and beyond! Please unite with us in prayer as we step out into deeper waters to reach the lost for Christ! Thank you so much!





## Niagara Chapter Bob & Kelly Foster

We got rained out last weekend at the Friendship Festival, but praise God, one young man named Brandon, who was a vendor next to us, got saved! God specifically answered our prayer, "If only one, Lord, it will all be worth it!" The joy we experienced reminded us of the scripture verse in Luke 15:10, ***"...In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."***



How humbling and wonderful it is to witness miracles of God's amazing grace before our very eyes!

We look forward to this coming weekend as we look to the Lord in trust and pray for the weather to be more favourable. We know there is a harvest and IT IS ripe! May God use all His people, to be faithful to His call to "Go" and share the good news for "...IT IS the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes...! (Romans 1:16)

Thanking God for His love and patience toward us in that **He is "not willing that any should perish, but for all to come to repentance."** (2 Peter 3:9)

### President's message continued from page 2

And we don't need to wait to go to a venue to share the gospel; one of our faithful volunteers was at an elegant wedding held in a very plush motel, where they have an attendant in the lavatory ready to offer you a towel to dry your hands and an assortment of colognes. After our volunteer finished drying his hands he showed and explained to the attendant the 5 coloured bracelet on his wrist, asking him if he would like to have Jesus come into his heart and forgive his sins - the man bowed his head and followed in the sinner's prayer. – That is Good News!

Another testimony to awaken us:

Over 40 years ago a young man who was living a violent life of crime and corruption was in a horrific fight which left him bleeding to death as the ambulance rushed him to the hospital. He thought the ambulance exploded into flames, but then realized he was descending at a tremendous speed towards what appeared to be an open volcano of fire.

To his horror he then saw and heard some of his past friends who all died a violent death through drug overdoses, shootings and car wrecks screaming at him through the flames, "Go back Ronny! Go back! Don't come in here for you will never get out!" He had no understanding of the terror he was witnessing or where he was, as they kept repeatedly screaming at him, "Go back Ronny!" But beyond the suffering, pain and anguish of these lost souls, there was something that stood out even more vividly – he sensed their great loneliness, depression and hopelessness. They knew this was where they would be for eternity!

Today this man, Pastor and Evangelist Ronald Reagan from Cleveland Tennessee, is still winning souls for Christ.

My friends, we don't have the 6:00 o'clock News - **we have The Eternal News and we must never stop broadcastings it.**

## South Central Ontario Chapter Wayne McConnachie

– In honour of our Lord Jesus Christ –



Aurora Street Festival

Continuing to grow as a chapter, we've established working-bee operations in Minesing, Ontario. Cliff and Dove Money have been routinely holding these work parties at their place. They have done a marvelous job at bringing new volunteers in from the surrounding area of Barrie, Midland and Collingwood. Meanwhile in Peterborough we have had some helpers making the walking sticks and beading leathers (Joseph, Tanya, Lana, Jerod & Joe). And from North York and Toronto West, our chapter people have been involved in

putting table items together (bracelets, necklaces, spin tops, labeling staplers, etc). Thank you Alan, Esther, Harry & Dassy. Also Frank Hayhoe (out of Schomberg) has been a huge blessing for the chapter as he's picked up walking sticks out of the U.S. for the chapter, and has used his vehicle to transport supplies to our events.

During the first part of the year the chapter has shared the love of Jesus at the Elmvalle Maple Syrup Festival, the Schomberg Fair, the Aurora Street Festival, the Keswick 'Music in the Streets' Festival, and the Canada Day festivities in Midland Ontario. Worthy to note, our latest event had 26 volunteers (mostly new recruits) out on Canada Day – which were greatly needed to handle the 3,000 or so people spoken to over a period of 6 ½ hours.

It's so encouraging to see this chapter exploding with growth! God is at work. For the future, the chapter will continue making alliances with other individuals, organizations and churches within the Body of Christ to further the advancement of the gospel. We have much work ahead of us.

I would like to extend a big thank you to all those volunteers making our sticks and supplies which make our events possible; and a big thank you to all the volunteers who pray for us, support us and work our events.

To God be the glory!

Blessed be His glorious name forever; and may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and amen.



Harry Paul sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ

## **Chapter Activities - gleaned from the Annual Reports**

### **Granby Chapter, Granby, QC**

Pierre Bénard

What touched me most when being in charge of the booth were the new volunteers. They came with a determination that motivated us all. And what can be said about the volunteers who prepared articles to give to visitors. They made it possible for all our events to take place.



### **Ottawa Valley Chapter, QC** Wayne Clark

In June we helped in a Main Street Hawkesbury gospel outreach. We talked to many people, both French and English, but there is a special story. I met a local pastor six months later and he told me this:

"There is a man attending our church regularly now and he started coming to church three weeks following the outreach. He told me he took the walking stick home that he had received with the gospel message at the FCF booth. It was left standing in the corner of his living room and he said 'that thing just kept gnawing at me and I knew I needed to come to church'."

Praise the Lord! We call it a wordless walking stick, but it continues to speak long after we pass it out.

### **Saint-Hyacinthe Chapter, QC** Michel Gagnon

The whole church (the body of Christ) in our area was involved:

1) Intercessors met regularly in groups to pray for our events. 2) Those responsible for the booth and numerous volunteers welcomed visitors and shared with them the good news of the gospel. 3) Many of our young people were encouraged, developing a desire to witness for Christ. They became very involved and it touched them personally.

Twenty-five percent of our volunteers were Gideons and people from outside the region.

We realized that people are really thirsty for God. We, the church, have been mandated to quench their thirst and help them discover the Lord Jesus who loves them and still saves. His Spirit is at work if we let Him use us.

I am reminded of the vision: *to train and equip Christians, through local chapters, to share the gospel in the marketplace with people in Canada from sea to sea.*







## Central Nova Chapter, NS

Roy Nielsen, John Veenhuis

Our Nova Scotia Exhibitions are decreasing in attendance, but we are always encouraged when we consider the value of one soul receiving eternal salvation. It is the one-on-one method of FCFC, in speaking with the unsaved, that is so special in the walking stick ministry. We give Him all the glory, when the recipient says, "Now I know why I had to come here today". 2014 showed us more strongly that the last days are upon us. At the Exhibitions we

have seen more booths of the occult and more booths having ungodly items. It sends the message as our Lord said, John 9:4-"I must work the work of Him that sent me.", and pray, "That the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth the laborers into His harvest." (Mt 9:38)

Thank you dear Father that, through FCFC we can be your "at home missionaries" even when circumstances of age, business, health or other might prevent us from being your foreign missionaries. Amen

**Testimony** from Jonathan Wedel, a pastor from a church which was involved with FCFC for the first time at the **National Women's Show in Montreal:**

Thank you Sylvain! It was one of my most wonderful experiences for sharing the Gospel. Louis, Claude (two members of our church) and I shared our experience with the rest of the church on Sunday morning. It is definitely something that we want to support and renew our experience. I hope I'll be able to motivate the rest of the Church to join us in the area this summer.

I would encourage pastors to invest themselves personally in this ministry. The fact that I had to explain the Gospel in less than two minutes forced me to clarify the Gospel and to keep it down to the essentials. It is an approach that lends attention to the person in front of us, and not just a « sales pitch ». In a pastoral perspective, one of my biggest encouragements was to see two of our members so inspired to be able to share their faith. I saw people who were afraid and struggling with their decision to be involved at the National Women's Show, but who, with God's grace, became heroes of faith. Their lives went through a transformation and an enhanced confidence in God's providence and the power of the Gospel.



## Bancroft Chapter Ross Rutledge

I am truly amazed as I watch some of our volunteers at work, the love they have for the gospel and winning souls for Jesus. As I listen to the different ways to tell the story of the five colored beads. (God's love story). What amazes me the most is after a short story of the gospel, how people are hungry to respond to the message. It is truly a marvelous way to reach the youth of today.



What a great way to spend Canada Day!

## Why Do We Evangelize? Sylvain Couture (continued from page 1)

God, in his sovereignty, decided that salvation, for the most part, be transmitted from the mouth to the ear. We are saved by grace by means of faith, and this faith which saves us comes from hearing the gospel (Ephesians 2:8,9; Romans 10:14,17). When the divine seed of the gospel message is received by an open heart, a supernatural fruit is produced which the Scriptures call the "new birth" producing a child of God (John 3:3-12).

***"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile." Romans 1:16***

We evangelize also because we understand that someone had enough love and courage to share his faith with us and as a result of his testimony, we became Christians with all the attached benefits. Therefore it is our turn to do the same for others. Just like the flu, saving faith is also contagious, but contrary to the flu, it heals, liberates, and transforms lives.

Finally, evangelization is necessary for the spiritual well-being of the believer and of the church in general, in the same way as prayer, developing a sense of spiritual community with other believers, as well as the study of the Holy Scriptures.

These four fundamental points of the Christian walk are similar to a chair with four legs. If we miss one of the above points, it is like balancing on a chair with only three legs.

### **In conclusion, the story of brother John:**

Brother John was terrified at the idea of speaking in public. The deacons' board finally convinced him to speak on Sunday morning. He stood there trembling; weak-kneed, he spoke to the congregation: "Do you know what I am going to say?" and everyone replied, "No." "Well then, neither do I," he responded, and left on the run.

The deacons persisted and convinced him to come back and try again the next Sunday. Trembling, weak-kneed, he asked again: "Do you know what I am going to say?" and the congregation replied, "Yes." "Well then, I don't have to tell you," and he fled the scene.

The board did not give up, and got him up again the next Sunday. Still terrified, he asked again: "Do you know what I am going to say?" Half the people replied, "Yes," and half replied, "No." He then responded: "Those who know tell those who don't know." After a moment's silence, the Holy Spirit used these words to cut the heart of the assembled body as a powerful message: **"Those who know it, tell it to those who don't know!"**

## Calendar of Events Summer / Fall 2015

**BC: Abbotsford Agrifair**, Jul 31 - Aug 3  
**Farmers' Market, Abbotsford**, 2 Saturdays/Aug/Sept  
 Henry Janzen, 604-859-3407, [chjanzen@shaw.ca](mailto:chjanzen@shaw.ca)  
**Dawson Creek Exhibition & Stampede**, Aug 5-9  
 Wayne Clark, cell 450-566-1461, [fccf@bellnet.ca](mailto:fccf@bellnet.ca)  
**AB: Bentley Centennial**, Aug 6-9  
**Agritrade**, Red Deer, Nov 11-14  
 Donna Hegge, 403-986-1614, [don.hegge@hotmail.com](mailto:don.hegge@hotmail.com)  
**SK: North West Territorial Days**, North Battleford  
 Wayne Clark, cell 450-566-1461, [fccf@bellnet.ca](mailto:fccf@bellnet.ca)  
**MB: Threshermen's Reunion**, Austin, Sept 23-26  
 Cornie Sawatzky, 204-685-3110, [csaw@mymts.net](mailto:csaw@mymts.net)

### Quebec:

**Expo BBQ Bellechasse**, Jul 1-5  
 Sylvain Couture, 819-349-4634, [afccquebec@hotmail.ca](mailto:afccquebec@hotmail.ca)  
**Vente trottoir**, St-Hyacinthe, Jul 8-12  
 Michel Gagnon, 514-776-8707, [michel.gagnon@parkavenueinfiniti.com](mailto:michel.gagnon@parkavenueinfiniti.com)  
**Exposition agricole de Trois-Rivières**, Jul 9-18  
 Lise Dupont, 819-373-7127, [ldupont@videotron.ca](mailto:ldupont@videotron.ca)  
**Marché J, Talon**, Charlesbourg, Jul 11-12, 18-19, Aug 15-16, 22-23  
 Lucille Perreault, 418-833-9732, [lucilleperreault@videotron.ca](mailto:lucilleperreault@videotron.ca)  
**Festival Élegance**, Lac Etchemin, July 12  
 Sylvain Couture, 819-349-4634, [afccquebec@hotmail.ca](mailto:afccquebec@hotmail.ca)  
**Lachute Flea Market**, Lachute, designated Tuesdays  
 Duncan MacKiddie, 613-676-2532, [jdfuturs@hotmail.com](mailto:jdfuturs@hotmail.com)  
**Exposition Agricole de St-Hyacinthe**, Jul 23 - Aug 2  
 Michel Gagnon, 514-776-8707, [michel.gagnon@parkavenueinfiniti.com](mailto:michel.gagnon@parkavenueinfiniti.com)  
**International Bromont**, Bromont, Jul 24 - Aug 9  
 Pierre Bénard, 450-361-2814, [pierrebenard1945@gmail.com](mailto:pierrebenard1945@gmail.com)  
**Exposition agricole de Rimouski**, Jul 29 - Aug 2  
 David Tremblay, 418-724-3880, [tremblaydavid5@hotmail.com](mailto:tremblaydavid5@hotmail.com)  
**Rodéo du Camion**, Témiscamisque, Jul 30 - Aug 2  
 Paul Jolin, 819-629-9433, [pauljolin@me.com](mailto:pauljolin@me.com)  
**Exposition agricole de Beauce**, St-Honoré, Aug 6-9  
 Sylvain Couture, 819-349-4634, [afccquebec@hotmail.ca](mailto:afccquebec@hotmail.ca)  
**Chrétiens en Fête**, Drummondville, Aug 8  
 Pierre Bénard, 450-361-2814, [pierrebenard1945@gmail.com](mailto:pierrebenard1945@gmail.com)  
**Family fête**, Granby Aug 15  
 Pierre Bénard, 450-361-2814, [pierrebenard1945@gmail.com](mailto:pierrebenard1945@gmail.com)  
**Trois-Rivières en Blues**, Trois-Rivières, Aug 20-23  
 Lise Dupont, 819-373-7127, [ldupont@videotron.ca](mailto:ldupont@videotron.ca)  
**Exposition agricole de Cookshire**, Aug 20-23  
 Line Chartier, 819-876-7913  
**Expo Provincial Montmagny**, Montmagny, Aug 26-30  
 Sylvain Couture, 819-349-4634, [afccquebec@hotmail.ca](mailto:afccquebec@hotmail.ca)  
**Expo agricole d'Ayers'Cliff**, Ayers'Cliff, Aug 27-30  
 Rick Kerr, 819-876-5957, [amykerr\\_01@hotmail.com](mailto:amykerr_01@hotmail.com)  
**Exposition agricole de Brome**, Sept 4-7  
 Pierre Bénard, 450-361-2814, [pierrebenard1945@gmail.com](mailto:pierrebenard1945@gmail.com)  
**Exposition agricole de Richmond**, Sept 10-13  
 Sylvain Couture, 819-349-4634, [afccquebec@hotmail.ca](mailto:afccquebec@hotmail.ca)  
**Festival Western de St-Tite**, Sept 11-20  
 Lise Dupont, 819-373-7127, [ldupont@videotron.ca](mailto:ldupont@videotron.ca)  
**Exposition agricole de Havelock**, Sept 12  
 Pierre Bénard, 450-361-2814, [pierrebenard1945@gmail.com](mailto:pierrebenard1945@gmail.com)  
**National Women's Show**, Québec City, Nov 4-15  
 Sylvain Couture, 819-349-4634, [afccquebec@hotmail.ca](mailto:afccquebec@hotmail.ca)

### Ontario:

**Glengarry Highland Games**, Maxville, Jul 31 - Aug 1  
 Wayne Clark, 819-242-7067, [fccf@bellnet.ca](mailto:fccf@bellnet.ca)  
**Bridge Street Bazaar**, Carleton Place, Aug 1  
 Garry Boyce, 613-253-8193, [garrygarage@storm.ca](mailto:garrygarage@storm.ca)  
**Big Brother-Sister Ribfest**, Belleville, Aug 7-9  
**Hastings Water Front Festival**, Aug 14-16,  
 Mike Sweeney, 705-745-3019, [mikesweeney49@hotmail.com](mailto:mikesweeney49@hotmail.com)  
**Sutton Fair & Horse Show**, Aug 6-9, Wayne McConnachie  
**Alliston Potato Festival**, Aug 7-9  
 Wayne McConnachie, 888-876-1547, [waynesmail@cogeco.ca](mailto:waynesmail@cogeco.ca)  
**Wilberforce Agriculture Fair**, Aug 8  
 Ross Rutledge, 613-332-5758, [rutledge59@yahoo.ca](mailto:rutledge59@yahoo.ca)  
**Lanark County Plowing Match**, Aug 15  
 Garry Boyce, 613-253-8193, [garrygarage@storm.ca](mailto:garrygarage@storm.ca)  
**Coe Hill Agriculture Fair**, Aug 21-21  
 Ross Rutledge, 613-332-5758, [rutledge59@yahoo.ca](mailto:rutledge59@yahoo.ca)  
**Zurich Bean Festival**, Aug 22  
 Bert Visscher, 519-808-5340, [bert.visscher.2013@gmail.com](mailto:bert.visscher.2013@gmail.com)  
**Barrie Fair**, Aug 27-30  
 Wayne McConnachie, 888-876-1547, [waynesmail@cogeco.ca](mailto:waynesmail@cogeco.ca)  
**Cobden Fair**, Aug 28-30  
 Terry Johnston, 613-432-6369, [grandview@gozoom.ca](mailto:grandview@gozoom.ca)  
**Orangeville Fair**, Sept 4-6  
 Wayne McConnachie, 888-876-1547, [waynesmail@cogeco.ca](mailto:waynesmail@cogeco.ca)  
**Marmora Agriculture Fair**, Sept 4-6  
 Ross Rutledge, 613-332-5758, [rutledge59@yahoo.ca](mailto:rutledge59@yahoo.ca)  
**Kinmount Fair**, Sept 4-6  
 Mike Sweeney, 705-745-3019, [mikesweeney49@hotmail.com](mailto:mikesweeney49@hotmail.com)  
**Highland Heavies**, Maynooth, Sept 5  
 Ross Rutledge, 613-332-5758, [rutledge59@yahoo.ca](mailto:rutledge59@yahoo.ca)  
**Renfrew Fair**, Sept 9-13  
 Terry Johnston, 613-432-6369, [grandview@gozoom.ca](mailto:grandview@gozoom.ca)  
**Orillia Fair**, Sept 11-13  
 Wayne McConnachie, 888-876-1547, [waynesmail@cogeco.ca](mailto:waynesmail@cogeco.ca)  
**Blyth Steam Show**, Sept 11-13  
 Bert Visscher, 519-808-5340, [bert.visscher.2013@gmail.com](mailto:bert.visscher.2013@gmail.com)  
**Keswick, Harvest Festival**, Sept 12  
 Wayne McConnachie 888-876-1547, [waynesmail@cogeco.ca](mailto:waynesmail@cogeco.ca)  
**Niagara Regional Exhibition**, Sept 17-20  
 Bob & Kelly Foster, 905-894-0223, [kfoster@lastmilenet.ca](mailto:kfoster@lastmilenet.ca)  
**Oro World Fair**, Sept 18-19  
 Wayne McConnachie 1-888-876-1547, [waynesmail@cogeco.ca](mailto:waynesmail@cogeco.ca)  
**Madoc Agriculture Fair**, Sept 18-19  
 Ross Rutledge, 613-332-5758, [rutledge59@yahoo.ca](mailto:rutledge59@yahoo.ca)  
**Renfrew County Ploughing Match**, Sept 19  
 Terry Johnston, 613-432-6369, [grandview@gozoom.ca](mailto:grandview@gozoom.ca)  
**International Plowing Match**, Finch, Sept 22-26  
 Henri de Souza, 613-527-5314, [apoc3v8@yahoo.com](mailto:apoc3v8@yahoo.com)  
**Lindsay Exhibition**, Sept 23-27  
 Mike Sweeney, 705-745-3019, [mikesweeney49@hotmail.com](mailto:mikesweeney49@hotmail.com)  
**Great Northern Ex**, Collingwood, Sep 25-27  
 Wayne McConnachie, 888-876-1547, [waynesmail@cogeco.ca](mailto:waynesmail@cogeco.ca)  
**Ilderton Fall Fair**, Oct 2-4  
 Tom Verhoog, 519-235-4418, [stverhoog@gmail.com](mailto:stverhoog@gmail.com)  
**Elmvalle Fair**, Oct 8-10  
 Wayne McConnachie, 888-876-1547, [waynesmail@cogeco.ca](mailto:waynesmail@cogeco.ca)  
**Norwood Fall Fair**, Oct 10-12  
 Mike Sweeney, 705-745-3019, [mikesweeney49@hotmail.com](mailto:mikesweeney49@hotmail.com)  
**Royal Agricultural Winter Fair**, Nov 6-15  
 Wayne McConnachie, 888-876-1547, [waynesmail@cogeco.ca](mailto:waynesmail@cogeco.ca)



**NB:** Napan Agricultural Show, Aug.13-16  
 Art Gilmore, 506-385-2324, [cagilmor@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:cagilmor@nbnet.nb.ca)  
**Sussex Flea Market**, Aug 13-16  
**St.John Exhibition**, Sept 1-5  
 Colleen Grant, 506-485-2920, [missfeathers.grant@gmail.com](mailto:missfeathers.grant@gmail.com)  
**NS:** Truro Farmers Market, July 4,  
 Roy Nielsen, 902-639-2553, [rnielsen@bellaliant.net](mailto:rnielsen@bellaliant.net)  
**Shelburne County Exhibition**, Shelburne, Aug 11-15  
 John Veenhuis, 902-671-2242  
**Halifax County Ex**, Middle Musquodoboit, Aug19-24  
 John Veenhuis, 902-671-2242  
**Pictou-North Colchester Ex**, Pictou, Sept 9-13  
 Roy Nielsen, 902-639-2553, [rnielsen@bellaliant.net](mailto:rnielsen@bellaliant.net)  
**Hants County Ex**, Windsor, Sept 18-20, 25-27  
 Roy Nielsen, 902-639-2553, [rnielsen@bellaliant.net](mailto:rnielsen@bellaliant.net)  
**PE:** Provincial Plowing Match, Dundas, Aug.28-30,  
 Colleen Grant, 506-485-2920, [missfeathers.grant@gmail.com](mailto:missfeathers.grant@gmail.com)

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### ECHO - Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization

Fort Myers, FL, Nov 2-6, 2015

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

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Zolfo Springs, FL, Nov 8-14, 2015

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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 on page 4)

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The **vision** of the Fellowship of Christian Farmers is to train and equip Christians, through local chapters, to share the gospel in the marketplace with people in Canada from sea to sea.

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (NKJV)*