



Fall Newsletter 2012



Protecting the Family Through Prayer and Action

Director's Notes: Prescription for Healing Our Nation

Because God has given me such a deep burden for our nation, II Chronicles 7:14 is one of my favorite Bible verses. God has given us this prescription for recovering our moral and spiritual heritage and healing of our nation. Even though this covenant verse was directed to the nation of Israel, God's principle can be applied to any nation for all generations.

This verse begins with the important word "if," implying a challenge for us. If we carry out our part of the covenant, "then" God will fulfill His part. This teaches us a principle of prayer and also about the character of God. He actually hears our prayer and will move heaven and earth in response to His people. He is faithful to implement His promises. The future of our nation is not set in stone. God can and will respond to our prayers!

II Chronicles 7:14 focuses attention on "My people which are called by my name." In the Old Testament, God's name is YHWH or "Jehovah." Jesus (Yehoshua) is the revelation of YHWH in flesh and blood. There is power in the name of Jesus—the "name above all names." Therefore, since God is speaking to His people and giving us the prescription for healing of our nation, the responsibility is mine and yours, believer!

The first requirement says that we must "humble ourselves." *Webster's 1828 Dictionary* defines humility as: "lowly, modest, meek, submissive. Having a deep sense of unworthiness in the sight of God." When we allow God to show us our sins, we know that we don't measure up and we will be humbled. Our righteousness is as "filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6). It humbles me to know that if I were the only one on earth who needed salvation, Jesus would have suffered and died for me. Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, humbled Himself to become one of us, live on this earth, die on a cross for our

sins and was resurrected—His act of love for each one of us. Daniel pleaded for his nation of Israel (Daniel 9) to God in prayer, fasting and in sackcloth and ashes. He humbly confessed his sins and his nation's sins of rebellion against God.

The second condition of the covenant is to "pray and seek God's face." It is so easy to maintain a shallow relationship with the Lord with all of our busy schedules. But it is crucial that we set aside daily time without distractions to pray for our nation. We sing a chorus in my church, and you probably sing it in yours as well. "As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee." (Psalm 42:1) Does that describe your desire for more of the Lord?

After applying the above principles and realizing that we've fallen short of God's desire for us, the next requirement in our verse will lead us to "turn from [our] their wicked ways." The word "repent" really means to turn away or "change our minds." People from all walks of life agree that America is on the verge of a great moral and economic collapse. But the solution to this crisis isn't found in some grand program. It starts with you and with me.

From our nation's beginning, presidents have called for Days of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer in an appeal for God's blessing on our country. However, in recent history, presidents request merely a Day of Remembrance.

We have a God who is actively involved in our lives and who responds to the prayers and heart's cry of His people. **As His part in the agreement—"then" He will hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land. This is the great hope for our nation.**

- Linda Schauer, State Director

If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.
- II Chronicles 7:14

Education Reform: Referred Law 16 Goes to Vote of the People

Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

- 1 Timothy 3:13

Referred Law 16 will be on the South Dakota ballot when you vote on November 6, or vote early, or send in your absentee ballot. Since education is one of CWA's core issues, information is provided here as an aid to your study of the ballot measure.

Attorney General Jackley gives his explanation of this measure [here](#). (Note: You can print out the entire "2012 Ballot Questions" pamphlet at this site.)

Referred Law 16 is an education reform that establishes **scholarships** for college students who commit to teach in South Dakota in "**critical need subject areas**" such as math and science. The law allows for state-funded annual bonuses for excellent math and science teachers and develops a "Top Teachers" bonus program of "**merit bonuses**" for up to 20% of each school district's full-time teachers, as awarded by local school boards. Alternatively, a school board may enact its own program for



teacher bonuses or opt-out of the program altogether. The referred law mandates a uniform statewide system for evaluating and rating teachers and principals, and **eliminates**

state requirements for continuing contracts ("tenure") for teachers who do not achieve tenure by July 1, 2016. School boards could still choose to offer continuing contracts, but would no longer have that requirement.

A "Yes" vote is to enact the education reform act. A "No" vote is against the referred law.

Governor Daugaard was a proponent of this bill, and signed it into law on

March 19 after it was passed by the House 36-33 and the Senate 22-12. It is the *No on 16 Campaign Committee* that is bringing this to the ballot, while the 2011 Milken Teacher of the Year and a mid-sized school superintendent are advocates in favor of the measure.

Calling all South Dakotans: Go to [CWA of South Dakota's Website](#) on a regular basis to find out about the issues important to you on a state level. Find out how you can be an activist through prayer and action, how to get on our e-alert list and much more. Check it out!

South Dakota Unites With Other States in DOMA Lawsuit

... God made them male and female... For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. - Mark 10: 6-10

South Dakota recently joined 14 other states in a petition for *certiorari*, which simply urges the Supreme Court to hear the case challenging the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

Let's take a look back at DOMA to get the big picture. In



1996, Congress passed and President Clinton signed DOMA, stating that marriage is between one man and one woman for federal purposes. Notably, Sen. Tim Johnson, then a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, voted in support of DOMA.

In 2003, with a decision by their Supreme Judicial Court, Massachusetts became the first state to legalize same-sex marriage. In succeeding years, several other states legalized same-sex marriage either through the courts or through state legislatures. **In every instance where the people of a state have been allowed to vote on marriage, traditional marriage has won.** There are now 31 states that have solidified marriage between one man and one woman in their state constitutions, with South Dakota having done so in 2006.

President Obama's position on marriage has "evolved" from support for traditional marriage to support for homosexual marriage. In addition, his administration has stated that they will not defend DOMA, thereby shirking the administration's constitutional duty to defend the law. As a result, Attorney Paul Clement, on behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, will appeal the 1st Circuit Court's decision and defend DOMA, which will likely lead to Supreme Court consideration next year.

The 15 states' main argument in support of DOMA is that the foundational reason the government is involved in the business of marriage at all is that the state has a compelling interest in children. Social science has proven time and again that children do better with both a mother and a father. Procreation, therefore, is an extremely important point in our defense of DOMA.

You may recall that California's voters approved Prop. 8 in 2008, amending their state constitution to prohibit same-sex "marriage." Enforcement there is being challenged in the courts.

Concerned Women for America has submitted *amicus* (friend of the court) briefs in both cases. Pray that God-ordained marriage will be upheld in the states and in the Supreme Court.

Encourage-A-Legislator Campaign



... prayers,
intercession ... for
kings and those in
authority.

– 1 Timothy 2:1

In 2013 CWA of South Dakota will begin our 14th year of prayer for our 105 state legislators. You are invited to participate in our Encourage-A-Legislator Campaign by committing to adopt a legislator and praying for him/her daily during the 40-day session. Each week you will send your legislator a CWA-provided postcard. Note your prayers for him/her, then stamp and mail the card. Please become one of 105 faithful prayer warriors by e-mailing Linda at director@southdakota.cwfa.org or calling 605-439-3630. Early in January, CWA of South Dakota will assign your legislator and supply you with CWA postcards and simple instructions.

Vote: Our Christian Responsibility!

When the righteous rule, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan. - Proverbs 29:2

Without a doubt, this coming election is the most important election of our lifetime and its outcome will determine what direction our nation will take. **According to the Barna Research Group, only half of people of faith who are regular church attendees are registered to vote. Even more disturbing is that only half of those actually vote.**

As Christians, it is our calling to be good citizens. Noah Webster said, “If the citizens neglect their duty and place unprincipled men in office, the government will soon be corrupted If our government fails to secure public prosperity and happiness, it must be because the citizens neglect the divine commands and elect bad men to make and administer the laws.” **If we are not influential at the ballot box, those who fail to hold our values will lead.**

God has given believers several areas of stewardship—our family, our work, our finances, our church. Citizenship and government, too, are areas of stewardship but they are often sidelined. If any one of these areas is neglected—they all suffer.

Women, the largest single voting bloc, hold the key to the outcome of this election. This is why the campaigns are largely focusing on women—including the phony “war on women.” Women are concerned for our families and also our nation. We are concerned about the economy, the

debt, the threat to religious freedom, the death of 4000 unborn babies each day, and health care.

Every vote counts. Did you know that Tom Daschle was first elected to Congress by a mere 139-vote advantage, thus beginning his 26 years in Congress? The election of George Bush in 2000 was determined by only 356 votes in Florida.

Go to SheVotes.org and learn what you can do to get out the vote. Be sure that everyone within your sphere of influence is **registered to vote by October 22**. Check to see if a person is registered or not by clicking the “Are You Registered” button. You can also access a voter registration form. SheVotes.org can even help you host a voter registration drive at your church.



Encourage your friends and family, or those college students and military members, to vote early (beginning September 21), vote absentee, or vote on Election Day. Offer to drive like-minded conservatives to the polls or care for children while a busy Mom votes.

The time is now to make an impact by motivating conservatives to register and to vote!

Update: South Dakota Victory Over Planned Parenthood!

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father....--Colossians 1:11-12

In 2008, we explained that Attorney General Long believed that the legislature “felt compelled” in 2005 to pass **HB1166 relating to abortion regulation** because they had learned that the abortionist in the Sioux Falls facility had not been giving **fully informed consent** to women who sought abortions there. HB1166 was the bill requiring abortionists to inform the woman seeking an abortion that:

- ◆ the abortion will terminate the life of a whole, separate, unique, living human being.

- ◆ the mother has an existing relationship with her unborn child that enjoys protection under the U.S. Constitution and under the laws of South Dakota, and that the abortion will terminate that relationship.
- ◆ an abortion places the woman at an increased risk of suicide ideation and suicide.

In 2011, a 3-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit ruled that the provisions regarding the

mother's existing relationship with her unborn child and her constitutional rights are indeed constitutional, but the court denied the requirement concerning suicidal risks.

Fast forward to July 24, 2012 and a new decision, this time by the entire Eighth Circuit court. In a 7-4 decision, the court concluded that the mandate to tell the mother that she has an **"increased risk of suicide ideation and suicide"** is valid. The Sioux Falls abortionist must now tell the woman that suicide and thoughts of suicide are potential risks. The court also decided that the requirement did not impose an "undue burden" on a woman seeking to have an abortion.

State officials were elated. Gov. Daugaard stated, "This is an important ruling that upholds South Dakota's requirement that mothers considering an abortion receive complete information." Attorney General Jackley announced, "Today's decision supports the Legislature's

goal of encouraging women seeking an abortion to make informed and voluntary decisions," and "establishes procedures to ensure that abortion decisions are voluntary and uncoerced." As we said in 2011, approval of the "suicide" stipulation would give the state Department of Health enforcement authority.

Opponents are claiming that the court is ignoring science, interfering with the "constitutional right" to abortion, and unlawfully infringing upon the abortionist's freedom of speech. But one of the most convincing studies presented by South Dakota showed a suicide rate after abortion of 31.9 per 100,000 as compared to a suicide rate after live birth of 5 per 100,000.

Our opponents say that they believe South Dakota and other states have many, many legislators and voters who would rather outlaw nearly all abortions than follow the Planned Parenthood pied piper. Imagine that.

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A donation of \$25 or more has TWO benefits: membership in CWA of South Dakota and membership in CWA national. All donations sent to CWA of South Dakota, P.O. Box 343, Leola, SD 57456 remain in South Dakota for state projects. All donations sent to CWA national in response to their mailings are utilized in Washington, D.C. Make it easy - [Click here](#) and donate online. Your renewed annual membership/additional donation is greatly appreciated. All contributions are tax-deductible.



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