



March Report 2012

Concerned Women for America of North Carolina



Informing, Inspiring and On the Move!

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February 22 - April 1

40 Days for Life
Prayer Vigil

March 31

STAND STRONG
TOGETHER Conference

April/May/June

Encourage-A-Legislator
Campaign

May 3

National Day of Prayer

May 8

North Carolina Primary

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A Word From Our State Director

I can not believe our conference, **STAND STRONG TOGETHER**, is almost upon us! We could not be more excited to put on this wonderful event. God has truly blessed us with a large group of *outstanding* speakers. I can't think of a more knowledgeable group of individuals better equipped to teach pastors and the church body to influence public policy. Some of which are a state representative, pastor, both state and national pro-family organization representatives and more.

Very importantly, we have also included time for networking over lunch.

The conference will be held Saturday, March 31, 2012, from 7:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Charlotte.

Have you made reservations to attend yet? If not, what are you waiting for?! You see the need for a united force to address the pressing issues of traditional marriage, family and the sanctity of life, do you not? Let us **STAND STRONG**

TOGETHER for a better state and country.

Note: Mail-in registration and lunch order deadline has been extended to March 21. Registration only is preferred by March 21.

[Click here](#) for the conference brochure which includes information about the speakers, agenda, registration form and more. Please forward it to others you think may be interested.

Do you know of any pastors, church leaders, ministries, and coalitions who might like to receive a formal invitation? If so, please forward their contact information [to us](#), and we will be sure they receive one.

Please pray with us that all attendees will leave inspired, educated and ready to make a great difference for God, state and country.



**Saturday
March 31, 2012**

**STAND
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Conference**



First Baptist
Church Charlotte

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Register Today!

Young Defender of Faith and Marriage Essay Competition

In North Carolina marriage is under attack! Christians must stand strong together, both young and old, to defend marriage as the union between one man and one woman. During this election year, we must stand as a united voice for truth with prayers, actions and votes.

Young people of North Carolina defend your faith, defend marriage! You are the future of our great state and nation, rise up!

Essay Criteria:

- ◆ Must be a homeschooled North Carolina high school student.
- ◆ Must attend Concerned Women for America of North Carolina's awesome STAND STRONG TOGETHER Conference, Saturday,

March 31, 7:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church Charlotte, 301 S. Davidson Street, Charlotte, NC 28202. Click here for brochure and registration form.

- ◆ Essay is not to exceed 500 words and must be typed in Arial, font size 11.

At the top of the essay, print the essay title, your full name, age and year in school, mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number.

Essay must be mailed in time to be received by **Friday, April 13, 2012.**

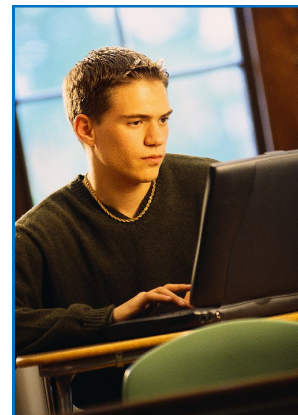
- ◆ Mail essay to: CWA of North Carolina, P.O. Box 472903, Charlotte, NC 28247.

The essay will be judged by the Concerned Women for

America of North Carolina State Steering Committee. The award winner will receive a *Young Defender of Faith and Marriage Certificate* and a \$50.00 award check. The award winning essay will be printed in the CWA of North Carolina April News Report which is e-mailed to over 700 supporters.

The STAND STRONG TOGETHER Conference promises to be an outstanding time. Attendees will learn how to combat a culture that attacks the traditional values of marriage, family and the sanctity of life and how to affect public policy.

Questions? Contact us at director@northcarolina.cwfa.org or call 704-542-6984.



Antje Curphey Enters Heaven's Gate

In memory of Antje Curphey, Concerned Women for America of North Carolina extends our sincerest and heartfelt sympathy to the Curphey family for the loss of their mother, Antje Curphey and CWA of North Carolina's Northeast District Coordinator and Prayer/Action Chapter Leader who entered Heaven's gates on Tuesday, February 28, 2012. Your prayers for the Curphey family are appreciated.

Antje Curphey has entered Heaven's Gates and gone home to be with the Lord. Antje was tragically killed in a car accident on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, in Southern California. Her daughter Rechina, was driving and survived, but is still in I.C.U. Antje recently moved with her daughter Rechina from Hertford, North Carolina, to live closer to her son and his wife and children in Southern California. The family is in great need of

prayer for the loss of their beloved mother and for Regina's healing from the accident.

Antje Curphey, CWA of NC's longtime friend, sister in the Lord, and defender of Biblical values in public policy was a gift to our state. A faithful Home Team Captain since 2002, then Prayer/Action Leader, and State Steering Committee member, Antje coordinated a Celebrate Life Baby Shower for the Albermarle





2010 National Leadership Conference, Charlotte

Crisis Pregnancy Center in 2006, and A Call To Action Pastor's Conference in 2007. When awarded CWA of North Carolina's PAL of the Year, 2006, Antje responded:

"It was quite a surprise that you selected me as the PAL of the year. I am very humbled because I know that there are other active CWA ladies in the state who are equally as involved as I am ... I want you to know



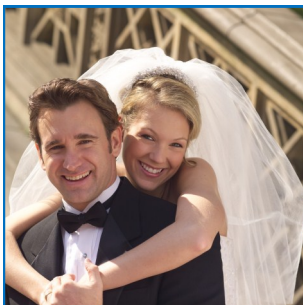
that I really appreciate your faithfulness in serving the Lord through being active leaders for Concerned Women for America in this state. Sometimes I get discouraged when I see how our Godly values are being trampled on and how disinterested and apathetic even Christian brothers and sisters can be. The Lord is good to remind me in His Word that He is in charge and sufficient and all that I am required to do is to be available for the task He sets before me. I am encouraged to know that there are PALs and Home Team Captains across this state who make a difference and whose prayers are heard by our Lord."

CWA National Field Organization Coordinator Michelle Minor shared a touching e-mail she received from Antje on June 21,

2011. Antje was preparing for a missions trip to Germany where she would be teaching English to German teenagers at a Christian English Camp. Antje wrote, "Please pray that the Holy Spirit open the hearts and minds of the German teenagers and that the team works together under God's guidance. Please pray that I do not let myself getting sucked in majoring on finances and other "important" things but that I may recognize the doors the Lord is opening. Wherever I end up being, I will be a CWA lady. ...for such a time as this. - Esther 4:14"

Sympathy cards may be sent to the family at:

Richena Curphey
2745 Grand Avenue
Fillmore, CA 93015-9638



Hazards of Changing the Meaning of Marriage

By Bonnie Dougherty, CWA-NC Prayer/Action Leader - Southern

Anyone who cannot support the traditional form of marriage, as God ordained it from the beginning of recorded time, and who now believes in the RIGHT to a new definition of marriage, must understand: a new right can surely bring unwanted consequences. It can cause unholy chaos. This well known saying covers it all: "You can deny the TRUTH, but you cannot change it" .

will bring known repercussions e.g.: bringing back legalized polygamy, (once addressed/outlawed in the 1800s); lowering the age of sexual consent laws with minors as NAMBLA (North American Man/Boy Love Association) has been supporting for decades; open marriage with numerous sexual partners; bestiality and all forms of sex that God forbade TO BLESS US, not to harm or curse us.

population who claim to be 'gay' want to marry? No one is stopping their personal choice of happiness. Is this about money, rights to property of a partner, or the right to demand that others "respect" something our faith can never entertain as a right?

Gays are NOT a repressed minority. The U.S. Constitution guarantees them the same rights everyone else has: to free speech, freedom to choose various religious beliefs, or



Changing the law to 'legalize' same sex marriage

Why would 1-3% of the

none at all, and due process under the law. They are NOT financially deprived. As a group, most are ABOVE the median income levels of our population.

Homosexuals have said, by their own admission, that there is no “gay gene”. Then sadly they have believed in the lie that they are born “that way”.

Thousands of men and women have been

transformed by the healing message of God's love and come OUT of the gay lifestyle. The intolerant anger and “in your face” demands that this lifestyle be recognized as a right may bring temporary success, but the consequences are so great.

In my opinion, If you truly loved someone, you would HELP THEM out of the lifestyle that is killing them. Many have gone the way of the flesh and yet, if

someone had loved them, told them there is a way to be healed, they would have found abundant life. Those who have ignored the warnings of Scripture have paid the ultimate price. But it never had to be this way.

I pray traditional marriage stands as the only legalized form of marriage in the state of North Carolina. The happiness of our children, as well as our own, depends on it.

It is Up to Us to Protect Marriage in North Carolina

Thanks to 8 years of dedicated work of former Honorable Senator James Forrester, the North Carolina General Assembly passed the senator's bill on September 12, 2011, which ensures that the people of North Carolina have an opportunity to vote next May on the definition of marriage as between one man and one woman.

You can make a difference!

Pray:

- ◆ Pray that God will open the eyes of His people called by His Name to pray and to vote for the passage of the North Carolina Marriage Amendment in May.
- ◆ Pray that pastors, church leaders, ministries and coalitions will attend the STAND STRONG TOGETHER Conference, equipped in public policy from the pulpit to the voting poles.

- ◆ Pray that God's people will show up at the polls and that the Marriage Amendment will pass.
- ◆ Pray that TRUTH will be revealed defining marriage as between one man and one woman. Have prayer meetings and fasting sessions.
- ◆ Pray for pastors to preach sermons on Biblical Marriage. *“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” II Chronicles 7:14*

Take Action:

- ◆ Register to vote at any government office, public library, or Board of Elections. Encourage others to register to vote and to vote during the Early Voting period at local Board of Elections.
- ◆ Vote. Vote in the May 8

North Carolina Primary and the General Election on November 6.

- ◆ Support the Vote FOR Marriage NC Referendum Coalition. [CWA of North Carolina is proud to be a coalition member of Vote FOR Marriage NC.](#) Please check their website at [VoteFoeMarriage.com](#).
- ◆ Find out who your state legislators are, how they voted on the marriage amendment and thank them for supporting traditional marriage if they did. Ask them to support publicly the North Carolina Marriage Amendment. If you don't know who they are, simply go to [ncleg.net/GIS/representation/Representation.html](#).
- ◆ Write letters to the editor. Inform your family, friends, neighbors and business associates on the importance of the Marriage Amendment to the state of North



April, May & June Encourage-A-Legislator Campaign

More than ever our legislators need your prayers. Because CWA believes prayer is crucial to revival and restoration of our nation to God's righteousness, we thank you for prayerfully considering participation in our Encourage-A-Legislator Campaign for the 2012 North Carolina Legislative session, April, May, June, 2012.

Should you agree you will receive an assigned legislator's name and address with a postcard for each of the three months of the campaign.

We are excited to see what God will do in the hearts and minds of our state legislators as we pray for them each day and encourage them through our monthly postcards.

[Contact us](#) today to sign up!

Your continued prayers for the Forrester family as they continue to mourn the loss of the Honorable Senator Jim Forrester are appreciated.

The Senator will be laid to rest in Arlington Cemetery on March 26, 2012.

Carolina. **See talking points at nc.cwfa.org, and at VoteFORMarriageNC.com.**

- ◆ Speak the Truth in love (Eph. 4:15). This is not a partisan issue ... this is a

moral and cultural issue. Marriage must remain the institution that God Created and ordained.

This issue is more than redefining marriage. Take a moment to read a recent article published in CWA's

March issue of the Prayer/Action Newsletter by Mario Diaz, Esq., [More Than Words](#). Diaz is CWA's Legal Counsel. His article shows how believers need to protect more than just the word "marriage."

National Legislative Update

Defunding Planned Parenthood

Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tennessee) submitted a letter to Speaker of the House John Boehner (R-Ohio) urging the initiation of "a full-scale series of Congressional hearing to expose the damage Planned Parenthood has caused to our nation."

If this hearing goes forward as requested, this could be a significant blow to Planned Parenthood, which received \$497 million in federal, state, and local funding last year.

You can make a difference!

Pray: That Congress will reveal Planned Parenthood's true motivations and will defund the largest abortion provider in our country. Pray that the employees and former employees will have the courage to share information with the Committee about Planned Parenthood's continual abuses.

Take Action: Call your Republican representative at 202-225-3121 and ask him/her to support Rep. Blackburn's efforts to hold Congressional hearing on Planned Parenthood's

pattern of abuses. Please ask your Republican representative to call Chairman Fred Upton and ask him to hold a hearing on Planned Parenthood before the full Energy and Commerce Committee. To find your Member of Congress visit: <http://capwiz.com/cwfa/dbq/officials>

Find out the many reasons why Planned Parenthood should be defunded. Click here

Cutting The Cord



The Case for Defunding Planned Parenthood

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America

President Obama's 2013 Budget

President Obama proposed a budget last month that would raise the federal deficit by \$11 trillion in the next decade. Despite the call to cut spending, Obama's budget continues to fund programs that promote anti-family agendas and placate his pro-abortion base. In addition Obama's budget seeks to increase funding for International Family Planning and the United Nations Population Fund

(UNFPA), which is complicit in China's forced abortion and sterilization policies. Obama's promises to reduce spending and lower the debt are simply empty rhetoric. The only cuts he is willing to make are to programs that protect and promote strong families.

You can make a difference!

Pray: That our leaders will

make the difficult decisions needed to balance the budget, reduce the deficit and cut spending. That Washington will turn off the sieve and really get serious about the work that needs to be done and get our fiscal house in order.

CWA of North Carolina Joins 40 Days for Life

By Katherine Hearn, CWA Prayer/Action Chapter Leader and 40 Days for Life Coordinator

The 40 Days for Life 2012 Spring prayer and fasting for an end of abortion vigil kicked off on Wednesday, February 22, and will continue until Sunday, April 1. There are over 250 cities participating in this international grassroots simultaneous prayer and fasting campaign. Here in North Carolina there are five cities participating, Asheville, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Wilmington and Winston-Salem.

CWA of North Carolina has participated in all of the previous nine campaigns. And on Day 1 of the Spring 2012 Campaign, Sheri Miller, CWA of North Carolina State Director, was joined by other CWA members at the Charlotte 40 Days for Life location at Hebron. Sheri was joined by Charlotte Prayer/Action Chapter members: Jill Coward, Brooke McGowan, and me, Katherine Hearn for prayers for life.

To find a 40 Days for Life prayer vigil location in your area go to 40daysforlife.com and navigate to "locations" to get connected.

As of Day 12, there have been 121 babies saved nationally from abortion; 18 of those babies were in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Please join 40 Days for Life at a location near you!



Jill Coward, Brooke McGowan, Sheri Miller and me,

WANTED:

Individuals Desiring to Join With Others in Prayer & Action

There are over 500 Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders in the nation. We have chapters in Bryson City, Cary, Charlotte, East Flat Rock, Fayetteville, Garner, Hertford, Monroe, Raleigh, Southern Pines, Stanley and Wake Forest.

Please consider starting or visiting a Prayer/Action Chapter in North Carolina.

Contact us Today!

Find out more information about a CWA Prayer/Action Chapter in your area by contacting us at director@northcarolina.cwfa.org or give us a call at (704) 542-6984.

[Click here](#) to find out about starting a chapter and then contact us.

We look forward to hearing from you!

2012 could not be more critical for North Carolina

Please consider making a contribution

to assist us in the battle to protect the family.

Do so by sending a check to: CWA of North Carolina at

P.O. Box 472903, Charlotte, NC 28247.

Or, *make it easy*, donate online at nc.cwfa.org.



May 3 National Day of Prayer Service

"One Nation Under God." Plan now to attend the National Day of Prayer noon prayer service on May 3 at First Baptist Church Charlotte, 301 South Davidson Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.



May 8 The North Carolina Primary

Pray that "His people called by His Name" (II Chronicles 7:14) will pray and take action to vote to define marriage as between one man and one woman.

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The CWA Pro-Life Polo Shirt



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You can now order on Ebay! Don't miss the chance to speak for the sanctity of human life and to impact those around you. Join us in praying that the hearts of fathers and mothers will be turned to the children.

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