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News Report



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 Jill Coward

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The Destiny of Our Nation Relies on the Faithful

On January 20, 2017, we awoke to a celebratory day, a new day for America. Some of us traveled to Washington, D.C., to witness the inauguration of America's 45th President, Donald J. Trump, while many others watched on television. Since that promising day, we have watched as the mainstream media has repeatedly tried to cast this administration in a light of disgrace and failure. We continue to see politicians, special interest groups, and crazed individuals, fueled by the hysterical media, inciting violence and demonizing our President and his supporters (i.e., opening fire on Republicans during a baseball practice and almost killing Sen. Steve Scalise [R-Louisiana], assigning blame for so-called racial rhetoric in Charlottesville, Virginia, and the constant attacks on our police by Black Lives Matter as a leftover from a previous administration, etc.)

Although we have been

encouraged by our new president as he unveils his plans that were promised on the campaign trail, the general media neither hails nor applauds President Trump. Instead, they criticize and attack him.

Let us not fall for their deceit and mission to undermine our nation's freedoms, and let us not become anxious and hateful. I would like us to consider Corrie ten Boom. Though we cannot identify with her trials, we can take her words to heart in this situation. Betrayed by a fellow Dutch citizen and watching as many in her family died, Corrie was initially overcome with contentious rage. She resolved this quandary by humbly stating, "What we have to do is love these people who hate us—love them, pray for them. These people are wounded people who have hate in their hearts. They need forgiveness. They need the Lord. That is the answer we must give." With new determination, she was used by God to lead many to faith in Jesus Christ.



The Thanksgiving season is a time spent reflecting on the many blessing the Lord has given to us.

YOU my friend are a blessing!

We give thanks for your faithful prayers, actions and financial support that has enabled us to make an impact in our great state for life, family and liberty.

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:15-17)

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Legislative Briefing and Lobbying



Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa)



Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas)



We bumped into Sen. James Lankford (R-Oklahoma) in the hall. We thanked him for his work against the senate gridlock on judicial vacancies.

Consider the result of a man or woman filled with hatred. How can God use such a person void of His love and equip them for His work? Much like an empty ship caught in a dangerous hurricane and tossed to and fro, there is little hope for stability to keep the ship upright. Such is a man void of the ability to be used by God when trying to fulfill his own destiny and glorification.

Let us no longer rant and rave at the news as they once again misrepresent the issues that are dear to us. Let us not throw our shoe at the TV. Okay, so maybe I have never actually thrown my shoe at the TV, but I

sure have in my heart. Instead, let us love, pray, and show compassion to our enemies.

Certainly, there is a battle to be fought in our culture. The enemy is all around us and wishes to rid our nation of anything related to living out our Judeo-Christian values. Napoleon Bonaparte, French military leader, emperor, and conqueror stated, "*Society without religion is like a ship without a compass.*" Even Napoleon knew the value of a faith-based society! America is apparently without her compass, and we need to do all we can to right this ship. The destiny of our nation relies on the

faithful to believe and follow God's Word.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm." (Ephesians 6:10-13)

CWA of North Carolina Goes to Washington, D.C.

By Miriam Harris, 535 Coordinator



CWA and YWA (Young Women for America) leaders from across America met in Washington, D.C., on September 7, 8, and 9. Seven North Carolina leaders attended. CWA's national staff hosted a very informative and meaningful conference with training focused on the legislative process and CWA's influence on Capitol Hill and in the White House. The event concluded with a beautiful time of prayer and worship.

Our first day was spent primarily in the Senate Russell Office Building for a legislative briefing and lobbying. Afterward, at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, we experienced a White House briefing.

During the legislative briefing, we learned about the process of filling the 140 vacancies in the federal district and appellate courts nationwide and the problem of gridlock. Did you know that a total of 206 judicial and executive branch nominees were confirmed during the first six months of Obama's presidency? Meanwhile, President Trump has only secured 55 judicial and executive confirmations in his first six months! [At this rate, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell \(R-Kentucky\) says it will take 11 years to confirm President Trump's nominees!](#)

We heard from several CWA staff members, Sens. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Ted Cruz (R-Texas), as well as other experts on the topic. Grassley made it clear that CWA national,

CWA leaders, and CWA members played a significant part in Justice Gorsuch's confirmation to the Supreme Court, and he knows we will once again make a difference concerning this current gridlock. After the briefing, we all divided into teams and lobbied our senators. We went to the offices of North Carolina Sens. Richard Burr (R) and Thom Tillis (R). Sen. Tillis serves on the Senate Judiciary Committee with Sen. Grassley but oddly, his office seemed non-committal on expediting this process. Sen. Burr's office was noncommittal as well.

We then had the White House Briefing with several White House staff members. They thanked us generously for our work and influence in the legislature. A few inspiring stories of

Penny Nance’s numerous meetings with White House staff, as well as several visits she had with President Trump and Vice President Pence, were shared. One of the highlights was hearing from Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to U.S. President Donald Trump, and the first woman to run a successful presidential campaign. What a lovely Christian woman she is!

Click on these links for more information on the issue of vacancies:

- ◆ [CWALAC: Lower Court Nominations and Gridlock Reform](#)

- ◆ Sen. James Lankford (R-Oklahoma) in the *Wall Street Journal*: [How to Make the Senate Work Again](#)

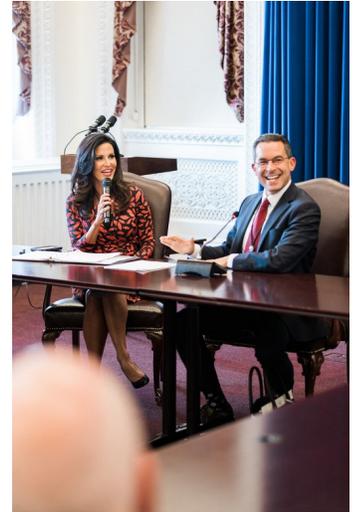
Please Take Action: Please contact Sens. Burr and Tillis. First, let them know that as a member of Concerned Women for America, you are grateful that the CWA of North Carolina State Director, Jill Coward, and her team met with the senators’ staffers on September 8, in Washington, D.C., to discuss the lower-court vacancies. Please reiterate the message that we want gridlock in the Senate

to end. Also, ask for consideration in ending the 60-vote requirement to start debate and changing it to a simple majority vote.

- ◆ Sen. Richard Burr: call his office at (202) 224-3154 and/or [email](#) him.
- ◆ Sen. Thom Tillis: call his office at (202) 224-6342 and/or [email](#) him.

Please pray that gridlock will end soon and that the Lord will use Sens. Burr and Tillis to do their part.

White House Briefing



Paul Teller, special assistant to President Trump for legislative affairs, tells of CWA’s impact in frequent White House meetings.

Let’s Welcome Jessica Hughes as Our New Communications Coordinator



When I heard CWA’s mission statement, “To protect and promote Biblical values and constitutional principles through prayer, education, and advocacy,” I knew I had to find out more about this organization and how to become more involved. Witnessing public prayer being taken away at my city council meetings gave me a fire to stand up and speak out more to protect our Christian values and to protect our constitutional right to freedom of religion. CWA was the perfect fit!

I was born and raised in Kannapolis, North Carolina, and have been a member of Second Baptist church for thirty years. Over the years, I have served in multiple leadership roles. I currently serve as the social media

director and co-founder of Baskets & Blankets through my church group, Ladies Auxiliary. I hold an associate degree in science; I am a former Certified Nursing Assistant, and I am currently attending college for Paralegal Technology.

I whole-heartedly agree with CWA’s seven core issues. One of those core issues is the Sanctity of Life. I have been praying outside one of the busiest abortion clinics in the southeast since 2012. Bringing an end to abortion has become a passion of mine, and that passion was further ignited after learning of my own mother’s past abortion. I recently became a sidewalk counselor volunteer for Cities4Life - Charlotte. I have also participated in 40 Days for Life, Life Chains, fundraising banquets for pregnancy centers, Walk for Life, which was right outside

the 2012 Democratic National Convention in Charlotte. Additionally, I have spoken with legislators at the North Carolina General Assembly regarding pro-life bills.

For the past several years, I have been involved with my local Republican party in multiple capacities. It is our duty to meet candidates and know who we are voting for and to hold them accountable.

My love for research and public policy, educating myself so that I can teach others, and being an advocate for the unborn, are just a few of the reasons why I am proud to be part of the largest public policy women’s organization in the nation. I look forward to my new role as Communications Coordinator for CWA of North Carolina.



Penny Nance, CEO and President of CWA and Kellyanne Conway, Counselor to U.S. President Donald Trump



We ended in a time of prayer.



Kellyanne Conway, Mary Frances Forrester and Jill Coward.

Be Counted!



We are encouraging 2018 membership contributions to be sent in by December 31.

We have about 30 volunteer leaders, including the State Steering Committee, Prayer/Action Leaders, and Home Team Captains. Their work will benefit greatly from your generous financial gifts; as together, we make a difference through prayer, action, and our votes.

We suggest an annual gift of \$25 or more but any amount is deeply appreciated. (If you are unsure when you last donated feel free to contact Jill Coward to inquire.)

Make check payable to "Concerned Women for America", on the memo line write "CWA of NC", and send in with the form below with the envelope provided. Or, [contribute online](#).

Your contribution will stay in North Carolina to assist in state activities and entitles you to receive our biannually printed *North Carolina News Reports*, our year-in-review letter, and all other mailings.



Concerned Women for America of North Carolina,
Frederick Douglass Foundation of North Carolina,
First Baptist Culture Impact Team and Jesus Ministry, Inc.
cordially invites you to our

CHARLOTTE MUNICIPAL CANDIDATE FORUM

Moderators: Clarence Henderson, President of Frederick Douglass Foundation of North Carolina and Bonnie Chavda of Chavda Ministries International

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017

First Baptist Church, Family Life Center Building
301 South Davidson Street, Charlotte, NC 28202

6:30 - 9:00 PM

6:45 Mecklenburg County School Board

7:30 Charlotte City Council

8:20 City of Charlotte Mayor

Written questions will be taken from the audience upon arrival and incorporated into the program.

Invite a friend!

Women, men and teens are all welcome and encouraged to attend.

No RSVP necessary.

Questions?

Contact Jill Coward at director@northcarolina.cwfa.org or 704-516-0820.



You Can Count On Me!

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City/State/Zip: _____

- I would like to give a one time gift of \$ _____.
- I would like to make a monthly contribution of \$ _____ that would be taken directly out of my bank on a regular basis. Call me at _____ so that it can be set up.
- I am not receiving CWA e-alerts Please add me to the e-alert list so that I will receive both national and state e-alerts. My email address is _____.

Send to: CWA of North Carolina at P. O. Box 472903, Charlotte, NC 28247.

Be an Informed Voter - Join Us On October 18

“Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote ... that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country.” - Samuel Adams

Each one of us is accountable to be involved in voting for leadership; however, to do so properly, we must be diligent in educating and informing ourselves.

Concerned Women for America of North Carolina, in partnership with the Frederick Douglass Foundation of North Carolina and Jesus Ministry, Inc., will assist you in doing just that by having this candidate forum event. What better way to get to know the candidates than to meet them and ask them questions!

Most of the candidate for Charlotte City Council, Mecklenburg County Board

of Education, and City of Charlotte Mayor have committed to participate. Make plans now to attend! Start formulating your questions! Invite a friend!

Admission is free and registration is not necessary for the forum.

Women, men, and teens are all welcome and encouraged to attend.

Parking is free.

If Our Laws Reflect Our Values,

What Do We Value?

By Tammy Harris, Issues Specialist



As we look back on the summer, when it comes to our anti-trafficking efforts in North Carolina, we have a lot of which to be proud. In June, we saw the passage of Senate Bill 548 “Strengthen Human Trafficking Laws/ Studies” and in July we rejoiced when the governor signed it. When it goes into effect this December, it will make trafficking a higher-level felony in our state. SB 548 also requires an in-depth study to identify the needs in the world of anti-trafficking efforts. This research, to be completed by February 2018, will show great accomplishments; however, our work has just begun.

In my involvement working in and researching the sex trafficking industry, I see that North Carolina still has a lot to do in the realm of education and awareness.

Only when each citizen knows and understands the severity of this problem will our laws reflect our commitment to ending sex trafficking in North Carolina.

It is difficult to find concrete, reliable information regarding sex trafficking. Even Polaris, who is the leader in the global fight to eradicate this slavery, has its limitations. The numbers are completely under-rated. But what we do know is shocking and alarming. For example, 100,000 - 300,000 children are forced into prostitution each year ([National Report on Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: America’s Prostituted Children](#)). To put that into perspective, envision the entire city of Wilmington or High Point populated only by children enslaved in sex trafficking.

This industry is a [\\$99 billion](#)

[business](#) and is the second largest type of organized crime; yet in 2016, the Department of Justice convicted a total of [only 439 human traffickers!](#) Clearly, we need to find new, reliable ways to convict those who are involved in human trafficking.

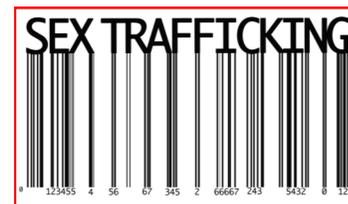
We also need to educate our children on how perpetrators lure their victims into trafficking. Much time and effort are employed to “help” children go willingly into this life, manipulating and feeding upon a child’s need for safety, love, and belonging. Social media helps direct these criminals to recognize potential victims; those who come from abusive homes or lack support are most at risk. Their perpetrators convince children to verbalize their deepest needs or desires and then deceptively manipulate them into an evil world with little



North Carolina CWA Prayer/Action Chapters:

- ◆ **Charlotte** (Mecklenburg and surrounding counties)
- ◆ **Fuquay-Varina** (Wake County)
- ◆ **Garner** (Wake County)
- ◆ **Hendersonville** (Henderson County)
- ◆ **Wilmington** (New Hanover County)
- ◆ **Mineral Springs** (Union County)

Contact Jill Coward today to participate in one of these local chapters or to find out what is involved in starting your own.





chance of escape.

For the sake of comparison, research is vitally well-funded for the critical risks of breast cancer, as well as rape, and is used to educate and inform women on prevention and the eventual eradication of these abysmal issues. But are we doing all that we can as a society to prevent, inform, and educate our youth on the human trafficking epidemic? Are our current laws doing enough? Are we calling our representatives to share these facts? If our laws reflect our values, then what does North Carolina value?

It is time to take a bold stand for the safety of our children and grandchildren's lives.

Take Action:

- ◆ Reach out to all of your representatives. It is vital that they all realize the importance of Human Trafficking Education and Awareness Laws.
- ◆ Contact Rep. Bill Brawley (R-District 103) and thank him for sponsoring HB 910, Human Trafficking: Resistance and Rescue and for his work and dedication to this cause. He can be reached at (919)-733-5800 and/or via

[email](#). Though HB 910 didn't make it through the legislative process last year, we are hopeful it will in 2018. Watch for more information to come.

- ◆ Regularly monitor and restrict your child's internet activity.



Be Our Friend!

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North Carolina

Leadership Opportunity Now Available!

Are you interested in state legislation? We are currently looking and praying for **Legislative Action Leaders** who will work under the direction of the state Legislative Liaison. This position requires a committed Christian who fully supports CWA's vision, mission and seven core issues. The Legislative Action Leader receives instructions from the state Legislative Liaison and functions as a team member along with others in the same position.

This group of people will meet with North Carolina legislators in Raleigh to discuss the issues on which CWA of North Carolina is taking a stand. As a team, they will support each other in prayer and counsel as they meet with legislators as a team and in pairs as the need arises. This position serves on the State Steering Committee.

HOW WOMEN CAN CHANGE AMERICA

Great CBN interview with CWA's CEO and President Penny Nancel

Penny talks about how the Lord led her into the movement as well as her book *Feisty & Feminine*.

Watch it at www1.cbn.com/how-women-can-change-america.

Have you read Penny's book yet? Don't miss out! The Raleigh Prayer/Action Chapter has been discussing a chapter each month this year. I urge you to get your own copy to read and discuss it with friends and family. Send a check for \$5 to Concerned Women for America at 1015 15th Street, N.W., Suite 1100, Washington, D.C. 20005 today to receive your copy of *Feisty & Feminine!* (Be sure to write "Feisty & Feminine" on the memo line.)



Excellent Pro-Life Opportunities



By Jan Lewis, Prayer/Action Chapter Leader

And Then There Were None

(ATTWN) is an outreach to abortion clinic workers, started and run by Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood “Employee of the Year”, to help abortion workers receive the necessary support to leave the abortion industry. ATTWN clients are provided with advocates who offer services: resume-writing, job searching, healing retreats, and finding the forgiveness Jesus offers. There are approximately 700 abortion clinics in America, each staffed by doctors, nurses, receptionists, and security guards who need to be reached with ATTWN’s message of hope, help, and non-judgment.

CWA of North Carolina is offering an opportunity to partner with ATTWN and you can help right from your home! We have committed CWA of North Carolina to the months of October and November.

ATTWN’s prayer and notecard-writing ministry provides cards, envelopes, scripts, and clinic addresses. You provide the handwriting, stamps, and PRAYER. To date, over 367 workers, including 7 abortion doctors, have left the industry through ATTWN. We know the prayers and these handwritten notes are being used by God to reach the dear ones trapped in the abortion industry. This ministry began with one person and by God’s grace,

now includes over 100 notecard writers. Handwritten cards have been mailed to every abortion clinic in America eight times in two years! God is a miracle-working God!

If you can commit to this project, we will send you a package of 10 notecards. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Jill Coward, CWA State Director, at director@northcarolina.cwfa.org. Or, contact Kelly Vaughn, our ATTWN ministry contact, at documentgeek@me.com. When you contact Kelly, let her know you saw this opportunity in the CWA of North Carolina newsletter.

For more information about And Then There Were None, visit abortionworker.com.

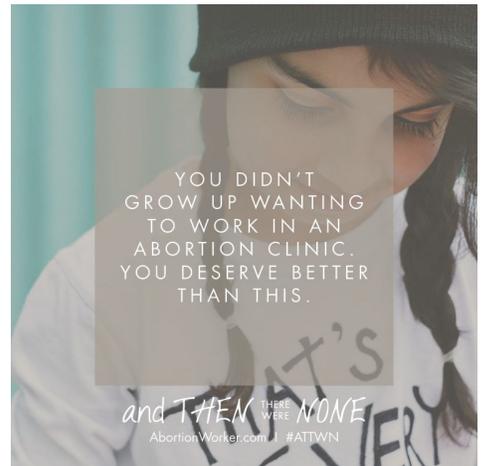
Please keep **Your Choice Pregnancy Center** regularly in your prayers.

After leasing a building for three years near a Raleigh abortion clinic, Your Choice Pregnancy Center bought the house right beside the clinic in December 2015.

Although a zoning change was unanimously approved by the zoning board, the Raleigh City Council unanimously denied their request. Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) filed a federal lawsuit against the Raleigh City Council. The court case is expected in summer 2018. Your Choice Pregnancy Center will move into their new building in

September 2017 but sadly cannot offer free ultrasounds and pregnancy tests as they must await the outcome of the court case.

Click [here](#) for more information on this case.



Cut out and put where you will be reminded. ✂

CWA of North Carolina 2 Chronicles 7:14 PRAYER CARD

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin And heal their land.”

Please join us in prayer wherever you are
every Monday evening at 7:14 p.m.

~ Pray for North Carolina ~
~ Pray for our nation ~

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.” (1 Timothy 2:1-5)

We thank Mary Frances Forrester and Benton Roofing, Inc. in Hendersonville as our “City on the Hill” sponsorships for underwriting our May 6 “Defender of the Faith” Prayer Breakfast at the Billy Graham Headquarters. Without them and our other sponsors, we would not have had such a successful event! Thank you!



Thank you Mary Frances for your precious time, wisdom, love and financial support through the years. As once State Director, National Board Member and now Associate Director, Legislative Liaison and supporter, we would not be who we are today without you!
Thank you!

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Fall Events

You Don't Want to Miss!

SEPTEMBER 27 – NOVEMBER 5

CWA of North Carolina Joins

40 Days for Life

Location: Outside several abortion clinics around the state, country, and world.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigils to end abortion.

★Go to 40DaysForLife.com for more information on all state, national, and international locations.

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

CWA of North Carolina Joins

And Then There Were None (ATTWN)

Location: From your home

ATTWN exists to help abortion clinic workers leave the abortion industry.

Sign up for the notecard ministry by contacting Jill Coward at 704-516-0820.

★Go to page 7 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017

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Charlotte Municipal Candidate Forum

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

*Location: First Baptist Church Family Life Center Building
301 South Davidson Street, Charlotte, NC 28202*

★Go to pages 4 and 5 and nc.cwfa.org for more information and a printable flyer.

Make plans to attend one or more of these events. Invite a friend! Women, men and teens are all welcome and encouraged to attend!