

new book, *Our Hopes, Our Dreams*:

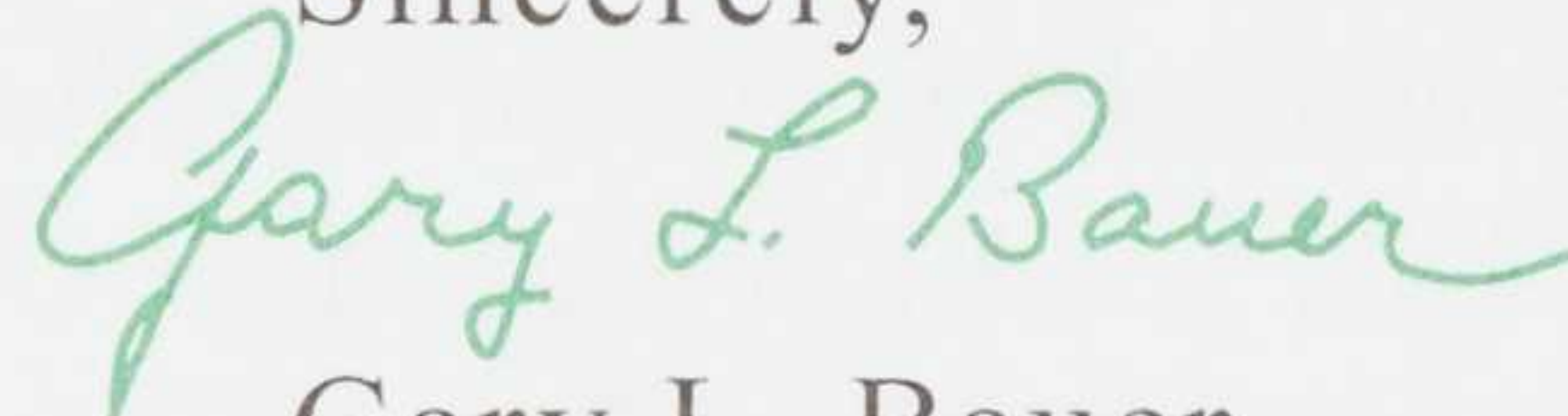
*In our work and community life, we promise to elevate a public ethic of individual merit, regardless of ethnic or national origin, or political or religious belief. We will not tolerate the expression, public or private, of bigotry on any such basis. We will judge all persons we meet by the content of their character, not the color of their skin.*

As this statement suggests, the task of combating religious and racial hatred is not, first of all, the task of government. It is every citizen's task, a battle within the heart that, won there, cannot be lost in the public square.

In closing, let me ask that you take up your pen right away and urge your representatives in Congress to act decisively on these twin issues. With a united America behind them, they will be empowered to act boldly. In the meantime, let us heed the words of the apostle Paul and cast off all distress and despair. Where we have Christ, we have hope.

We at FRC feel greatly blessed to be in the heart of our nation's capital, with the daily chance to address our political leaders on these vital concerns. Your friendship and financial support are part of that blessing, and you have my deepest thanks for remembering us. If your circumstances permit, your gift to us this month will mean so much to our campaign in behalf of family, faith, and freedom. Your continued involvement and support are essential to our success.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Bauer

President

P.S. It's always difficult to end a letter like this with a little house-keeping, but the enclosures this month require some explanation. As you know, FRC communicates with you on a regular basis. You most likely receive both my monthly letter and *Washington Watch*, and perhaps other mailings as well. Our goal is to ensure that every item we send you is useful to your family. At the same time, we are keenly aware of our responsibility to exercise stewardship over the resources you entrust to us. If you are receiving any mail from FRC that is not meeting your needs, this is your chance to let us know. We look forward to continuing to send you the timeliest pro-family reports available today.

Please return the enclosed card at your earliest opportunity and note, that while we do hope you will respond, no financial gift is necessary. Your reply will aid us in serving you—and many more families besides—to the best of our ability. God bless you.

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1. Letter from Darren A. Jones, Christian Solidarity International, to Melissa McClard, Family Research Council, March 14, 1995, p. 1.

2. "Forcible Conscription of Children in Sudan," Press Release, Christian Solidarity International, February 12, 1996 (Washington, D.C.).

3. Michael Horowitz, "New Intolerance Between Crescent and Cross," *The Wall Street Journal*, July 5, 1995.

4. Ibid.

5. Ibid.