
challenges may seem, we must stand on the shoulders of the bold giants who have built this great nation -- those great men and women of history who have invested their lives to make this country a "shining city upon a hill."

The week I describe is similar to many other weeks we've had in the past and will have again in the future. Just as my staff and I need to be bold in our work on behalf of America's families, I want to encourage you to also be bold. Here are just a few ideas for you to consider.

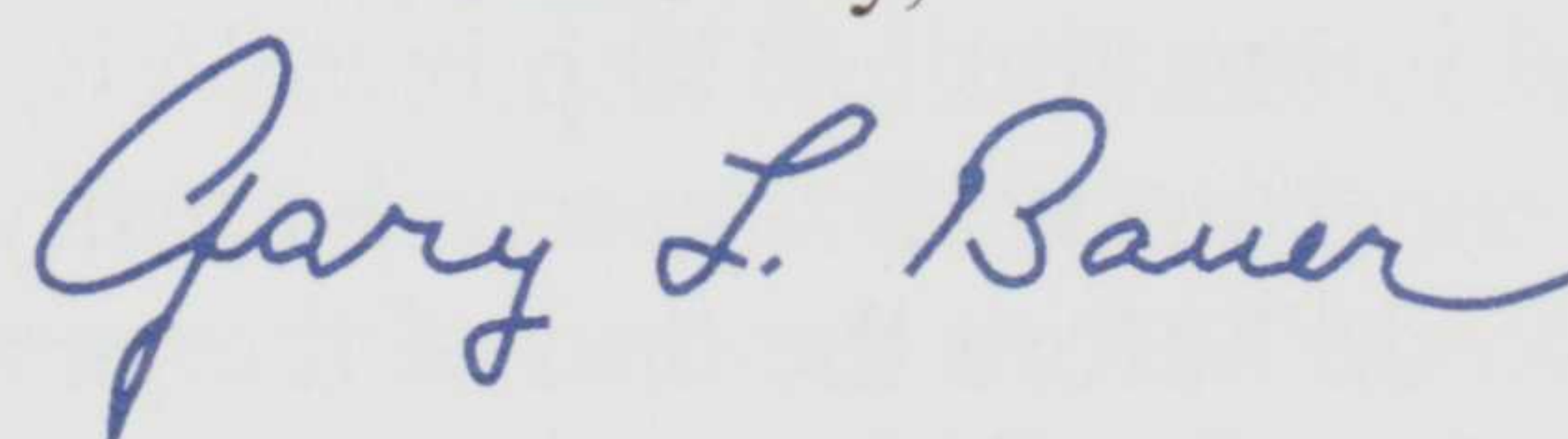
- **Write that letter to the editor.**
- **Speak to your neighbor across the backyard fence.**
- **Attend that town meeting.**
- **Politely ask that public official why he voted as he did.**
- **And above all, keep the faith and never, never give up.**

I am convinced that boldness and positive actions like these are vital to the survival of future generations in America.

Let me close by sharing an appropriate verse or two with you. In the book of Second Timothy, the Apostle Paul challenges us to use our talents and abilities to bless the lives of others and to be bold, not timid, in the exercise of those gifts. II Timothy 1:6-7 says, *"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."*

Thank you for reading my words this month. God bless you for being bold in your actions to promote and defend the family and for the faithful support you provide to the Family Research Council. Please continue to remember FRC with your prayers and encouragement. Know, too, that the financial support you provide this month will enable us to continue standing boldly for you and your family.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Bauer
President

P.S. This month, FRC is unveiling the first in a new series of publications called "Pocket Policy." These booklets are designed to encapsulate the major points in the public policy debates we cover. They are thorough, but also easy to read and full of specific citations to support our arguments. As the name suggests, they are designed to fit in your coat pocket or pocketbook -- to read at your leisure or to share with a neighbor. The first in this series is called "The Bible and Homosexuality." Although theology is not our primary focus, it is amazing how often our policy analysts must deal with charges that the Bible does not condemn homosexual behavior. A panel of three distinguished theologians helped us prepare this persuasive booklet. I hope you will order multiple copies and share them with others. Again, thank you and God bless you.

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