



Grace Family Ministries

*"Advancing the Cause of Christ to the Ends of the Earth
...Beginning Right at Home"*



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"When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What are these stones?' then you shall let your children know...that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever." - Joshua 4:21-24 NKJV

Hey there friends!

Amidst this holiday season, we are grateful for the mighty hand and outstretched arm of our great God and Savior that has guided GFM throughout our first year of ministry. This 1st Anniversary milestone fills our hearts with praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for the great things He has done in the past year. As missionaries to America, GFM has served the church and family across the country including at several Grace Family Conferences as well as our ministry online.

Looking ahead, we're excited because God is faithful to guide the way forward and provide the means His servants need to do all that He has called us to do for the glory of His Name. My family and I are thankful indeed for your prayerfully considered investment into this ministry initiative as together we are:

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GFM On The Move... The Board Family

Back in May, the Wisconsin Grace Family Conference hosted by Grace Bible Church in Oshkosh was a blessing as we served alongside other pastors and ministry leaders. In early June, the historic Altoona Bible Church in central Pennsylvania also welcomed us for a special Grace Family Sunday along with a Men's Leadership Breakfast on Saturday morning.

Just before our sons headed to Northern Grace Youth Camp for the summer, we were heavily engaged in ministry at the Berean Bible Fellowship Conference hosted by Community Bible Church in Tipp City, Ohio. Timothy, Luke, and Elijah all spent a substantial portion of the summertime season ministering at NGYC near Green Bay, Wisconsin. The rest of us were also glad to be there for a week ourselves when I was the chapel speaker for Junior High Camp.

Following the original Grace Family Conference annually hosted, for over twenty years now, by GBC – Tabor, South Dakota, we were back at NGYC in September where I helped coordinate the Men's Advance that met in a rustic log cabin at the camp's river property. It has also been an honor to provide pulpit supply for several other churches in Wisconsin and Indiana because the local church is the God-ordained "pillar and ground of the truth" in every community (1 Timothy 3:15) ...continued

GFM's 3 "Advancing..." Dynamics

- Magnifying God's Glory & Grace... Through Revitalized Church & Family Life
- Strengthening Church & Family as Co-Champions... of the Next Generation
- Mobilizing Church & Family to Engage Culture... with the Biblical Worldview & Gospel of Grace

This passion is undergirded by 10 Biblical Convictions that are central to the reformation, revival, and revitalization of church and family life. Check out:

GraceFamilyMinistries.org.



Panel Discussion on Family Discipleship



Special Music with Friends

This fall was an especially significant season because Grace Point Church right here in Indy hosted a one day family conference, GBC – Springfield, Ohio hosted their second Grace Family Conference, and Altoona Bible Church also hosted the Pennsylvania Grace Family Conference. After the ABC event, my family and I continued traveling east throughout the mid-Atlantic and New England region of our great country. We met up with several ministry leaders and served at Preakness Bible Church in Wayne, New Jersey. Most recently, GFM also ministered at churches in Missouri and Ohio. Through all these ministry adventures, thank you for upholding my family and I in prayer and financial support.



Ohio Grace Family Conference

Looking Ahead...

The Lord continues to open doors to share the passion of our hearts and His design for Biblical family life around the country. GFM's 2025 schedule is coming together, and we ask that you prayerfully consider inviting us to your church for a Grace Family Sunday or perhaps even hosting a Grace Family Conference. Please contact us and we would be glad to discuss some ideas for a family discipleship event in your area.



Bible Characters Dress-Up Theme at a Family Conference

On a Personal Level...

Lori & I are thankful that she is doing well after having two wisdom teeth removed in September following some infections. We are also glad to report that our oldest son, **Timothy**, successfully graduated from high school and is taking a full load of classes online at Berean Bible Institute. **Luke** is scheduled to graduate from "Enlisted for His Glory Academy" (this what we call our home school) in the spring and plans to take classes at BBI. **Elijah** just started his high school education including a class that I taught at church called a "*Biblical Worldview of Early American History*" to a group of home school students. **Bethany** also took this class and is now our 4th teenager. **Grace** and **Noah** are doing very well as they are coming along in their studies and grow in Christ-like character.

I also wanted to share some powerful words from Erwin Lutzer's latest book, "**The Eclipse of God: Our Nation's Disastrous Search for a More Inclusive Deity (And What We Must Do About It).**" With keen insight to the challenges facing the American church and family, he explains that:

"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 & strength, even at great personal cost. If we have faith to believe it, this is a day of great opportunity."

Our prayer for you is that your heart is encouraged and emboldened to stand for Christ in every season of your life for the glory of our great God and Savior. Be sure to enjoy our online content (over 200 videos!) on **GFM's You Tube channel** as well as our website (**GraceFamilyMinistries.org**). Thank you for joining us in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for the great things He has done on the occasion of GFM's 1st Anniversary as together we are:

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