



*Christmas 2014*

Dear Faithful Friend,

Merry Christmas from Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Georgia! A most joyful time of year: the season of Thanksgiving ushers 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. We pray that you **rejoice always** in what God has done for you through Christ. May you **pray without ceasing** as you walk through the joys and tribulations of this life. And may you in **all things give thanks** to the one who is the author and perfecter of our faith.

As we come to the end of another very busy year, we at CWA of Georgia want to pause and pass along some of the accomplishments and blessings of 2014 to our faithful members and supporters. Thank you for all you have done to make these victories a reality.

### **Common Core Standards Initiative**

CWA of Georgia was a leader in the effort to pass legislation to withdrawal our state from the Common Core Standards Initiative. While we did not see passage of the withdrawal legislation, we sent a resounding message that CWA will continue to fight to return back to the state control over its education policy. Here is a brief synopsis of our 2014 education efforts:



*Sen. William Ligon speaks at Common Core rally.  
Don't you love the backdrop?!*

- Co-sponsored the Stop Common Core Rally at the State Capitol with over 200 parents, students and concerned citizens attending. The rally was the talk of the Capitol for weeks!
- Co-sponsored two Stop Common Core panel events and spoke at several additional events educating parents, school board members, hard-working taxpayers, and our state legislators on the threats imposed by the Common Core.
- Co-sponsored a State School Superintendent forum prior to the primary election.
- Co-sponsored a nation-wide conference call to raise the alarm on the new Advanced Placement U.S. History course.

### **State Legislative Session**

CWA of Georgia members were represented during the 40-day legislative session. I met personally with Gov. Nathan Deal and lobbied Senate and House Leadership, education committee members and many other state legislators. Several CWA members, including myself, testified before the Senate Education and Youth Committee, House Education Committee, State Board of Education, and the House Study Committee on the Role of the Federal Government in Education.

In addition, over 120 faithful members participated in CWA of Georgia's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual *Encourage-A-Legislator Prayer Project*. Participants prayed for and encouraged our state lawmakers during the Georgia legislative session. CWA of Georgia is known at the capitol as the group who prays! What a testimony!

CWA lobbied hard for the passage of the state-level Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Sadly, this bill was defeated. Prior to the last day of the session, CWA co-sponsored with several other organizations, the first annual

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Religious Liberty Rally. What a blessing to hear prayers and praises being lifted up to Jehovah God right in the State Capitol!

### **Looking ahead to 2015**

We realize that mixed with the joy of the holidays is the reality of a steady loss of freedom, activist courts, hurting families, our children subjected to standardized humanistic education, a homosexual agenda that has turned traditional marriage upside down, "Affordable" Healthcare that is costing more than we can afford, and terrorist threats to our nation and the world.



*Religious Liberty Rally at State Capitol.*

Let us be ever vigilant in 2015! Won't you prayerfully consider joining with CWA of Georgia in one or all of the following ways:

- The heart of CWA is prayer and action, believing we will only see change in our nation when we as God's people commit to both prayer and action. We want to grow our Prayer/Action Chapters by ten in 2015. Considering starting a **local Prayer/Action Chapter** where members meet monthly to pray and act on issues affecting the family and our Judeo-Christian values. Click [here](#) for more information.
- 2015 will include our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual **Encourage-A-Legislator Project**. Please watch for more information to come and be sure to both sign up and encourage a friend to do the same.
- **Stay informed.** For information on state events, where to hear your State Director speak in person, how to get involved, and stay updated with legislative E-alerts, **visit our website** at [ga.cwfa.org](http://ga.cwfa.org), **visit our Facebook** at Concerned Women for America of Georgia, or feel free to contact me with any questions at: [director@georgia.cwfa.org](mailto:director@georgia.cwfa.org).

We must also lay out our financial needs for the year. Would you during this beautiful season of advent when we are reflecting on the gift and sacrifice of our loving God, **consider a financial gift to CWA of Georgia?** Our state events and projects and mailings amount to thousands of dollars a year. Listed below are just a few of the key expenditures for the year:

- Encourage-a-Legislator Prayer Project - \$500 for printing and postage
- E-mail alert program - \$300
- Travel to and from the State Capitol plus parking - \$200 for legislative session
- Legislative efforts: Educational materials for the Common Core and Religious Freedom issues - \$1000
- Prayer/Action Chapter and leadership building events- \$200/event

Your tax-deductible year-end gift to CWA of Georgia will help us continue working on your behalf and our beautiful state. Donations sent to P.O. Box 671374, Marietta, GA 30066 stay in Georgia for our projects. Gifts to our national Washington, D.C., office are utilized for national issues. If you would like to give to CWA of Georgia via credit card, please go to [ga.cwfa.org](http://ga.cwfa.org). For your gift to stay in Georgia, be sure to click on the "Donate To Your State" box below my picture and not the one at the top of the page. **You will be sowing seeds into good soil!**

Please know that what you do makes a difference! We encourage you to continue standing for righteousness so that we will see Biblical values restored to our nation. Let's honor God and His Word!

Thank you again. Together with God we are making a difference. God bless you abundantly.

In Christ,

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