

## Concerned Women for America of North Carolina



Informing, Inspiring and On the Move!

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## A Word From Our State Director The Battle

"So he answered, Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.' And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.' Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 2 Kings 6:16,17

"When My people humble themselves and pray, seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways... I will heal their land" 2 Chronicles 7:14

"Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's."

2 Chronicles 20:15

In 2012, the battle we face is a humanistic attack against the American Constitution and Judeo-Christian values we hold dear. More than ever Christians must dauntlessly stand strong together in the spiritual battle we face

this year with prayer and our votes. I find that 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles 20 and 7:14 are blueprint Scripture verses of God's Divine intervention in the battle. They speak of healing the land through the prayers and actions of His People who are called by His Name, who humble themselves, pray, repent, praise, and trust Him for strength and deliverance. "For the battle is not yours, but God's."

In 2 Chronicles 20: 3-12, we read that when faced with a multitude of armies against him, "Jehoshaphat was afraid and turned his attention to seek help from the Lord, saying ... for we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us, nor do we know what to do, but we will keep our eyes on Thee."

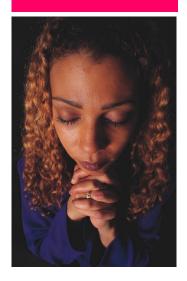
Like Jehoshaphat, we are



often left feeling afraid and powerless against the multitude of attacks and decisions made by our government leaders with legislation that assaults the sanctity of life, the Biblical definition of marriage between one man and one woman, and religious freedom. The national debt grows \$3.95 billion a day.

L.B. Cowman in, Streams in the Desert writes, "The adversary attempts to push God's people toward despair and hopelessness over their condition. It has often been said that a discouraged army enters a battle with the certainty of defeat...we need to better understand these attacks of the Enemy on our spirit and how to resist them. If he can dislodge us from

"My people are burdened and downtrodden, when they should be dancing with joy. I have already won the battle. The victory is Mine"!



## **Opportunity**

CWA of North
Carolina is continually
working to represent
you and your family
values throughout
this great state.
Please consider
contributing this
month to offset our
expenses. We would
greatly appreciate a
gift of any amount.
Thank you in advance
for considering this
opportunity.

our proper position, he then seeks to "wear out the saints of the most High" (Dan 7:25) through a prolonged siege until we finally, out of sheer weakness, surrender all hope of victory."

At a recent Concerned Women for America of North Carolina Prayer/ Action meeting in Charlotte, while praying, a woman visiting our Chapter prayed a prophetic word, "My people are burdened and downtrodden, when they should be dancing with joy. I have already won the battle. The victory is Mine"!

It is time to keep our eyes on the victorious King of Kings who has a "mountain full of horses and chariots of fire" (2 Kings 6:16, 17). Now is the time to bring new hope to America by restoring traditional values and fiscal sanity to our government. This is the year when it is absolutely crucial for Christians, as citizens of Heaven, to do our part to pray, repent, praise, and stand united with our votes, as salt and light

(Matthew 5:14-16), trusting our victorious King to fight the battle, or we stand to lose the values and liberties we cherish as one nation under God.

The concern is that only half of the Christians in the United States are registered to vote and only half of those actually vote. Christian inaction can be devastating to the moral well-being of the country. Neil Mammen, in his book, Jesus Was/IS Involved in Politics, says, "In the years after the 2006 elections, some of the worst anti-family and antibiblical laws were passed by the U.S. Senate and House." Mammen continues, "With the dropoff of evangelical voting, only 10% of new senators and 13% of new representative were prolife."

Concerned Women for America founder, Mrs. Beverly LaHaye, fighting the Equal Rights Amendment battle in the late '70's, like Jehosephat, kept her eyes on the Lord. In her book, *Who But a Woman*, Mrs. LaHaye writes, "I sincerely believe

that God has called the Christian women of America to draw together, in a spirit of unity and purpose, to protect the rights of the family ... to work for a spiritually renewed America."

In 2 Chronicles 20: 15-27, the Lord told Jehosephat, "Do not fear or be dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's ... you need not fight in this battle ... for the Lord is with you. Put your trust in the Lord your God ... Give thanks to the Lord, for His loving kindness is everlasting. And when they began singing and praising ... the Lord set ambushes against the multitude. And every man of Judah and Jerusalem ... returned with joy, for the Lord had made them to rejoice over their enemies."

Let us stand strong together, making a difference with vigilant prayers, excessive phone calls and voter registrations, and our united votes, "for the battle is not yours, but God's," for His Glory!

## See How the Two Parties Stand on the Issues Important to You

Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee has put out a great educational resource about the two party platforms and how they relate to family, sanctity of human life, education, pornography, religious liberties and national sovereignty.

<u>Click here</u> to read. Please print back and front and distribute liberally.

## She Votes 2012 Update - Get Out the Vote

During this season of "Thanksgiving" it is timely to render thanks to the Lord for Concerned Women for America of North Carolina She Votes 2012 Planning Committee, the She Votes 2012 Seminar hosts and attendees and volunteers throughout North Carolina for their months of dedicated work and vigilant service to get out the vote through prayer, voter registration, making calls and canvassing. Please continue to pray and participate in Concerned Women for America's She Votes 2012 project and Concerned Women for America of North Carolina, established as a state organization since 1997, as "a light, a city on the hill that cannot be hidden." Matthew 5:14-16

Thank you!

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With only half of the Christians in the United States currently registered to vote, and even less actually voting, we have an incredible opportunity in the next election to turn the tide as we get out the vote!

- \* Attend a She Votes 2012 Seminar in your area. For time and locations see the event flyer at the end of this News Report.
  - \*Pray for the hearts of our nation from the White House to your house to return to the Lord God with repentance. Pray for our efforts, and that voters who love and serve the Lord will show up in record numbers on Election Day.

"When My people pray, humble themselves, seek My face, turn from their wicked ways, I will heal their land" 2 Chronicles 7:14

# Statistics from Wallbuilders

60 million people = number of women evangelicals and Christians in America

30 million = number of woman evangelicals and Christians who vote

5 million =
estimated number
of evangelicals and
Christians who need
to register to vote
to decide the
election

<u>Click here</u> for more statistics from Wallbuilders.









Jane Boston President of Motivation Ministries

## CWA Pro-Life Polo Shirt



Former CWA of North
Carolina Leader, Ana
Maria has designed a
Mother-Child
Redemption logo,
Concerned Women for
America Support Life.
Wear this polo shirt and
pro-life logo proudly.
Order on Ebay, with a
part of the proceed
going directly to CWA
of North Carolina.
Thank you, Ana Maria!

Contact: Ana Maria Blevins (910) 818-0517 \* Register to Vote and Vote. Go to SheVotes2012.org to see if you are registered and where you'll find every tool you need to personally engage in the coming election

\* Reach undecided voters by making phone calls. Click here for She Votes 2012 phone bank locations in your area.

We look forward to hearing from you! Let us stand strong together making a difference with vigilant prayers, excessive phone calls and votes for His Glory!

## American's First Pursuit by Jane Boston of Motivation Ministries

As our national election time draws near, it's a great time to remind ourselves what the founding fathers considered this country's greatest original appeal.

The early American's did not travel the ocean in pursuit of wealth. It was not land they were after, but more, nobly, their quest was for personal liberties. This virtue was so important that the creators of the United States constitution marked the First Amendment to be a guarantee of freedoms in religion and speech. The drafting of these words clearly states the intention that citizens can exercise free speech and pursuit of their faith, while peacefully assembling and publically gathering without risk or threat to their safety. The government would not be allowed to direct our path on these matters.

So why is it, that today we feel challenged in our ongoing desire to share our faith in public settings? We are frequently reminded to not pray in schools, in recreational events, in workplaces and governmental places. We often feel the pressure to

be "politically correct" by those who want to remind us to harbor our faith unto ourselves. It seems that the only place we are "politically correct" in sharing our beliefs is in a "BOX" called a church. How did all this change from those early days? The change today can be traced to how gigantic our government's arm is reaching. Our founding fathers never expected government to become so big that it encompassed involvement in almost every aspect of our lives including, schools, employment, healthcare, marriage, investments, conception, and recreation.

So what is the best way to offset the feeling or perception of a decline in our first amendment rights? The best way to preserve our rights, are to exercise them. What can we do to motivate us to exercise those rights? We need to rekindle a renewed passion and spirit in America. The sacrifices of those who sealed these rights for us could be found in the words of the signers of the Declaration of Independence: "We mutually pledge to each

other, our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor." They were willing to risk it all for these liberties.

Their passion carried on into generations of American's who would continue to find a lump in their throat when singing the "Star Spangle Banner" and a tear in their eye hearing those words, "and the bombs bursting in air, gave proof to the night, that our flag was still there." As a child, Margaret Wall taught us piano lessons. She took the time to explain the passion she felt in sharing this song as a story of history. Through her eyes, the battle for freedom became real to me. Her passion carried through to new generations through the love of great songs and patriots from our country's heritage.

My own father served in WWII in the 1940's. He shared with me that he slept on a cot in a tent through the elements of the weather for 9 months on the island of Okinawa, Japan as a young navy serviceman while restoring radio communication. The

call to serve American's mission and protection after the earlier attack upon Pearl Harbor was important to him. He was passionate in sharing his sacrifices during that time. My family was deeply touched to know that his risk of life and health were not forgotten, when at his funeral just 2 years ago, my mother was presented a flag "for his service to a grateful nation".

Today, we treasure the experience to cheer young

American servicemen in uniform traveling through our airports. Crowds stop, applauses raised, hats removed and hands extended to soldiers who determined America's need was greater than their own life plan.

Passion for America is vital and situations that bring our emotions to the front are paramount today. Why? Because passion rises our emotions. Emotions bring a heartfelt desire for action. The

action we need today is to bring those emotions to the table in the form of a vote for whatever we think is best for America. Exercise your freedom... VOTE!

You can reach Jane at motivationsministries.org or www.janeboston.com. Author of *Reigning in His Power...* a study on how to rein in the power of the Holy Spirit in your daily walk.

### Prayer and Action Chapters Opportunity to Serve, to Lead Others to Pray and Act to Make a Difference

Join our team of 22 faithful leaders, including, the State Steering Committee members, Prayer/ Action Leaders, and Home Team Captains who meet regularly to pray and act on issues affecting the American family. She Votes 2012 is a perfect time to start a Prayer/Action Chapter in your area where you can pray for our nation, become informed on legislative issues, and then phone from home with your Prayer/Action Chapter using the She Votes 2012 phone script and call a robotic list of names using your personal phones.

Pray about joining with the over 500 Prayer/ Action Leaders in the nation. Consider starting or joining a Prayer/Action Chapter in North Carolina.

## Voter Guides and Registration Toolkit

North Carolina Family Policy Council is now taking orders for 2012 General Election free Voter Guides.

The 24-page 2012 Voter Guide is an impartial and nonpartisan look at where candidates running for state and federal office in North Carolina stand on issues like a marriage protection amendment, abortion, adoption, budget and taxes, school choice, sex education, gambling, homosexual rights, religious freedom, embryonic stem cell research, end of life decisions, and much more.

The North Carolina Family Policy Council surveyed a record number of candidates, nearing 600, during this year's election season and compiled the responses of 367 general election candidates into the Council's questionnaire. In addition to printing

500,000 copies of the guide, the Council will scan and make available on its website the actual questionnaires submitted by the candidates, including comments or explanations many candidates chose to provide. The 2012 Voter Guide includes all candidates running for the following offices:

- Federal: U.S. House (13 seats).
- Council of State:
   Governor, Lt.
   Governor, Secretary of
   State, Attorney
   General, Auditor,
   Treasurer and
   Commissioners (4
   seats).
- State Judicial Branch: Supreme Court (1 seat), Court of Appeals (3 seats), Superior Court (16 seats).
- State Legislative Branch: Senate (50 seats), House (120 seats).

Bulk copies of the 2012

Voter Guide are available from the North Carolina Family Policy Council freeof-charge. The guides are packaged in bundles of 100, so be sure to specify how many copies you need in multiples of 100 when placing your order. Orders may be placed using the online sign-up form at ncfamily.org or by downloading the order form here and returning to the Council via fax (919-807-0900) or mail (PO Box 20607, Raleigh, NC 27619). Pre-orders of the 2012 Voter Guide will be mailed on October 1.

The North Carolina
Family Policy
Council's has also
produced a 2012
Voter Registration
Toolkit to assist
citizens in
implementing a voter
registration drive in their
church, civic organization,
local community, etc. For
new registration or



Contact us today!

# Important Dates Published by Board of Elections

September 7, 2012 – Absentee ballots ready for General Election

October 12, 2012, 5:00 p.m. – Voter registration deadline for November 6 General Election. Forms must be postmarked or delivered in person to the Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m.

October 18, 2012 – Onestop absentee voting begins for General Election

October 30, 2012 – Last day to request absentee ballots in writing (exceptions due to sickness or disability)

November 3, 2012 – One-stop absentee voting ends

November 5, 2012, 5:00 p.m. – Deadline to request absentee ballots for sickness/disability is 5:00 p.m.

November 5, 2012, 5:00 p.m. – Absentee ballots must be received at the County Boards of Elections' office by 5:00 pm. If mailed, returned absentee ballots will still be timely if postmarked on or before Election Day, and received no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 9, 2012

November 6, 2012 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. General Election Day

**November 16, 2012** – Canvass Day for county Boards of Elections

registration changes for the November 6 election, voter registration forms must be postmarked by October 12, or hand delivered to the local Board of Elections in person by that date. However, the Board of Elections allows citizens "who miss the registration deadline" to "register in person and then vote at one-stop voting sites in the person's county of residence during the onestop absentee voting period" (which runs from October 18 to November 3). Those who register during the one-stop voting period are required to "show acceptable proof of name and residence in the county."

The State Board of Elections voted earlier last week to extend the hours of early one-stop voting in several counties, including Anson, Craven, Forsyth, Pamlico, Richmond, Wake and Wayne counties. In particular, these one-stop polling locations will have extended weekend hours. Wake County will also operate an additional one-stop voting location in Knightdale. The final list of locations and hours has not yet been posted by the State Board of Elections.

## Have You Ever Considered Being an Election Monitor

True the Vote-North Carolina is currently seeking volunteers to serve as election monitors. True the Vote is a citizen-led effort to restore truth, faith, and integrity to our elections. True the Vote is an initiative developed by citizens for citizens, meant to inspire and equip volunteers for involvement at every stage of our electoral process. Click here for an article

regarding True the Vote in The New York Times.

Have you ever considered being an election monitor? A *poll observer* is someone who is registered by the county board of elections who observes voting in the polling place. A *greeter* is someone who stands in the parking lot to serve as outside eyes and ears for

the voting process. Poll observers need to be registered with the state of North Carolina by September 29. If you want to participate in this effort please contact Donna Yowell, 919-434-4324 or via e-mail at rufu66@embarqmail.com. More information about True the Vote can be found at <a href="mailto:truethevote.org">truethevote.org</a>.

# CWA of North Carolina Joins 40 Days for Life

On Tuesday, October 30, 2012, Concerned Women of America of North Carolina will join the Fall 40 Days for Life prayer vigil in Charlotte for prayer. CWA has been a faithful participant in the 40 Days for Life national campaign since it began in 2007.

Five years later the results of responding to the call to pray and fast for an end to abortion are showing! 40 Days for Life is being observed in over 160 cities from coast to coast as well as international locations. People in all of these places are joining together to host the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in

history. To date, nationally over 2000 babies have been reported as "saves".

The 40 Days for Life Fall campaign hopes to reduce abortion rates, highlight the sanctity of life as a crucial issue and develop new leaders involved in pro-life efforts.

Please join CWA of North Carolina at the Asheville, Charlotte, Raleigh,

Winston-Salem and Wilmington locations, on Tuesday, October 30, as we stand together, pray, and fast to

bring an end to abortion in America, trusting God to heal our land.

# Thanksgiving Blessing to You and Yours

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. Much of the history of this day has been lost over the years, and we have been left with a focus on football games, parades, turkey, and the trimmings. Before the Pilgrims landed on the shores of Massachusetts in 1620, the Pilgrims were great students of the Bible and "as they studied the scriptures, they were gaining an understanding of the importance of each individual in God's sight, and catching a vision of what government might be "...when governor and governed agreed to bow to the sovereignty of God'... realizing they were no longer under the Virginia Charter, they drew up the

historic Mayflower Compact..." This Compact was very important because, for the first time in recorded history, free and equal men voluntarily, in writing, covenanted with God and each other to create their own civil government. The Mayflower compact was the forerunner of *The Declaration of Independence*.

Mayflower Compact (Modern Version)

In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, defender of the Faith, etc.

Having undertaken, for the Glory of God, and advancements of the Christian faith and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents, solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic; for our better ordering, and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal laws,



ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape Cod the 11th of November, in the vear of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King James, of England, France, and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fiftyfourth, 1620.

## CWA of North Carolina She Votes 2012 Project is On the Move

Lots of fun, food, fellowship and the satisfaction of making a difference. Don't miss out!





A Get Out the Vote Project of Concerned Women for America SheVotes2012.org

National Walk Day
Saturday, October 6
Canvassing will be in the
following cities: Burnsville, Charlotte,
Gastonia and Greensboro.
Go to nc.cwfa.org or more info.

Jamestown
Thursday, October 4
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Free Seminar/ Lunch Provided
Life Community Church
The Life Tree Room
4900 W. Wendover Avenue
Jamestown, NC 27282
RSVP by October 1
director@northcarolina.cwfa.

Pisgah Forest
Thursday, October 11
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Anchor Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall
3232 Hendersonville Hwy.
Pisgah Forest, NC 28768
RSVP by October 7
director@northcarolina.cwfa.org

Wilmington - October (TBD)

Currently we have regularly scheduled phone banking locations in Bakersfield, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Matthews and Raleigh.

Go to <a href="mailto:cwfa.org/svphonebank.asp">cwfa.org/svphonebank.asp</a>
for more information on these locations.

Please invite friends and family!



Please join Concerned Women for America of North Carolina for

# She Votes 2012 Training and Action Seminar

as we launch Concerned Women for America's exciting new national get out the vote project.

This project, She Votes 2012, inspires, trains and activates conservatives to impact elections across the country. Ultimately our objective is to see more conservative representatives in office who will uphold traditional family values and constitutional free market principles.

With only half of the Christians in the United States currently registered to vote, and even less actually voting, we have an incredible opportunity in the next election to turn the tide as we get out the vote!

Together we will change the course of our nation through prayer, voter registration, voter canvassing, voter identification, voter turnout and more.

Join us in Gastonia, Jamestown, Pisgah Forest or your very own home to become part of the She Votes 2012 Team!
Women, men and teens are all welcome!

Let us not forget that this battle is indeed spiritual, and will be won in November first and foremost with continued vigilant prayers. Please commit to praying regularly for the November elections.

Let your prayers be accompanied by your actions. There is a place for everyone on the team! Join us and put your talents to good use for the glory of God!

Are you with us!?