

Tuesday, October 1st, 2024 A.D.

Dear Beloved Friends & Ministry Partners,

“For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones’” (Isaiah 57:15 NKJV).

The only hope for America is a Biblical reformation, spiritual revival, & revitalization of the church & family beginning on the grassroots level right at home. As members of the Church, the Body of Christ, living in this present age of grace, we have been entrusted with the stewardship responsibility of the Christian worldview in general & the gospel of grace in particular. This is the salt & light moral back pressure of truth in every arena of life that our great God & Savior will hold us accountable for at the Bema on that Judgement Day of Reckoning before the awesome terror of His holiness (2 Cor.5:9-11). GFM’s passion is to serve as a catalyst toward a genuine revival in our generation that faithfully advances the cause of Christ both here & abroad to the praise of God’s glory throughout eternity!

Last month was our hinge point between the summertime & fall ministry adventure season. Just after Labor Day, we thoroughly enjoyed the original *Grace Family Conference* annually hosted by GBC-Tabor (SD). The following weekend, I coordinated the *Men’s Advance* at NGYC & we also ministered at GBC-Beloit (WI). Grace Point Church in New Whiteland (IN) also coordinated a one-day Family Conference which I kicked off by preaching on Biblical marriage & family discipleship. It was also a blessing to provide pulpit supply for two assemblies here in Indiana: Grace Community Church-Bedford & Grace Gospel Church-Linton. Be sure to check out **GFM’s YouTube channel** to enjoy the sermon videos & special music that we shared throughout the month. Please subscribe & help us spread the word!

Looking ahead to this month, we’re gearing up now for the *Ohio Grace Family Conference* at GBC-Springfield (10/11-13) & the *Pennsylvania Grace Family Conference* at Altoona Bible Church (10/18-20). We’re grateful that Thrivent Financial has given us \$500 to purchase practical equipping resources to restock GFM’s ministry table for these exciting events. Afterwards, we’ll also be serving at Grace Family Bible Church in Duncansville (PA) & Preakness Bible Church in Wayne, New Jersey. For more details, check out the GFM events calendar at [GraceFamilyMinistries.org](https://www.GraceFamilyMinistries.org).

On a more personal level, I’m glad to share that my oldest son, Timothy, was publicly recognized as a man in the company of other men. Several men who have invested into his life offered a special prayer of commissioning to accompany my paternal blessing for him. To commemorate the occasion, I gifted him with a sword replica of William Wallace’s Scottish claymore as he was a courageous man of resolute biblical conviction who stood for freedom in the face of tyranny in the 14th century.

Also, Lori had her bottom two wisdom teeth removed after she dealt with an infection while we were on vacation back in August. She is doing remarkably well, especially after taking it easy for the first few days. Unfortunately, Samaritan Ministries does not cover this sort of medical expense, but we do anticipate submitting our need for prayerful consideration by other members. Thank you already for upholding us in prayer & financial support!

Just recently, I began Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer’s newest book, *“The Eclipse of God: Our Nation’s Disastrous Search for a More Inclusive Deity (And What We Must Do About It).”* Here’s a soul-stirring quote from the first chapter:

“The culture war has come to us; we didn’t seek it, but win or lose, we must stand against it without losing our testimony for the gospel. All throughout history, Christians have been called to faithfully represent Christ in the midst of a pagan culture. I argue for faithfulness to Christ & His church above all other loyalties, whether we can stop the moral & spiritual freefall of our culture or not. We are given the privilege of standing for Christ with grace and strength, even at great personal cost. If we have faith to believe it, this is a day of great opportunity.”

At month’s end, we’ll be celebrating the first anniversary of launching Grace Family Ministries. We’re grateful for your investment into this initiative as we endeavor to serve as a catalyst to God’s Spirit igniting a greater zeal for the intentional transmission of truth to the next generation in the hearts of His people & for the glory of His name. Thank you for partnering with us as we are **“Advancing the Cause of Christ to the Ends of the Earth...Beginning Right at Home.”**

Humbled Before the Holy One of Heaven,

Pastor Tim Board
GFM Co-Founder & Director

Is There Any Hope for This Generation?

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“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable [beyond our understanding].
One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.”

Psalm 145:3-4 NKJV

Every challenge that we face in this generation has a single answer. Whether it is fear of Covid, political corruption, BLM riots, woke neo-Marxism, sexual perversity, the abortion holocaust, antisemitism, radical Islamic terrorism, substance abuse, child trafficking, broken families, liberal churches, spiritual apathy, or the uncertainty of one's eternal destiny, the answer is the same. In every culture, community, household, and individual heart among all nations worldwide throughout history, the gospel is the answer. **The good news of God's redemption of depraved sinners through the Person & finished work of Jesus Christ is the only enduring hope for this generation.**

The gospel is not only God's power to salvation to everyone who believes but it also transforms entire lives, communities, and cultures from the inside out. God performs this miracle by changing one heart at a time by His sovereign power and saving grace to the praise of His glory in Christ Jesus. **His greatness is magnified through the salvation of rebel sinners who are guilty of treason and sedition against His sovereign majesty.**

The Bible teaches how sinners can be rescued from the wrath of God and it also teaches an entire worldview through which we understand how to live in and engage culture with the salt and light of truth. There is no direction one can figuratively travel in which God has not spoken in His Word. Whether by direct address, principle, or historical example, the Bible is a sufficient guide for everything in life. **Developing this understanding is what it means to possess a comprehensive Biblical worldview.**

Cultural analysts and statistical researchers are clear regarding the mass departure of young people from the church and oftentimes the Christian faith altogether. Multitudes of church youth eventually leave because they are either not genuinely saved or they do not have a Biblical worldview. **Many who are spiritually alive in Christ have minds that are more conformed to the world's priorities & value system than to the Word of God.** Transformation of the heart and mind by God's Spirit as cultivated through the Christian worldview is something that every generation needs.

It is imperative that the Church equip believers for the ministry of transmitting the truth to the next generation. This begins at home with dad and mom instructing their children in the Word of God. Raising generations who understand what they believe, why they believe it, and know how to defend the faith against the skeptical questions of the day in the context of a secular culture that is increasingly hostile to the exclusive truth claims of Biblical Christianity should be the highest priority in every church and family.

There is hope for this generation because Almighty God ordains the ends and the means for the unfolding of His sovereign plan and eternal purpose for history. God's people have been entrusted with a duty-bound stewardship responsibility to advance the cause of Christ to the ends of the earth beginning right at home on the grass roots level. May church and family co-champion the dead serious urgency of this stewardship by investing this day in light of that day when our lives flash before our eyes and we give an account before the sovereign majesty of the KING of kings and LORD of lords who is worthy of all praise both now and forever. **Soli Deo Gloria!**

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever & ever. Amen.”

Ephesians 3:20-21 NKJV