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News Report

## Concerned Women for America of North Carolina



*Informing, Inspiring and On the Move!*

**"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden." Matthew 5:14**

### *A Word From Our State Director*

## Rejoice Always, Pray Without Ceasing, In All Things Give Thanks!

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A most joyful time of year: the splendor of autumn with a grand finale of God's magnificent colors in nature; the season of Thanksgiving ushering in the celebration of Christ's holy and glorious birth at Christmas; "Immanuel, God with us," (Matthew 2:23) filling hearts with hope for the New Year.

And in public policy, reflecting on this past year, the North Carolina General Assembly, 2013, is to be commended for successfully passing into law pro-family, sanctity of life and constitutional rights legislation. Our prayers in the New Year are that God will grant His wisdom to our state and national leaders to faithfully serve Him and the people of our great state and country. For state legislation and E-alerts, go to [our website](http://ourwebsite.com).

Truly, we can "Rejoice always, knowing that

Christ has already won the battle; pray without ceasing, trusting the Lord to meet our needs and forgive our sins; and in everything give thanks, and praise to the Lord God maker of heaven and earth; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Yet mixed with the joy of the holidays is the reality of hurting families, our children subjected to standardized humanistic education, a homosexual agenda that has turned traditional marriage and even the Boy Scouts of America upside down, and terrorist threats to our nation and the world. A sad reality is that houses of worship decline to register people to vote and to engage in the discussion of the great Biblically-based public issues such as same sex "marriage", prayer in schools and abortion. The Church is losing its "salt and light" as the steward of our God-ordained



May you **rejoice always** in what God has done for you through Christ. May you **pray without ceasing** as you walk through the joys and troubles of this life. And may you, **in all things, give thanks** to the one who is the author and perfecter of our faith.

Sheri Miller  
State Director

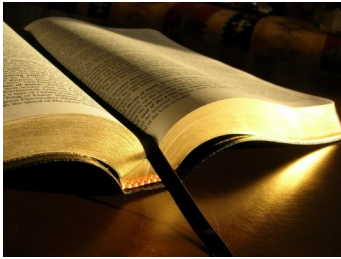
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government to uphold Judeo-Christian values upon which our nation was founded. Daily we witness our nation moving from her Christian founding principles to moral decline and a humanistic world. Yet America's problems: wars, ObamaCare, activist courts, and out-of-control spending, are, ultimately, spiritual. Our financial, cultural, social, educational, family problems, our ever expanding and intrusive government, our steady loss of freedoms are all symptoms of our country's turning away from God. What are we to do? The mission of Concerned Women for America of North Carolina is to shed Biblical light and truth in the area of public policy to our citizens through prayer, education and

action thereby upholding the Judeo-Christian values upon which our nation was founded. Based on 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land" CWA's founder, Mrs. Beverly LaHaye envisioned CWA Prayer/Action Chapters in every church in America.

Won't you join the over 400 Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders throughout the nation, as we gather together each month to pray and act on issues affecting our Christian family values? Take a moment to find out [What a Typical CWA Prayer/](#)

[Action Chapter Meeting Looks Like](#). Then pray and ask God if this is what He is calling you to do. IF you sense He may be calling you to this ministry, then give me a call. Let me answer any questions you may have and pray with you to ask God His will.

With warmest wishes, with all of God's blessings of His peace and hope to you and your family during the holiday season: Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year as together with Concerned Women for America of North Carolina we, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

## *Abortion Clinics Closing at Record Rates*

By Katherine Hearn, Prayer/Action Chapter Coordinator

According to Tom Strode of the *Baptist Press*, quoting the *Huffington Post*, "abortion clinics have taken a 'dramatic toll' with recent pro-life legislation laws. Abortion centers are shutting down at an unprecedented rate. So far this year, 44 have closed, according to a pro-life organization that tracks abortion clinic operations." [Click here](#) to read the entire article.

As a former 40 Days for Life Coordinator in Charlotte, North Carolina, and now CWA of North Carolina's Prayer/Action Chapter Coordinator, when I read about the

closing of this abortion facility in Texas and when I saw the picture of the Planned Parenthood sign broken in half, I saw the cross of Jesus Christ. The power of prayer and the testimony of Abby Johnson, redeemed and sent back to serve for life, to proclaim Truth and tear down at the gates of hell, that is the power of the Gospel.

Abby Johnson was the former abortion clinic director of Planned Parenthood center in Bryan, Texas. Now a leading pro-life advocate for Coalition for Life, Abby said, "Knowing that

the former abortion clinic I once ran is now closing is the biggest personal victory of my life." She has pledged to "fight until every abortion clinic in this country has shut its doors."

Those who pass by the closed Texas clinic are quoted as saying, "Only God could have done that". My prayer for the abortion clinics in Charlotte is that one day, God will shut them down because owner Debra Walsh has had a salvation experience. Then everyone driving by will scratch their head and say, "Only God could have done that."





## CWA of North Carolina Joins 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil, October 24, 2013

The 7th annual 40 Days for Life Fall Prayer Vigil at abortion clinics throughout the nation will be held, September 25 – November 3, 2013. CWA of North Carolina has participated in 40 Days for Life since 2007. Make plans now to participate and invite some friends. Click on the city closest to you for more

information: [Charlotte](#), [Greensboro](#), [Raleigh](#) or [Winston-Salem](#).

On Thursday, October 24, CWA of North Carolina has committed to holding a prayer vigil from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at the Charlotte location. For more information contact

[Katherine Hearn](#).

If you are not available to pray at an assigned abortion clinic, your prayers for the sanctity of life are appreciated.



For information on 40 Days for Life and their incredible ministry go to [40DaysForLife.com](http://40DaysForLife.com).

## Common Core: Parents vs. State (In My Opinion)

By Bonnie Dougherty, Southern Pines Prayer/Action Chapter Leader

What Darwin, Marx, Dewey and Freud believed to be PROGRESS,

Robert Lewis Dabney saw as CULTURAL SUICIDE.

Dabney was an 18<sup>th</sup> century American Christian theologian, a Southern Presbyterian pastor and Confederate Army chaplain. He wrote, "A government funded education would lead to a higher crime rate and lower academic standards." That "government education would inevitably lead to an unholy alliance between unions interested in power, textbook manufacturers desirous of a monopoly share of the industry at taxpayer expense, and special interest groups hoping to foist their intellectual anarchy on the children of the nation" (R.L. Dabney, *The Prophet Speaks*, Vision Forum, pg. 11).

Nothing better summarizes the latest government



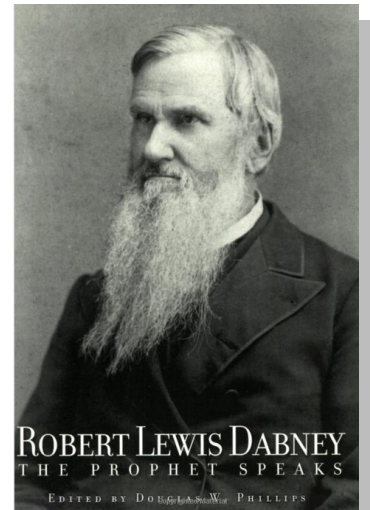
"takeover" of national education known as the Common Core (CC). The education industry consumes over 55 percent of our state budget with insatiable demands for more! We know that there is no correlation between more money spent on education and improved test scores; in fact the test results are often worse.

The unknown costs for CC are a lot like ObamaCare. "You'll know the details when we pass it." No CEO in their right mind would accept the financial burden of unknowns on an untested national program, but politicians with corporate America have done that. Bill Gates and the progressive group, ACHIEVE, have patented total control over the CC nationalized tests. Thus, 85 percent of all K-12 education curriculum is controlled by standardized tests. Computerized texts remove parents from what

is being taught; teachers become drones. CC even nationalizes religious schools, private schools and home schools by controlling all testing.

The testing mania is killing the joy of school for children. Over 50 principals wrote to the State Superintendent of Public Education in New York that the children were "sobbing" at the fear of failing their tests, some with nose bleeds, some hospitalized over suicide attempts, and other signs of extreme trauma. This is madness!

There are state legislatures who have successfully passed laws to stop CC or delay it for further study. North Carolina could have laws to stop Common Core, but our Governor supports CC. North Carolina school boards have the authority to opt out of CC under the local government provisions of state law. The New



An Unconstitutional Experiment on Our Children

Stop Common Core "State" Standards



An experiment destined for failure, loss of local control, loss of parental rights, loss of privacy, high costs and more

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Concerned Women for America Resource

Hanover School Board recently petitioned the State Board of Education for a “pause” to review areas of “concern”.

There is an *OPT-OUT of testing movement* brewing via

word of mouth and social media. Students and teachers are organizing and persuading their peers to opt out of tests. People have had it. Fear of test stress, corporate influence

overriding education and test preparation, and reducing curricula to the minimum needed to pass an exam are all good reasons to STOP COMMON CORE NOW!

[Click here](#) to find out more about Common Core and what you can do in North Carolina to fight it.



## Meet the New Chapter Leaders

*Nellie Greer*

**Prayer/Action Chapter Leader  
Cary, NC**

My name is Nellie Greer. I am a Christian who is trying daily to listen to God instead of the world. I have been married for over 35 years and have one son that is married. I retired from work in 2009 to become a full time volunteer in ministry and related fields. In the last two years I have felt a “calling”, for lack of a better term, to get more involved in policy because of the direction that our country has been headed. I believe that we need to do

our part by praying, being informed, being active, and helping others. During this time I happened to learn about a group called Concerned Women for

America and realized “that is me.” I

became involved in public policy because of the decline

of moral values in our country, and this group combined my passions. I would like to see many new CWA of North Carolina Prayer/Action Chapters start in Wake County. This location near the capital allows opportunities to easily serve as “feet on the

ground”. I am so excited to be part of this partnership as a Prayer/Action Chapter Leader (PAL) and can hardly wait to see how God can use



me in this journey for His glory. Esther 4:14 summarized: “*God has called you to obedience for such a time as this.*” We meet in Cary on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. Contact the [state office](#) for more information if you would like to join us.



**Young Women for America (YWA)  
is a project of CWA.**

YWA is a student-oriented chapter that is geared toward high school and college campuses to bring active groups of young like-minded women together to promote conservative values to their schools and the nation.

Do you know of someone who might be interested in starting a YWA Chapter on their campus? Go to <http://www.cwfa.org/ywa/>.

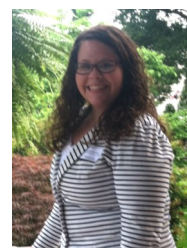
*Kelsey McGaha*

**Young Women for America President  
Campbell University,  
Buies Creek**

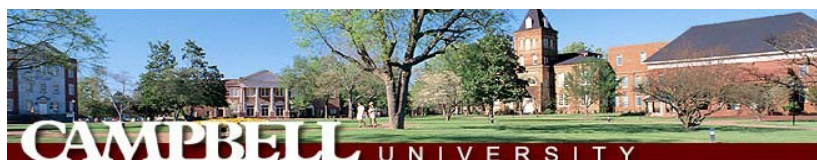
My name is Kelsey McGaha, and I will be leading the YWA Chapter at Campbell University starting in the winter semester. During my internship at the North Carolina General Assembly, I have seen firsthand

the need for Godly women to be involved in the legislative process. I am looking forward to serving in this position. I also hold the office of: North Carolina Federation of Young Professionals Republicans Vice Secretary, Young Republicans of Harnett

County Communications Director. If you or



someone you know will be attending Campbell University this winter, please contact the [state office](#) for more information if you, or someone you know, would like to join us.





## North Carolina Legislative Update

### Common Core

Currently Gov. Pat McCrory is in support of Common Core. This was stated in a [recent press release](#) from his office, "The governor also told the audience attending the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce's Conference on Education in Chapel Hill that students should be held to the reading and mathematics standards laid out in the Common Core curriculum."

*Pray* that our elected officials will seek God's wisdom regarding Common Core. *Pray* they take heed to the words of James Madison, known as the Father of the U.S. Constitution: "We have staked the whole future of the American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. (but) ... upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, ...

according to the Ten Commandments of God."

*Take Action:* Educate yourself on these dangerous education standards. [Click here](#) for helpful resources. [Contact](#) Gov. Pat McCrory and express your desire for him to reject Common Core in North Carolina.

### American Laws for American Courts Bill

Concerned Women for America of North Carolina hosted a Day at the Capital on June 5, 2013, and presented a legislative briefing to the North Carolina General Assembly on: *American Laws for American Courts, protecting North Carolina from foreign law and Sharia law*. For information on this event and on Sharia law, go to the [CWA of North Carolina's website](#).

We *give thanks to God* that, HB 522, Foreign Laws/

Protect Constitutional Rights bill, authored by Rep. Chris Whitmire, has become state law. CWA of North Carolina put out [multiple e-alerts](#) on this issue, and you responded. Thank you!

For information on specific legislation, see the [CWA of North Carolina website](#) and/or the [North Carolina General Assembly website](#).

### Give Thanks

During this season of Thanksgiving, remember our leaders in your *prayers*.

*Take Action:* Take time to thank North Carolina Gov. Pat McCrory and your North Carolina representative (if applicable) and senator (if applicable) for passing pro-family, sanctity of life, and constitutional rights legislation. Thank [Rep. Chris Whitmore](#) for all his hard work on HB 522.



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## National Legislative Update

9/11

September 11, 2013, was the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when our world changed.

*Pray* for the family members and friends of those who lost loved ones as a result of that atrocity. Let us surround those grieving and display the love of God. Never forget

that this is our opportunity to "Pray for your enemies." Matthew 5:14.

### Syria

*Pray* for your elected national leaders to have wisdom regarding Syria.

### ObamaCare

*Pray* for your elected

national leaders. May the Lord give them clarity to see ObamaCare for what it truly is and courage to do what's right.

*Take Action:* Call national leaders to say: ObamaCare is not working! Keep our country from wasteful spending! Balance the budget! Get our country us out-of-debt!

Mark your calendars NOW to attend the



## National March for Life

in Washington D. C. to be held on **Wednesday, January 22, 2014**

CWA National will be having some activities surrounding the march in which you may want to participate.

*Watch for more information to come.*



## George Washington's 1789 Thanksgiving Proclamation

"When it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His

benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor, and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee,

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and assign Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection ..."

### By THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. A PROCLAMATION.

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And also, That we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of nations, and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions;—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually;—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed;—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace and concord;—to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science, among them and us;—and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

*GIVEN under my hand, at the city of New-York, the third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.*

G. WASHINGTON.



Leaders and friends of CWA of North Carolina visit with CWA's CEO and President Penny Nance during her trip to Raleigh for the June Day at the Capital and Legislative Briefing.

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CWA of North Carolina Steering Committee assembling packets for one of their many events.

