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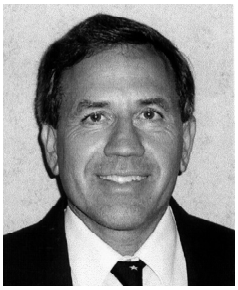
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# *Fall 2026 ACTION Newsletter*



## *Message from the President...*

## WILL THE GOP HOLD ONTO ITS MAJORITY?

**by Robert Kettering**

This year the GOP held its first ever midterm convention in Texas to paint clear contrasts with democrats and to energize its base to turn out the vote. Trump and Republicans are banking that their litany of political wins can rebuff traditional headwinds. (The party in power traditionally loses congressional seats in the midterms.)

With less than two months to go until the midterm elections, Trump showcased his policy wins since returning to the White House, and then led the crowd in an oath to vote in the upcoming election. “We delivered the largest tax cuts in American history, the largest regulation cuts in American history, the largest investment in our military in the history of our county, and made America the energy and military superpower of the world,” the President proclaimed.

On the final night of the convention, Vice President Vance, in his keynote address, charged that the democratic party is the “party of hatred.” And with the next race for the White House kicking off once the midterms are over, Vance, the likely heir apparent for Trump, was showered with chants of “48” (as in the 48th President) as he delivered his address. The speeches by Vance and Trump capped a day that included appearances by some of the other major figures in the GOP, as the party heads into the stretch run to the midterms.

On the local scene here in Lancaster County, job #1 is to return the 36th senate seat to republican control. Republicans will attempt to elect Tom Jones to serve as our next state senator in the 36th District. This seat is currently held by democrat James Malone who narrowly won the seat last year in a special election. A republican win here in Lancaster county is critical for the state senate republicans to remain in the majority.

Please pray that voters will have wisdom and understanding as they cast their vote in this upcoming election.

*“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.”*
Edmund Burke

# AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM

## The foundational ideas that make this nation special

**By Stephen McDowell**, *President of Providence Foundation and Historian*

America is different from any other nation in history. She is special. When America began in the late 18th century, she was insignificant on the world stage, although her unique form of government and unmatched liberty would become examples to the world. Her great personal, religious, economic, and civil liberties produced advancement and growth unlike any nation before her.

By the beginning of the 20th century, America had become the leading nation in the world and held that place for generations. She led the way in new inventions. Discoveries, and advancements that benefited all men. She became the world's most productive nation and a leader in education, medicine, technology, and science.

By 1960, she produced 39% of the world's output with only 6% of it's population. America, even with her faults and shortcomings, became the most free and prosperous nation to have ever existed. America became an exceptional nation. Her excellence had nothing to do with any inherent value of the American people, but it had to do with the valuable ideas on which she was founded.

A few of these ideas include the following: valuing the individual; freedom of worship; freedom of assembly; opportunity for all to labor and benefit from the fruit of their labor; freedom to elect representatives and have a voice in government; freedom of thought and expression of ideas; freedom to own property; freedom to obtain ideas, start businesses, and create wealth; limited jurisdiction of civil government; equal standing before the law for all people; no class distinctions; and the central role of the family. All these ideas are part of the American Dream.

These ideas produced great liberty, justice, prosperity, charity, virtue, and knowledge. They made America a success and made her powerful. Her power and wealth were used not for conquest but for good – for furthering liberty in the world.

Written for The Stand magazine, July 2026 issue

# JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!

## Lancaster County ACTION Quarterly Breakfast Meeting
## Saturday, October 10, 2026 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant
2760 Old Philadelphia Pike (Rt 340), Bird-In-Hand, PA

NEW LOCATION

## Our Speaker: Stephen McDowell
### President, Providence Foundation



**William Penn and the Founding of the American Republic**

In December 1668, William Penn was thrown in jail for expressing his religious views. While imprisoned for over eight months he wrote the book, No Cross, No Crown, in which he states that "Christ's Cross is Christ's way to Christ's Crown." Penn's life is a great example of one who bore the cross and, therefore, did bear the crown. He brought the crown to millions more as well.

William Penn was one of the most influential early Americans. In the presentation, Stephen McDowell will explore Penn's life and how God used him to champion religious liberty, advance civil justice, and establish the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. His work contributed greatly to the beginning of our nation and its success for 250 years.

Please reserve your seat at the quarterly breakfast by calling the ACTION office (717-847-0902) or emailing LancoAction@gmail.com by Monday, October 5th, 2026.

The cost is $20.00 per person, and may be paid by cash, check or zelle. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

**Please note- due to the restaurant being closed, there is no breakfast in January 2027.**
**Our next breakfast will be on April 10th, 2027.**

# A Message from the Treasurer - Is Your Membership Current?

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