



## CHRISTMAS BEGINS WITH CHRIST

December, 2015

Dear CWA of Illinois Friends,

CHRISTmas begins with CHRIST. Christmas is about the love of God sent to earth in the form of a Perfect Child to save humanity from sin and death.

This Christmas concentrate on the real REASON for the SEASON ... Our Lord and Savior JESUS CHRIST.

Spread the Good News! “For God so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

It is because of GOD’S LOVE that we love.

It is because of GOD’S MERCY that we have eternal life.

It is because of GOD’S REDEMPTION that we have forgiveness.

It is because of GOD’S GRACE that we have new beginnings.

Let your love of Jesus shine in a dark world, and don’t forget to say MERRY CHRISTMAS.

### **CWA IS ON THE MOVE IN ILLINOIS - WON’T YOU JOIN US!**

CWA of Illinois has been very busy this year (view our [website](#) for more details).

- The Illinois General Assembly and Executive Officers were covered in prayer through the CWA of Illinois Encourage-A-Legislator Project and intercessors throughout the state.
- CWA of Illinois was able to take a stand with pro-life organizations for the unborn and the ongoing fight against Planned Parenthood.
- Despite opposition from CWA of Illinois and other pro-family organizations, traditional family values were once again eroded by the Democrat majority in both the Illinois House and Senate. The 99<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session saw the passage of the Therapy Prohibition Act for Minors, weakening of the Right of Conscience Bill, as well as the decriminalization of Marijuana.
- CWA of Illinois introduced the “Issues in Focus” dinner series. Featured speakers for 2015 were David Smith, CEO of the Illinois Family Institute and Tony and Laura Invergo, Illinois Representatives for Bridges for Peace.
- CWA of Illinois partnered with the Illinois Family Institute to host “Bringing Back the Black Robed Regiment” with Dan Fisher in the Northwest Illinois area.

We have many plans for 2016, and we hope you will be part of them. There are many opportunities for involvement. Here are a few for you to prayerfully consider:

- ❑ Encourage-A-Legislator Program: We are looking for women and men who are willing to pray for a state legislator on a regular basis and send him/her a postcard every month. CWA of Illinois provides the postcards with a Scripture, historical quote, and prayer. You simply pray, sign your name, affix a stamp, and put it in the mail. Now more than ever, whether they are conservative or liberal, our legislators need our prayers and encouragement. Contact me by December 20 if you would like to be part of this program. *A special thanks to the Northwest Illinois CWA Prayer/ Action Chapter for raising the funds to pay for this program.*
- ❑ Prayer/Action Chapters: Consider starting or [joining](#) an existing [Prayer/Action Chapter](#) in your community. Together we can restore righteous and Biblical values through prayer, education, and action on state and national legislation and issues. [Contact me](#) if you are interested. “Prayer/Action Chapters are the backbone of Concerned Women for America.” – Beverly LaHaye
- ❑ E-Alert Response Team: Commit to faithfully praying and acting on the e-alerts we send out and forwarding them on to friends and family. Sign up today if you aren’t already on the list by emailing us at [director@illinois.cwfa.org](mailto:director@illinois.cwfa.org)
- ❑ CWA of Illinois Fund-Raising Efforts: No organization can thrive without financial support. Contact me if you have ideas for special programs or events that highlight CWA core issues.
- ❑ Lobbying Team: Lobbying is a vital part of making our voice heard at the state capital on pro-family, pro-life bills. We would like to expand our current team. Please [contact me](#) for more information if you live in the Springfield area and are at all interested.

### **PARTNER WITH CWA OF ILLINOIS THROUGH YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.**

We are continually grateful for all those who give to the work of CWA of Illinois. Because CWA of Illinois is run by volunteers, all donations go straight into the work at hand.

### **CONTRIBUTE YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIFT TO CWA OF ILLINOIS.**

Prayerfully consider blessing CWA of Illinois with a generous tax-deductible gift. Send a check to the address below or click [here](#) to contribute online. When you give to the state, all funds are used in the state. When you give to CWA national, all funds are used on the national level.

Your involvement, financial gifts and prayers could not be more appreciated.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



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