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Praying, Informing and Mobilizing to Action

"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

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Never Forget!

"Never forget your heroic origins. Never fail to see divine guidance. Never lose your natural God-given optimism."

First Lady Nancy Reagan, in a tribute to her husband, said these were the words by which President Reagan tried to live. His was an optimism similar to Caleb and Joshua's faith against the giants of the Promised Land, "Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they shall be our prey ... the Lord is with us, do not fear them." (Numbers 14:9)

In today's liberal and humanistic world, supporters of America's Judeo-Christian values often feel discouraged, fearful, and outnumbered by the giants of our land: by those who would extinguish life through abortion, redefine the Biblical definition of marriage, deny religious freedom, and ignore the rise of militant Islam. An Associated Press poll

showed that terrorism is the nation's most serious concern and that 61 percent of Americans doubt Washington's ability to tackle the nation's problems. With the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, the U.S. Supreme Court has lost a crucial voice for conservatism. President Obama is doing his best to appoint a liberal judge to the Court and turn America further left.

On March 23 at a special session of the North Carolina General Assembly, both the House and Senate voted to overturn Charlotte's bathroom ordinance by passing the *Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act*, HB2. Praise be to God! With the passing of HB2, women and children's safety and privacy is protected, as well as the religious rights of businesses throughout the state. "An act to provide for single sex multiple occupancy bathroom and changing facilities in schools and public



"... to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me." (Acts 26:18)

Join thousands of members and friends of CWA as we set aside the *fourth Sunday of each month* to pray for the victims of Islamic terrorism. Pray for our enemies to have a Damascus road conversion to faith in Jesus to repent of their evil, just as Paul did. Click [here](#) for more information.

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State Director Sheri Miller speaks at the #DontDoltCharlotte Rally to over 700 attendees. 22,000 signed petitions sit at her feet.



agencies and to create statewide consistency in regulation of employment and public accommodations.” Gov. Pat McCrory kept his promise and signed the bill into law.

We are thankful that our elected leaders heard the voice of the people. We are thankful for the “Calebs and Joshuas” across the state, including Gov. Pat McCrory, Lt. Gov. Dan Forest, Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger (R-District 26) House Speaker Tim Moore (R-District 111) and Rep. Dan Bishop (R-District 104), who introduced the bill, and for our partnership

with the NC Values Coalition team, who stand for Judeo-Christian values, constitutional principles, and common sense.

Let us never forget our great American heritage, as we humbly turn our hearts to God and pray for Divine guidance in the months ahead with the hope we have through the risen Christ Jesus our Lord.

Pray with thanksgiving that Charlotte’s bathroom ordinance was overturned. Pray for radical Islamists to be saved through Christ. Pray for an end to abortion. Pray that a judicial appointment to

SCOTUS will be thwarted until the people have elected the next President of the United States. Pray for God’s wisdom and truth to guide our elected leaders. If there’s ever been a time to bow, drop to our knees, and pray for America’s leadership and direction, it is now. CWA *Prayer Points* (pg. 7) is a simple five-point guide to pray for the U.S. Supreme Court and our nation’s leadership. “Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)

Action: For information on these issues and more, go to nc.cwfa.org.

American Israel Public Affairs Committee

By Mary Frances Forrester, Associate Director, State Legislative Liaison



The annual American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Policy

Conference gathered in Washington, D.C., March 19-22, 2016.

Representing CWA of North Carolina, Project 535 Coordinator Miriam Harris and I attended. We were joined by fellow North Carolinians Dr. Mark Harris and his wife Beth, of Cultural Impact Team of North Carolina. Gathering from across the U.S. and Canada, 18,000 participants spent four days of well-organized informational and educational breakout

sessions and events about everything Jewish from art and allies to topics on U.S. relations and Zionism.

This conference was specifically designed for the presidential candidates to give a clear message on where they stand on the complex Middle East issues and U.S. support for the economic and security assistance to the nation of Israel. All of the candidates expressed their continued support for the state of Israel.

Penny Nance, CWA President was a featured

panelist for “Evangelical Christian Support for Israel.” CWA was invited as a participant of AIPAC’s extended outreach program, because for the first time in 30 years, CWA added a new core issue, *Support for Israel*, to their values agenda.

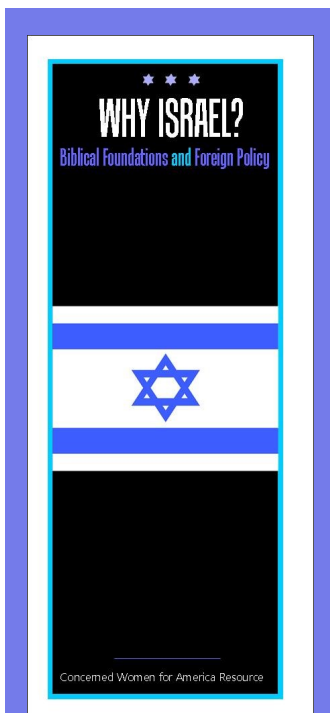
During a visit with Rep. Patrick McHenry (R-District 10) we discussed U.S. assistance to the security of Israel.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6).

Take Action: Please contact Gov. McCrory and your state legislators to thank them for passing into law the pro-



Visit with Rep. McHenry.



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Israel legislation, Iran Divestment Act (HB 117/SB 455) which had unanimous bi-partisan support in 2015. Urge them to introduce a [Anti-BDS Resolution](#)

(Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions against Israel) similar to what passed in South Carolina last year, H. 3583. Click here and then put "3583" in the

"Enter numbers" field to read the bill.

Click [here](#) to find out who represents you and how to contact them.



Penny Nance was a featured panelist at AIPAC's - "Evangelical Christian Support for Israel."

State Legislative Update

By Andrea George, Legislative Action Leader



The transgender non-discrimination bathroom

ordinance passed the Charlotte City Council on February 22, 2016, by a vote of 7 to 4, despite overwhelming opposition from over 22,000 North Carolinians who signed the Don'tDoItCharlotte petition. One month later, on March 23, 2016, a special session of the North Carolina General Assembly was called to vote on the Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act, HB2, which would overturn the bathroom ordinance. Because of your prayers, your voices for truth, showing up at rallies, signing petitions, and your tens of thousands of e-mails and phone calls to your legislators and to Gov. Pat McCrory, HB2 passed the House and Senate. It passed the House with a vote of 82 to 26, with 10 Democrats voting yes and a Senate vote of 32 to 0 after the Democrats walked out prior to the vote. The Governor kept his promise and signed the bill into law, thereby protecting the safety, privacy and beliefs of businesses, women, and children throughout the state of North Carolina.

Click [here](#) to read the bill, see who voted for/against the bill and more.

North Carolina is the first state in the entire country to call for a special session to overturn a sexual orientation and gender identity issue. There was no way to have policed the bathroom ordinance because its entire premise was based on feelings not facts.

For CWA of North Carolina, prayer is our first response, not last resort. In response to the Charlotte bathroom ordinance, our organization, represented by Prayer/Action Leader Jan Lewis, Susan Whitehead and myself, met on February 29 to pray at the Legislative Chapel in Raleigh. It with a gathering of almost 20 prayer intercessors, pastors, and Christian community leaders. Attendees included Sen. Norm Sanderson (R-District 2), Pastor Nate Atwood, a representative from the Billy Graham Evangelical Association, Patrick Miller of Charlotte's Rise-Up Conference, Sharon Pearce of NC Prayer Caucus, and Tami Fitzgerald of NC Values Coalition.

Sadly, the Charlotte bathroom ordinance was the consequence of less than 15% of citizens voting in last year's city election. Even worse, less than 7% of evangelical Christians voted. This year North Carolinians are voting on the state level for Governor, Attorney General, Lt. Governor, Council of State, and members of the General Assembly. Nationally, we are voting for members of Congress, U.S. Senator, and for the next President of the United States. The concern is that only 50% of Christians are registered to vote, and only half of those will actually vote.

Make your voice count with your vote in November! Find voter registration and election information at ncsbe.gov.

Pray for God's discernment as we elect judges and state and national leaders. Praise God that Charlotte's bathroom ordinance was overturned by the passing of HB2. Pray for those who oppose the new law, and for the gender-confused to be convicted with repentance and truth of God's holy and distinct creation. "God created



CWA friends Susan Whitehead, Andrea George and Prayer/Action Chapter Leader Jan Lewis at Charlotte bathroom ordinance prayer gathering at the Legislative Chapel in Raleigh.

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Concerned Women for America Resource

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Join Us, Won't You?

We thank you for your kind support as we strive to protect family values and Biblical principles in all levels of public policy through prayer and action. CWA of North Carolina is a volunteer non-profit organization. Your financial gifts are greatly appreciated and needed! Won't you consider renewing your membership to CWA of North Carolina with a contribution of \$25 or more? Please make checks payable to CWA of North Carolina and mail to P.O. Box 472903, Charlotte, NC 28247. Or make it easy, [donate online](#).



Charlotte Prayer/Action Chapter

Join the Battle

Join with the over 450 Prayer/Action Chapters in the nation where men and women meet monthly to pray and act on issues affecting the American family. Contact us at director@northcarolina.cwfa.org to join this spiritual battle. Visit or start a Prayer/Action Chapter in your area.

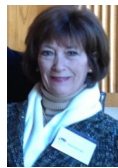
male and female, He created them." (Genesis 2:27)

Take Action: We are thankful that our elected leaders heard the voice of the people and overturned

the bathroom ordinance. Please thank your legislators. Please call to thank Gov. Pat McCrory (919) 814-2050, Lt. Gov. Dan Forest (919) 733-7350, Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger (R-

District 26) (919) 733-5708, House Speaker Tim Moore (R-District 111) (919) 733-3451 and Rep. Dan Bishop, who introduced HB2, at (919) 715-3009.

Federal Legislative Update: "NO" to Judicial Nominee



By Miriam Harris, 535 Project Coordinator

Article II, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution states that the President "shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint Judges of the Supreme Court." With the recent death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, attention is now on the Republican-held Senate. Sen. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky) said, "This vacancy should not be filled until we have a new President." Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) stated, "We are one justice away from a Supreme Court that would undermine the religious liberty of millions of Americans." CWA CEO and President Penny Nance met with Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, to commend him on his courageous stance on the current vacancy to the Supreme Court. The Republican members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, including Sen. Thom Tillis (R-North Carolina), signed a letter agreeing to no hearings and no votes on any nominee to the Supreme Court. President Obama has announced his selection

for the vacancy on the Court. **NO VOTES to the President**, and letting "We the People" have a say in the type of justice we want – through the next election – is the right approach at this crucial moment in our history.

The following two federal bills demand our **prayers and action**:

First Amendment Defense Act (FADA), H.R. 2802, sponsored by Rep. Raul Labrador (R-Idaho), currently has 158 co-sponsors in the House. The Senate version is S. 1598. This bill would prohibit the federal government from discriminating against persons for their moral or religious beliefs that marriage is the union of one man and one woman.

The Equality Act, H.R. 3185, sponsored by Rep. David Cicilline (D-Rhode Island) adds "sexual orientation and gender identity" (SOGI) privileges to 25 federal laws. It bans the use of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) as a legal defense. If this bill passes, government overreach into schools, businesses and employers will negatively

impact the lives of all Americans.

Elections at every level matter from city councils who pass bathroom ordinances to Presidents who nominate Supreme Court justices. The late Justice Scalia, known for many poignant quotes pertinent to our times said, "For in order for capitalism to work – in order for it to produce a good and a stable society – the traditional Christian virtues are essential."

Pray for American citizens, candidates and elected leaders to live by Christian virtues through salvation in Christ. "I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out Your precepts. I will speak of Your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame." (Psalm 119:45, 46)

Take Action: North Carolinians are asked to please call Sen. Richard Burr (R-North Carolina) at (202) 224-3154 and Sen. Thom Tillis (R-North Carolina) at (202) 224-6342 and urge them NOT to confirm a judicial nominee.

Please contact members of Congress and urge them to support H.R. 2802, First

Amendment Defense Act, and oppose H.R. 3185, Equality Act. To contact North Carolina Senators

and Representatives, you may call the United States Capital at 202-225-3121. Or click [here](#) to find out

who your legislators are and how to contact them.

For the Sake of the Unborn



By Jill Coward, Communications Coordinator

Forty-three years ago, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled to legalize abortion throughout the nine months of a woman's pregnancy. Since that time, *almost 60 million babies have lost their lives to abortion* in our nation. Ever since, there have been many standing in the gap for the unborn.

How much longer must we persevere through prayer and pro-life legislation for the innocent unborn? We pray for this answer daily and cannot lose hope. Throughout history, there have been similar battles fought on behalf of the innocent. The struggle to end slavery became a reality in Britain over 183 years ago. William Wilberforce, a Christian voice and Member of Parliament, worked tirelessly for 46 years fighting an uphill battle against what some thought the impossible: ending the abhorrent sale of men, women, and children. Upon learning that the Slavery Abolition Act of 1833 had passed, Wilberforce, very ill and quite frail, went to his eternal rest a few days later.

Wilberforce challenged, "You may choose to look

the other way but you can never say again that you did not know." The pro-life movement today once again appeals to the Church to be a voice for truth opposing the relentless onslaught against the most vulnerable. With the gruesome video revelations exposing Planned Parenthood's death-mill of abortion, it appears that God's enemy is winning as Satan "walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

Yet, as Christ followers, we know that Jesus wins the battle. We are encouraged by small and large victories of faithful pro-life prayer warriors saving lives as witnesses for truth in discussions among family and friends, in doctors' offices, at crisis pregnancy centers, at abortion clinics, and in state courts, elections and state capitals. [LifeNews.com](#) reported recently that states have passed more pro-life laws saving babies from abortions in the last five years than the previous 15. To God be the glory!

Frederick Douglass, a Black abolitionist, social reformer and statesman,

greatly respected William Wilberforce's tenacity. With repeated attempts to introduce slavery abolition bills often doomed for defeat, Wilberforce succeeded by perseverance. We, too, must stay the course and win the race.

In 2023, it will be the 50th year anniversary of *Roe v Wade* and legalization of abortion. Might we, too, like the slave trade abolitionists, see in our lifetime the end of the most heinous atrocity in our nation? Let us stand and commit to vote for candidates in our state and nation who have a PROVEN pro-life track record. The lives of the next generation depend upon each one of us making a difference with our prayers and votes for the sake of life, liberty and justice!

Pray: Father, we commit these precious little ones, with our hope in You through Christ Jesus. Amen. "Little children, we must not love with word or speech, but with action and in truth." (1 John 3:18)

40 Days for Life
March 17, 2016

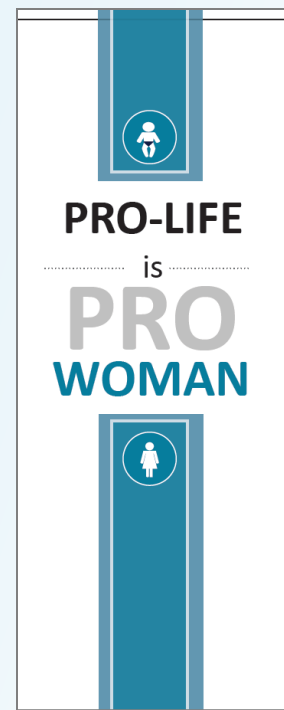


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CWA of North Carolina
faithfully joins with 40 Days
for Life every spring and
fall to pray at abortion
clinics, or in proxy, for the
lives of the unborn.



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Lessons From Lincoln



By Barbara McCollum, Prayer/Action Chapter Coordinator

Thinking of the importance of prayer and turning our hearts toward

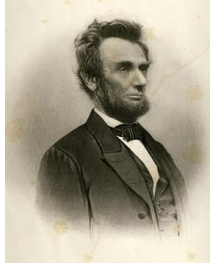
God, as Americans go to the polls to elect the next President of the United States, I was drawn to reflect on the Christian life of our 16th

President, Abraham Lincoln, (February 12, 1809 - April 15, 1865). I will refer to excerpts taken from William J.

Federer's, *America's God and Country Encyclopedia of Quotations*.

There was a time when rumor began to spread that Abe Lincoln was not a Christian, to which he made a statement to the *Illinois Gazette*, August 15, 1846, "That I am not a member of any church is true; but I have never denied the power of the

Scriptures; and I have never spoken with intentional disrespect of religion in general, or of any denomination of Christians in particular ... I do not think I could, myself, be brought to support a man for office whom I knew to be an open enemy of, and scoffer at religion."



With the death of Willie, his 12 year old son, many noticed that Lincoln was seen frequently with a Bible in his hand, and in prayer. He regularly attended the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church on Sunday and on Wednesday evening for prayer. Senior pastor and spiritual advisor to President Abraham Lincoln, Dr. Phineas Gurley, noted that "The death of Willie Lincoln in 1862 and the visit to the

Gettysburg battlefield in 1863 finally led Lincoln to personal faith in Christ."

On April 14, 1865, just five days after the Civil War ended, Lincoln and his wife attended the Ford Theater in Washington, D.C., where his last words were recalled by Mary Todd Lincoln: "He said he wanted to visit the Holy Land and see those places hallowed by the footprints of the Savior. He said there was no city he so much desired to see as Jerusalem." And with the words half spoken on his tongue, the bullet of the assassin entered the brain, and the soul of the great and good President was carried by the angels to the New Jerusalem above.

I invite *News Report* readers, and our over 30 state CWA of North Carolina leaders, including the State Steering Committee, Prayer Action

Chapters, and Home Team Captains, to learn lessons from Abraham Lincoln, and to desire the Savior's hallowed and holy ground here on earth and in heaven for all eternity.

Pray: Stay in prayer and in God's Word during this election year trusting Him to give discernment in the voting booth and to guide us in truth each day of life. "You do not know which day your Lord is coming." (Matthew 24:42)



Gov. Huckabee, Barbara McCollum, former Rep. Charles Taylor and Janet Huckabee. This is an annual Charles Taylor Christmas Dinner honoring local, state and national leaders.

RISE UP 2016

February 6, 2016, Charlotte



CWA of North Carolina Steering Committee: Miriam Harris, Mary Frances Forrester, Sheri Miller, Jill Coward. Not present: Andrea George, Barbara McCollum, Phyllis Philemon.

CWA of North Carolina, one of the sponsors of The Rise Up 2016 Conference, was proud to stand with evangelical conservatives, legislators, pastors, national and state leaders including the Benham Brothers and special guests, Melissa and Aaron Klein, religious liberty advocates who lost their family owned/operated bakery. Sheri Miller and Mary Frances Forrester were privileged to lead a workshop on the growing dangers of Sharia Law in America.



Concerned Women for America Prayer Points

Pray for the U.S. Supreme Court and our nation's leaders!

- 1 Pray that God will raise up the right successor to Justice Scalia – a judge of strong principles and values who will seek to administer justice and truth.**

“Princes will rule with justice. A man will be as a hiding place from the wind, and a cover from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.” (Isaiah 32:1-2)

- 2 Pray that Senate leaders will stand firm and withhold consent from any Supreme Court nomination President Obama tries to make before he leaves office.**

“And you, Ezra, according to your God-given wisdom, set magistrates and judges who may judge all the people who are in the region beyond the River, all such as know the laws of your God ...” (Ezra 7:25)

- 3 Pray that Concerned Women for America will receive a huge response to our Pledge to Protect Democracy, allowing us to show strong support to Sen. Mitch McConnell as he fights for justice in the Supreme Court.**

“For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him.” (Isaiah 30:18)

- 4 Pray that the cases soon to come before the Supreme Court will be handled with justice and deference to the Constitution, as it was written and intended by our forefathers.**

“You shall follow what is altogether just, that you may live and inherit the land which the LORD your God is giving you.” (Deuteronomy 16:20)

- 5 Pray that God will protect the values we hold dear during these changing times – from defending the unborn to protecting religious liberty!**

“Learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.” (Isaiah 1:17)

Concerned Women for America is the nation's largest public policy women's organization with a rich history of over 35 years of helping our members across the country bring Biblical principles into all levels of public policy.



Concerned Women for America of North Carolina Prayer and Action Opportunities, Spring 2016

Encourage-a-Legislator (EAL) Program

April, May, June



“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” (Psalm 33:12)

Our goal is to cover in prayer all 180 members of the North Carolina General Assembly, Council of State, Lt. Governor and Governor. The EAL Program is not used to lobby. It is simply a great way to pray for our legislators and encourage them in their responsibilities with three postcards. Please contact us at director@northcarolina.cwfa.org to request your assigned legislator's name and address with three postcards to mail during the months of April, May and June.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5



“Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.” (Isaiah 58:1)

Please join with CWA of North Carolina leaders at a National Day of Prayer service on Thursday, May 5, 11:55 a.m. – 12:55 p.m. at First Baptist Church Charlotte, 301 S. Davidson Street, Charlotte, 28202. This year's National Day of Prayer theme is *Wake Up America*, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually to return to the God of Fathers in reverence for His Holy Name. If you do not live in the Charlotte area, we encourage your prayers in proxy, or your attendance at a National Day of Prayer Service near you. For information please go to nationaldayofprayer.org.

Day at the Capital

Wednesday, June 1

10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.” (Matthew 5:14)

Join CWA of North Carolina at the 16th Annual Day at the Capital in Raleigh. Attend a legislative briefing on a current issue impacting traditional family values, meet with your legislator in person, attend a chapel service and observe the state General Assembly in session. Lunch is on your own.

To be held at the State Legislative Building at 16 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601, Quad area #1000. Be sure to register by contacting us at director@northcarolina.cwfa.org or complete the form below and mail in. Once you have registered, contact the office of your state Representative and Senator to schedule a morning appointment on Wednesday, June 1 between 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon or between 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you don't know who your state legislators are then simply click [here](#) to find out.

Young Women for America (YWA)



“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” (1 Timothy 4:12)

YWA is a student-oriented initiative that brings active groups of young like-minded women together to promote conservative values to their schools and the nation. Click [here](#) for more information. Stand with us to protect the American family. Find or start a Chapter at your high school or college campus by contacting us at director@northcarolina.cwfa.org.