

Tuesday, September 1st, A.D. 2026

Dear Friends of *Grace Family Ministries*:

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12 NKJV).

The September 11th terrorist attacks absolutely captivated our hearts and minds twenty-five years ago. **Where were you that Tuesday morning, when you first heard about those hijacked planes?** Just like you, I remember exactly where I was and what I was thinking. In fact, the text of Ephesians 6:12 was the first thing to cross my mind. Throughout that incredible day, we were all entranced by the horrifying details as they continued to unfold. Later that night, I kissed Lori for the first time since even before we were engaged to be married months earlier. For all we knew, I could be drafted into the military and sent to war against America’s enemies.

Despite the uncertainty of that time, one thing was abundantly clear to me as a young man filled with hopes and dreams for the future with my beloved wife-to-be at my side: Spiritual Warfare. There is a genuine battle being waged for the souls of men, women, boys, and girls among all nations worldwide. Let us never forget that this battle is why radical Islamist terrorists executed their murderous plot to steal, kill, and destroy on 9/11. Whereas we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, it is equally true that we encounter the demonic forces of evil through flesh and blood. The dead serious urgency of this spiritual warfare ought to be at the forefront of our lives because **“the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ”** is the truth that shines into the darkness of this present evil age (2 Cor.4:3-6).

25 Years Later...

Since those historic events of 9/11, the Lord has brought Lori and I together as husband and wife and built our family to include six great kids who are coming-of-age as young men and women with a passion for the light of the gospel themselves. Our training for ministry at Berean Bible Institute in Wisconsin was used of God to open doors of opportunity throughout the country and around the world. From Denver to Dayton to D.C. to the Dells to the Development Director with Things to Come Mission, God has been faithful to prepare us through pastoral ministry in the local church and missions for what He has called us to do with GFM: **“Advancing the Cause of Christ to the Ends of the Earth...Beginning Right at Home.”**

GFM’s Mission

At the heart of this passion are three pillars that drive us as missionaries to the American church & family:

- ***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***

Undergirding these pillars are GFM’s **10 Biblical Convictions** (listed above) that we believe are central to calling God’s people back to biblical authority, preparing hearts for spiritual revival, and revitalizing both church and family for generations. Our prayer is that more churches would proactively equip the home to intentionally pass on the faith to the next generation through family discipleship in the spirit of Deut.6:4-9. **As we engage this mission, thank you for standing with us in prayer and financial support!**

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**

Ministry Highlights

After our last summertime travels to NGYC's August Family Camp, we were glad to fill in a couple Sundays at Grace Gospel Church in Linton, Indiana as well as being at Grace Point, our home church, last month. This month, we're excited about the original Grace Family Conference in South Dakota. Beforehand, we're grateful for the open door to serve at Wall Lake Grace Church in northwest Iowa on Labor Day weekend. The kindness and hospitality of these precious saints have already been a blessing!

2026 Ohio Grace Family Conference

Next month, we're glad to report that our friends at Community Bible Church in Tipp City will be hosting this year's OH GFC from Thursday, October 15th to Saturday, October 17th. **“Champion the Great American Experiment: Fighting for Your Faith, Family, & Freedom”** is the theme which will feature multiple speakers and sessions include:

- ***“Fighting for the Stewardship of the Great American Experiment”***
- ***“Fighting for Faith in Christ & the Absolute Truth of the Biblical Worldview”***
- ***“Fighting for Your Family & the Glory of God in Creation Order”***
- ***“Fighting for Your Freedom from the Tyranny of a Secularized Culture”***
- ***“Fighting for the Historic Virtue of Manliness at the Heart of Civilization”***
- ***“Fighting for the Spirit of '76 & the Integrity of America's Founding”***

More information on this event is available on GFM's website. We'd love to see you there! Regardless, please pray for the OH GFC and help us spread the word! Perhaps we could coordinate a similar event in your area.

The Opportunity of 9/11

Looking back on that tragedy twenty-five years ago fills our hearts with so many memories. Whether it was back then or today, 9/11 is a capital opportunity to engage in spiritual warfare. Erwin Lutzer explains in **“We Will Not Be Silenced: Responding Courageously to Our Culture's Assault on Christianity”**:

“Both radical Islamists & radical secularists believe in utopia—Muslims believe in a religious utopia, the radical left believes in a secular one. But both groups believe that their vision cannot be fulfilled until Christian influence & capitalism are destroyed. After that, the secularist & the Islamist will have to part ways, for they have 2 very different visions for America. For now, however, they find themselves side by side as cultural warriors. As someone has said, the radical left sees Islam as a ‘battering ram’ that can help de-Christianize America.”

“If we can pinpoint a time when the radical left joined Islamists to undermine America, it would be after the horrible terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, when almost 3,000 Americans were killed. The time afterward was one of renewed patriotism among US citizens, but also of critical introspection.”

“The radical left eagerly accepted the Islamic narrative that this act of terrorism was America's fault. The terrorists did what oppressed people do—they attacked their enemies. When American flags were being flown in schools, office buildings, & lawns in a show of unity, the left began its assault on the flag, on patriotism, & on America in general.”

May We Be Found Faithful

Whatever the 25th anniversary of 9/11 looks like for your family, our prayer for God's people is that He would bless each of us with the wisdom, vision, and courage we need to be faithful in this battle for souls. We are grateful for your prayers and partnership with GFM and this mission of ***“Advancing the Cause of Christ to the Ends of the Earth...Beginning Right at Home.”***

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Tim Board

GFM Co-Founder & Director