

Thursday, January 2nd, A.D. 2025

Dear Fellow Servants of the Blessed & Boundless GOD,

“For who in the heavens can be compared to the LORD? O LORD God of hosts, who is mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance” (Psalm 89:6a, 8, 15 NKJV).

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, the faithfulness of our great God in the old year fills our hearts with increased confidence to trust Him to lead, guide, and direct the pathway of our lives in 2025. The awesome character and nature of this God whose merciful lovingkindness in Christ Jesus has captivated our hearts renders our entire lives an offering of praise for the glory of His name (Is.40:28-31; Rom.11:33-12:2; Col.13-20). May this be the passion that God’s Spirit ignites in the depths of our souls and be demonstrated in practical reality day by day especially right at home throughout the new year.

Last month really was a fantastic Christmas season as my family and I were blessed with the opportunity to minister at five different churches in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin. My 5-part sermon series focused on *“CHRIST the Astonishing Wonder of Christmas”* and is loaded as a playlist that can be enjoyed on GFM’s YouTube channel. There is also a 3-part article on GFM’s website called *“My Top 10 List for Why I Love Christmas”* that is designed to equip God’s people with practical wisdom for teaching our children and grandchildren the redemptive joy of the holiday. We pray that the song, *“In the Fullness of Time”*, has been (or will be) a special blessing to you as it was exciting to share it at churches throughout Christmastime.

Looking ahead to this month, be on the lookout for some new playlists of shorter videos on GFM’s YouTube channel with their accompanying articles on our website. *“My Top 10 List for Revitalizing Church & Family Life in the New Year”* is designed to strengthen them both as co-champions of the next generation. *“My Top 10 List for How to Teach Your Kids to Love Reading Books”* will be sure to challenge parents to intentionally prioritize not merely their children’s literacy but their heart-level devotion to being a life-long learner through the means of robust printed literature. We pray that these along with future projects are a blessing and encouragement to churches and families far and wide.

On a more personal level, we enjoyed several family gatherings in the Chicagoland area while in town for the holiday including Christmas Eve with about 80 in attendance. Since arriving back home, we have unfortunately been dealing with plenty of cold/flu symptoms that are typical for the season. Despite this, Lori and I are grateful for God’s faithfulness throughout our 23 years of marriage as of January 4th. After a break for Christmas and New Year’s, our kids will be resuming their schoolwork soon including our oldest son, Timothy, who is gearing up for another full load of classes this semester at Berean Bible Institute.

This month also includes opportunities to serve at churches here in Indiana along with Wisconsin as we anticipate being up north for the Northern Grace Youth Camp winter board meeting at Berean Bible Institute. Throughout all of our ministry adventures, we are grateful for your faithful prayers and humbled by your generous financial support on behalf of my family and I. May the mighty hand of our great God and Savior be upon you and your family in this new year as together we are ***“Advancing the Cause of Christ to the Ends of the Earth...Beginning Right at Home.”***

Awestruck Before the Blessed & Boundless GOD of Glory,

Pastor Tim Board

GFM Co-Founder & Director

P.S. My morning devotional at the outset of this new year is a book written by a 17th century English Puritan by the name of George Swinnock and it’s called *“The Blessed and Boundless God.”* Having just begun this little book culled from a much larger volume, I now understand why it is highly recommended by some dear friends.