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I am “construction deficient”. If you wanted a beautiful home built, I would be last person on the planet you would choose to build it. But those who build beautiful homes have told me that the most important part of the building is its foundation. If the foundation is not properly engineered and pieced together even the most magnificent of homes will eventually come crashing down into worthless rubble. The same is true in our own lives. It is also true in the existence of cities, states and nations. Foundations matter.

On September 6, 1774, our Founding Fathers relied on two pillars for the creation of a solid foundation in the founding of our great country. These became a regular part of official Congressional proceedings. These pillars are Prayer and Bible study.

According to Congressional member Silas Deane, the prayer offered by Rev. Jacob Duche on that September day was “a prayer . . . worth riding one hundred mile to hear” (i.e., that it was worth spending three days on horseback to arrive in time for that prayer). During that session, the Congress read together from four chapters in the Bible. John Adams and numerous other delegates commented in their writings about that profound time of prayer and Bible study.

Prayer and Bible study united our first Continental Congress. Prayer and Bible study led to the creation of the greatest nation in the history of the earth, the United States of America. Is it possible that if you, the political leaders of the State of Minnesota, laid aside your party affiliation for just enough time to join together for Prayer and Bible study, that maybe this would be a first major step to help restore the health and vitality of a nation that has become sidetracked? Have we forgotten who and Whose we are? Perhaps we can rediscover basic truths about ourselves, our state and our nation by uniting in Prayer and Bible study.

There are currently studies offered on the Capitol campus every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call, text or e-mail me for details on where you might attend. The future of Minnesota and our nation might be at stake.

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