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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

In lieu of our usual Report, I want to take this occasion to wish all of you a happy, peaceful and prayerful Thanksgiving.

In the bustle of preparations for a day with family and friends, we sometimes lose sight of the fact that Thanksgiving is first and foremost a religious holiday.

After surviving the harsh winter of 1620-21 (when half their number perished), the Pilgrims followed the Bible's mandate "to give thanks unto the Lord" for the rich and bountiful land he had brought them to.

From our earliest settlements, Americans understood the source of their blessings and their joyous duty to express gratitude.

With faith under attack from so many quarters today, it's important for us to recall that America's roots are sunk deep in the fertile soil of our Judeo-Christian heritage. Thanksgiving is both our first national holiday (predating the celebration of the Fourth of July by more than 150 years) and a uniquely religious observance.

As I gather with the Scarborough family for Thanksgiving dinner tomorrow, I will count among my blessings all of you – the benefactors who've supported us so loyally over the years, the pastors who've stood with us in the battle to return Godly values to this great land, and the activists who've made our rallies and conferences so successful.

My blessings also include Vision America's dedicated and hard working staff.  
Their efforts are truly heroic.

In closing, I recall the words of George Washington when he set his signature to the first proclamation for a national day of Thanksgiving, "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor."

With humble thanks,

Pastor Rick Scarborough

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