

Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, A.D. 2026

Dear Grateful & Patriotic Christian Friends of *Grace Family Ministries*:

**“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”**

The 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country’s birth certificate, the Declaration of Independence (July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776), is great cause for rejoicing as the mighty hand of the Most High God has been at work from our earliest days. The 56 signers of this historic document were gripped by these self-evident truths that are rooted in the glory of God demonstrated in creation order. In other words, they affirmed that our rights are God-given having been endowed to image-bearers of the Creator not by any human government. Upon doing so, they understood that they were rebels guilty of treason and sedition against the King of England thus signing their death warrants. This sobering reality rendered their proceedings one of dead serious urgency thus confessing a **“firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence”** as they mutually pledged to one another **“our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.”** May the freedoms of the *“Great American Experiment”* that were championed and subsequently ordered by our nation’s founding fathers be sustained in our day as we intentionally pass on the legacy of this heritage to the next generation. **“Long may our land be bright with freedom’s holy light; protect us by Thy might, great God, our King!”**

#### ← Looking Back

Keeping with this patriotic spirit that rejoices in the *“Stalwart Faithfulness of GOD’s Providence in History”* (one of GFM’s 10 Biblical Convictions), my recent sermons at churches in IN, OH, and WI have been thus focused:

- **“The Great American Renewal: Three Self-Evident Truths for Our Nation to Champion”**
- **“Raising Dads (& Moms) for the Future of Our Nation: Passing the Baton of Faith to a New Generation”**
- **“Let Freedom Ring: Winning, Ordering, & Sustaining the Great American Experiment”**

Last month, we were also blessed to be actively involved in ministry at the annual Berean Bible Fellowship conference hosted by Community Bible Church in Tipp City, Ohio. Lori and I each taught one of the Bible classes for children and young people and she also coordinated everything for the Women’s Meeting that featured a testimony from Mrs. Linda Bedore whose late husband, Dr. W. Edward Bedore was the founding director of Berean Bible Institute. Our son, Timothy, led the children’s program music and spoke during the Young Preachers session along with his brother Luke. My sermon during one of the main sessions was called **“Daily Transformation: Igniting a Passion for Doxology, Consecration, & the Biblical Worldview.”** All of these sermons and more will soon be uploaded to GFM’s YouTube channel as a means to encourage your hearts, equip your minds, and energize your lives for the glory of God and the good of multitudes.

#### Looking Ahead →

Throughout the rest of this summertime season, we’re looking forward to serving in Linton, Beloit, West Allis, Steger, and at Northern Grace Youth Camp. Please pray for NGYC’s staff, counselors, campers, and volunteers especially as one of our sons is ministering there this summer right on the front lines. We’re grateful for friends like yourselves who are faithfully invested in GFM’s mission of **“Advancing the Cause of Christ to the Ends of the Earth...Beginning Right at Home.”**

#### **GFM’s 10 Biblical Convictions**

- 1. Sovereign Majesty of GOD’s Holiness**
- 2. Sufficiency & Preaching of GOD’s Word**
- 3. Supremacy of GOD’s Grace for Life & Ministry**
- 4. Security of GOD’s Saints in Christ**
- 5. Solid Theology of GOD’s Design for the Family**
- 6. Singing of GOD’s Praise & Inter-Generational Worship**
- 7. Scheduled Priorities of GOD’s Time Restructured**
- 8. Salt & Light Moral Back-Pressure of GOD’s Truth**
- 9. Stalwart Faithfulness of GOD’s Providence in History**
- 10. Stewardship Responsibility of GOD’s Mission**

## Zero Hour America

Just this morning, I finished reading a book of penetrating insight by Os Guinness called “**Zero Hour America: History’s Ultimatum Over Freedom and the Answer We Must Give.**” Therein he challenges Americans to choose wisely for the sake of the future of our nation otherwise the writing is on the wall. Here’s a poignant excerpt to stir your soul (slightly edited):

*“But the main burden of handing on freedom is carried by families & by schools [more so families & churches]. In [properly ordered] nations families are the bedrock of society, & to promote or tolerate the breakdown of the family is to disorder freedom at its core. Families mean love that generates new life; parenting means formation in identity, character, & the virtues from the earliest age, so that for better or worse families are the indispensable key to human identity, ethics, & civic continuity. If those ideas sound abstract, we should remember that the family accomplishes these things silently & unconsciously through such practical things as simply being together, conversations at the dinner table, bedtimes stories, & the celebration of holidays.”*

*“All these things have gone by the board or have been disastrously weakened in America in the last generation. Families have become smaller & less stable. They have been broken by divorce & weakened by alternative forms of living together, parents have been sidelined by schools on one side & video games & the social media on another, holidays have become casualties of the culture wars, & the family dining table has become a fast-food Grand Prix refueling station between sports games & other activities. Not only was civic education excised from public schools in the late 60s, but it was also replaced by Howard Zinn’s alternative views of American history & then by the 1619 Project & radical views openly opposed to the American founding. Now, with President Biden [written in 2022] allowing countless people to flood into the borderless south of the country, there is no civic education for the new arrivals & therefore no citizenship as classically understood & as required by freedom.”*

*“The combined result of such trends is suicidal for the American republic. Following the way of freedom means respecting what freedom requires generation after generation without fail, always remembering the past & its celebrations & its warnings. There is simply no other way to be freed, to remain free, to renew freedom, & to stay the hand of the otherwise inevitable decline & fall of great nations. To forget the inspiration & warning of the past is to starve & suffocate freedom & court decline. Only in remembering & celebrating the past can freedom flourish, & only in handing it on & renewing it when necessary can you love your children & your children’s children as yourselves.”*

## Happy Birthday!

As we celebrate our semiquincentennial here in the United States, the Board family is also rejoicing in the faithfulness of our great God and Savior at work in our lives. Timothy (20), Bethany (15), Grace (13), and Noah (11) all have birthdays in the months of June and July which means plenty of cake, ice cream, gifts, and special times together as a family. This kind of stuff really is at the heart of what it means to be a grateful people as citizens of Heaven who have also been entrusted with a stewardship here in this country as citizens of the greatest nation in the history of the world (Josh.4:19-24; Pr.14:34; 1 Tim.2:1-4).

As missionaries to the American church and family, we thank you for partnering together with us in this mission. Our passion really is to be a prophetic voice in challenging God’s people to champion the glory of His Name and the absolute truth of His Word in the full spectrum of life just as God-fearing Christian patriots did in the founding era of our country. Such resolute biblical conviction begins right at home with family discipleship. In this way, we endeavor to equip the church and family in this epoch of our nation’s history to intentionally pass on the faith to the next generation of Christians in America and beyond. We’re grateful for the means that God provides through friends like you to put such words into action. **Let Freedom Ring!**

Rejoicing in the Author of Liberty Who Presides Over the Destiny of Nations,

*Pastor Tim Board*

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