



Christmas 2017

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”- John 1:14

Just imagine the sounds in that stable 2,000 years ago - sounds that communicated the miraculous events of the evening and the reactions of those nearby. God was moving in the midst of earthly life to communicate His love for mankind. Through the ages, Jesus’ perfect demonstration of that love has changed lives, families, communities, and nations.

In one magnanimous blessing hundreds of years ago, God provided an opportunity for the refugees from religious oppression in other lands to gather on America’s shores and establish a country. The freedom born from that miracle allows citizens to communicate Christ’s love and serve Him in purity and justice.

Thirty-nine years ago, Beverly LaHaye, a pastor’s wife and mother of four, realized that forces of darkness were imperiling the future of her family and country. She bravely took up the mantle of leadership and began Concerned Women for America. Since that beginning, millions of women across the country have found their voices to champion God’s truth so that His love can reign in the hearts and lives of Americans.

In 2017, CWA of Texas continued to use our voices for God’s values. When the safety and dignity of women and children in Texas were challenged, as State Director, I stood before a press conference in Austin and spoke in favor of the Privacy Act—using our voices for family values. [Click here](#) to read more about it and to view video of the press conference.



Former Texas State Director, Dana Hodges, spoke effectively for life issues and other CWA priorities during the state’s 85th Legislative Session. Dana, South Texas Area Director Beverly Roberts, and I gathered in Houston with Dr. Alveda King and other CWA national leaders to learn how to more effectively use our voices for pro-life values.



East Texas Area Director, Kori Peterson; North Texas Area Director, Mary Smith, and El Paso Area Director, Rose Herman; traveled to Washington, D.C. and met with Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), along with national CWA staff, to encourage him to use his voice to stand boldly for our values of freedom and national security.

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During the legislative session, our state Legislative Director, Cindy Asmussen, joined with Kori Peterson and chapter leaders to walk the halls and speak in hearings at the Capitol. Together they fought for protecting the conscience and religious beliefs of adoption agencies—using our voices for religious freedom values.

were on the steps of the Capitol in Austin—using their voices to call upon God. Righteousness exalts a nation!



When a day of prayer was called for, Mary and Beverly



And when a rally for life was called on the steps of the Capitol, CWA ladies were there again. Beverly, Kori, Tricia, Mamie Boyd, and a friend were voices for God’s values—voices for your values.

In November, Cecilia Woods, a family law attorney and CWA advocate for Texas families; Mary Smith and Kori Peterson, area



directors; Vickie Slaton, chapter leader; Dee Memone, CWA member; Debbie Simmons, chapter leader; Paula Moore, Pro-Life Resource Leader for CWA of Texas, and I met together at the Capitol in Austin to plan for 2018.



Why should you give to CWA of Texas? Your generosity provides a voice for God’s values at the Texas state capitol and in cities and towns across our great state. Travel isn’t free, and every CWA of Texas leader serves on a completely volunteer basis. Will you help defray our travel expenses so that we may be a voice for your values? Simply [click here](#) to donate online or send a check to the address below. Write it out to “Concerned Women for America” and put “CWA of TX” on the memo line.

May the love that He demonstrated, by descending from Heaven in the form of a baby to rescue us, become an integral part of your life in 2018.

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