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A Word From Our State Director Jill Coward



May Righteousness and Mercy Increase

What a whirlwind it has been since September when President Trump's nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh was announced in July followed by heightened midterm elections! Both sides knew these two events had the potential to impact our nation for generations to come; therefore, they put forth their all.

We watched as chaos erupted during Judge Kavanaugh's nomination continuing through the midterms. Disappointment followed when more conservatives were not elected to state and national races; yet, we thank God that Justice Kavanaugh now sits on the U.S. Supreme Court and are also grateful to have a Senate majority that respects the Constitution, especially relative to judicial nominations. Read [CWA's November 7 press release](#) concerning the outcome of the Senate elections and its ties to Kavanaugh.

Judge Kavanaugh was introduced possessing "impeccable credentials, unsurpassed qualifications, and a proven commitment to equal justice under the law" and immediately [CWA hit the ground running](#). CWA's national and state organizations stood steadfast for Kavanaugh [from the very beginning](#) to the end. There was an eight-state [Women for Kavanaugh bus tour](#); CWA staff and state leaders were present at every public hearing, and 400 women prayed and rallied behind the Russell Senate Building during the Kavanaugh hearings at CWA's Women for Kavanaugh event. Some dared to enter the Russell Senate Building and pray in the middle of all the chaos. CWA's CEO and President Penny Nance did [outstanding media](#) throughout the process. President Trump even tweeted about our Women for Kavanaugh efforts in the Capitol.

See pictures on page 2 and 5.

Thank you for all your participation! Our prayers, emails, letters, phone calls, and letters to the editor on behalf of such an honorable man paid off. Without all your efforts, national and state endeavors would not have made the impact that they did.

We celebrate the wins of the pro-family, God-fearing individuals who will now represent us in Washington and around our state while grieving the losses of conservative candidates who did not win their hard-fought races, and we pray for a culture that demonstrates the Biblical Judeo-Christian values our Founding Fathers intended.

Please pray that righteousness and justice will increase in the halls of government as we as a people depend on God for wisdom and mercy. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln petitioned our nation in his proclamation, "... But we have forgotten God ... we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own ... It behooves us, then to humble ourselves before the Offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness." You can be sure Lincoln was referring to 2 Chronicles 7:14, "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." May we do the same.

Lastly, as an organization, and as individuals, may we daily "put on the full armor of God, so that we can take our stand against the devil's schemes" (Ephesians 6:10).



"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." -Isaiah 9:6

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your family from Concerned Women for America of North Carolina!

May you enjoy the fullness of this Holy Season celebrating our Savior's birth. *Praise to our Wonderful Counselor Mighty God Everlasting Father Prince of Peace.*

May you have a healthy, happy, and peaceful New Year.

2018 Year in Review

We cannot end the year without exploring the myriad of ways that together we have left our mark on 2018. We rejoice in all the Lord has allowed us to be part of, because of YOU!

We co-hosted the Pro-Life Training Academy in Matthews with ProLifeOnCampus.com. Dr. Fletcher Armstrong, Director of Southeast Region, Bio-ethical Reform, taught the attendees how to defend and articulate the pro-life position without wavering.

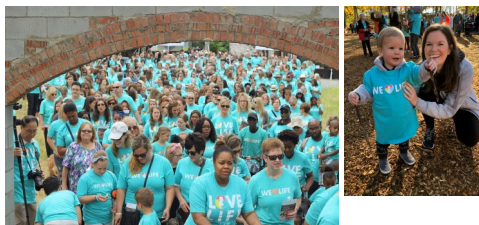


Twice throughout the year, we participated in the 40 Days for Life Campaign with a prayerful and proactive pro-life message at two abortion clinics, one in Raleigh and one in Charlotte.



Three times this year, we partnered with "Love Life" Prayer Walks at the largest abortion clinic in the southeast located in Charlotte, and newly added locations in Raleigh and Greensboro! We are among

thousands of prayer walkers seeking to see an end to abortion in these cities.



In April Jill Coward spoke out against the sex ed curriculum in Charlotte at the Parents Vote Campaign as we stood with parents all across our state who were outraged by activists and bureaucrats using our schools and tax-payer funds to advance their political agendas. Parents were encouraged to hold their children home from school on April 23 in protest of the graphic, immoral sex education of our kids.

In May, June, and July, we covered in prayer all 180 members of the North Carolina General Assembly, Council of State, Governor and Lt. Governor; as well as our U.S. Congressmen and Senators; President and Mrs. Trump as well as Vice President and Mrs. Pence through our Encourage-A-Legislator program in which we mailed them encouragement cards.

In June, we hosted our 18th Annual Day at the Capital in Raleigh where we presented a chapel service in the Legislative Chapel Room with legislators and their staff, visited our legislators thanking them for serving our state, and encouraged them on two issues: 1.) Pass HB575, Require Info

About Abortion Pill Reversal, ensuring that women seeking a chemical abortion have information of the process to reverse the abortion if they change their minds. 2.) Advocated for parents to have the right to know, and have access to, school lesson plans and curriculum involving human sexuality and bullying prevention. It is imperative that our state adopt commonsense educational transparencies to protect our children. Parents have the right to know! (Unfortunately, neither of these issues came up in our last legislative session. We will keep you alert to what the next session holds.)



We joined CWA national and CWA organizations around the country in fiercely defending Judge Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination which included e-alerts, op-ed titled [Dems Want to Sabotage Nomination](#), handouts and more.



Thanks to the Trump Administration, new regulations called the **Protect Life Rule** were proposed to shift Title X funds away from abortion clinics instead to authentic life-promoting centers. We vigorously promoted this rule, encouraging our members and friends to speak loudly to our national politicians before the July 31 deadline. We are hoping for a ruling from the Department of Health and Human Services by mid-January.

We hosted **Open Prayer Lines for Human Trafficking Victims** numerous times

throughout the year. We were among other prayer warriors available to take phone calls on the 11th of every month to pray with anyone involved in human trafficking.

We encouraged our members to get out the vote this election season and provided several voting resources including a doc-



ument of the differences between the parties, links to voter guides, information about the constitutional amendments on the ballot, and push cards for them to print and distribute with the line "Mob Rule, or Rule of Law".

We trained a new **Prayer/Action Chapter Leader**. And we will be training three more the first of the year, bringing our total Prayer/Action Chapters to nine state chapters.

Joy of a Prayer/Action Chapter

By Sharon Carter, Prayer/Action Coordinator

As the State Prayer/Action Coordinator, I am delighted to speak with our leaders across the state as well as to reach out to churches seeking Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders.

I recently had the pleasure of speaking with Jan Lewis, CWA Chapter Leader in Wake County. I could tell that she is an energetic woman – full of love for God, others and CWA.

When I asked her what she has enjoyed as a chapter leader, she answered with a resounding, "It has been wonderful! I was already a member of a prayer group; and after a discussion with the members, we decided to designate our prayers to CWA and the seven core issues. As long as I can remember, my mom gave to CWA and was an intercessor. Then, when I realized what a chapter consists of, I realized we already were a chapter! Now, when there is an issue at hand, I send alerts to members, and we then send notices to senators and representatives. I love it!"

Jan enthusiastically promotes Penny Nance's book, *Feisty & Feminine: A Rallying Cry for Conservative Women* and said that this is an easy way to get a prayer group started. A few years back, Jan invited women of all ages to meet once per month to talk about Penny's book and pray over each chapter and how it speaks to their own lives. She has given the book to women of all ages and said that the "feedback has all been positive."

This prayer warrior believes that Penny's book is an excellent read for victims of sexual assault and stated that she feels that "we all should be catalysts and prayer warriors because the issues that CWA cares about are on the heart of God."

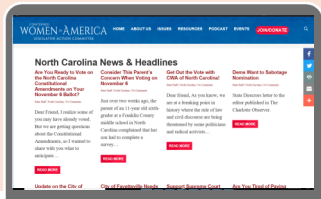
Prayer chapters can begin with just two women present and grow from there. Jan's group has about six women who attend regularly. Whenever she is at different functions, she is always on the lookout for potential Prayer/Action Chapter members and leaders.

CWA of North Carolina is fortunate to have this dedicated woman serving as a Prayer/Action Chapter Leader in our state. It is our prayer that God will place this desire on the hearts of many women, of all ages across North Carolina, so that more prayers can go up to heaven concerning our seven core issues: 1. Sanctity of Life, 2. Defense of Family, 3. Education, 4. Religious Liberty, 5. National Sovereignty, 6. Sexual Exploitation, and 7. Support for Israel.

Currently we have chapters in the following counties: Wake, Mecklenburg, Henderson, New Hanover, Davidson County and new ones are being added in: Cabarrus, Union, Alamance, and Guilford Counties.

If you, or anyone you know is interested in attending one of these chapters or information on how to start one, please call me at 704-989-0615. I would love to hear from you!

Don't miss out, visit our website regularly at nc.cwfa.org!



PENNY YOUNG NANCE
CEO and President of Concerned Women for America

FEISTY & Feminine
A Rallying Cry for Conservative Women

We have three **FREE** copies we are giving away to the first three readers who email us.

Innovative Anti-Human Trafficking Organization Starts

By Tammy Harris, Issues Specialist for
Human Trafficking

This spring I started a new anti-human trafficking non-profit to address aspects of the work that have been overlooked in our community. While working with different non-profits, I realized that we would not be able to affectively disrupt human trafficking if: 1. We did not start collecting and analyzing more data about trafficking 2. We did not start doing more intervention for our at-risk youth and, 3. We did not educate our communities on the signs and realities of human trafficking. Because of these needs, [The Ursus Institute](#) was created. Ursus is Latin for bear. So, think of The Ursus Institute in relation to this Bible Verse "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

It is imperative to have accurate data collection to fight and win this war against women and children. Currently, very biased tools are utilized to gauge human trafficking. For example, if we look at conviction rates of perpetrators in Mecklenburg County, one finds less than 20 since 2014. Because it is difficult to convict a perpetrator, it may look like that given county does not have an issue with this crime. Too often the numbers under-represent the reality as most victims of trafficking do not self-identify and do not know how to call for help. In order to combat this problem, we need to collect unbiased data to present to our General Assembly members in order to write new legislation that is based upon reality.

I am looking forward to working with CWA of North Carolina to wipe out this vast and cruel crime waged upon women and children in our state.

Please pray,
"Give justice to
the weak and
the fatherless;
maintain the right
of the afflicted
and the destitute.
Rescue the weak
and the needy;
deliver them
from the hand of
the wicked."
-Psalm 82: 3-4

Welcome A New Chapter Leader!

We welcome *Kathy Blair* as our new
Prayer/Action Leader for Davidson
County!

My husband Mark and I are serving in our 33rd year of ministry; he, as a senior pastor, and myself in various positions among our congregations. I remember being introduced to CWA many years ago and followed along with their ministry through newsletters. I enjoy leading ladies in our area in a time of prayer and information each month as we seek to be a Godly influence in our community.



I was blessed to be raised by Christian parents who stood for Biblical principles and were very involved in the local church. After college, I moved away from my home area and was active in a great church that grounded me more in the faith and in the joy of serving the Lord. After Mark and I were married, I found myself teaching children, leading mission groups, directing VBS, playing piano, and

whatever else was needed. Prayer is definitely a vital part of church and home life, and I have seen the many answers to prayer and how God works through us. We have two grown sons and two granddaughters who are a blessing to our family.

So many people try to shut out the world and all the issues happening around us, but we must be aware and take a stand to protect our rights and values as Christians in the society in which we would like for our children and grandchildren to grow up. This is one of the many reasons I became a chapter leader.

All are invited to join our Prayer/Action Chapter. We meet the second Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Welcome located at 404 Welcome Arcadia Road. Email director@northcarolina.cwfa.org if you would like to be put in contact with me.

Abortion Pill Reversal: From Regret to Hope

By Jessica Hughes, Communications Coordinator

On June 6, CWA of North Carolina gathered for our 18th Annual Day at The Capital in Raleigh visiting our legislators and lobbying on two issues. One specific issue, House Bill 575, is a bill that would require abortion clinics to provide women with information about the possibility of reversing a drug-induced abortion.

Regret. That's the way many women feel after taking the abortion pill, RU-486. I had the opportunity to interview Dr. Matt Harrison, a pioneer of the Abortion Pill Reversal treatment; here is what he had to say about the day he performed the first-ever abortion pill reversal.

"In 2006, a young lady, Ashley, came to my office after having ingested the abortion pill 36 hours earlier. She had been pressured and immediately regretted the abortion. The abortion clinic said she could not do anything and that if she did not follow through with the rest of the abortion procedure that her baby would probably die anyway, but had it lived, it would be physically or mentally handicapped. Because I had done research and published articles on receptor biology regarding Mifepristone, the Abortion Pill, I knew a progesterone blocker could be used. I decided that if we could give extra progesterone, we could probably out-compete the Mifepristone which would only be in her system for about 72 hours. Hopefully enough progesterone functioning would reverse its effects and support the pregnancy. Ashley wanted to try the treatment, so we proceeded. She started to bleed that weekend after the first

treatment but then stopped and her baby survived! Today her daughter is 12 years old and perfectly healthy."

Dr. Harrison continued regarding the effectiveness of the abortion pill reversal:

"A paper was published recently showing a 68% effectiveness rate at reversing chemical abortions when given the proper treatment. (*Issues in Law & Medicine*, Volume 33, Number 1, 2018) Without the reversal treatment, the survival rate of embryos exposed to the mifepristone is only about 25% at best. (*Issues in Law & Medicine*, Spring 2017). Over 500 babies have been saved already using this reversal treatment! I personally have had a few women go through the treatment; but we have over 350 providers that now offer reversal treatment, and we have had over 700 women attempt reversal. So even though it is not extremely common, these numbers are very significant, and each woman should have the right to change her mind and try to save her baby's life!"



We agree with Dr. Harrison – a woman should have the right to save her baby’s life! It’s important that women are given all information regarding abortion and the abortion pill reversal. Stay tuned for upcoming information on this crucial bill. [Click here](#) for more information about this treatment.

Appreciation From Jill Coward to Those Who Make Up CWA

I am so thankful to serve alongside an excellent **State Steering Committee**: Mary Frances Forrester, Associate Director and Legislative Liaison; Sharon Carter, State Prayer/Action Chapter Coordinator; Miriam Harris, 535 Coordinator; Phyllis Philemon, Records Correspondent; and Jessica Hughes, Communications Coordinator.

And the **Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders** across the state! Thank you Lillie Al-

britton (Wake County), Kathy Blair (Davidson County), Sandra Brown (Henderson County), Katherine Hearn (Mecklenburg County), Linda Kish (New Hanover County), Jan Lewis (Wake County) and the many **Home Team Captains**.

A special thank you to all of our loyal supporters, members, and friends who are faithful to contact our members of Congress and General Assembly members, etc. whenever an issue arises. Your

partnership with us is crucial! And we could not do this without YOU!!

One phone call to a federal elected official represents 1000 people. One phone call to a state legislator represents 100 people. One state representative explained that when he receives just six calls, he takes note! As you can see, it is crucial that all of our elected officials hear from us! And that is why we are so very thankful for your partnership with us!

Leadership Opportunity Now Available!

Are you interested in state legislation? We are currently looking and praying for **Legislative Action Leaders**. 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.





Encourage-A-Legislator Project Our Encourage-A-Legislator (EAL) project prays for and encourages each member of the state House and Senate, Council of State, as well as President and Mrs. Trump and Vice-President and Mrs. Pence, and our national delegation in Washington, D.C. We pray for them on a regular basis and send them encouraging postcards for April, May, and June.

Contact the state office for more information and to sign up today!

2019 Activities Currently Scheduled

40 Days for Life — Spring campaign begins on March 6. Date of when we will pray at locations across the state to be announced. Fall campaign will also be announced at a later date.

Love Life — Will begin on Saturday, February 16, and concludes on Saturday, November 16. Dates when we will participate in the three locations (Charlotte, Greensboro, and Raleigh) to be announced.

Encourage-A-Legislator — We will host this program during April, May and June. If you would like to participate by praying and mailing postcards to encourage our North Carolina legislators, U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senators, President and Vice President, please [contact](#) Jill Coward. Instructions and post cards will be mailed out to participants in March.

19th Annual Day At The Capital — Opportunity to visit and encourage our legislators in Raleigh, promote legislative bill (s), and attend a chapel service led by CWA of North Carolina in the legislative building. Date in June to be announced.

CWA's 40th Anniversary Celebration — Stay tuned for information regarding CWA's 40th anniversary celebration and conference in Washington, D.C. (September 5-6, 2019)

Additional activities may be added when the need or opportunities arise.

Please [contact](#) Jill Coward if you are interested in learning more about these activities or would like to know more about CWA of North Carolina.

We are encouraging 2019 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 it allows us to do more extensive training events. In addition, as you know, we do state events, EAL and other projects, publish two newsletters a year, co-host some events and more.

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

Make check payable to "Concerned Women for America," write "CWA of NC" on the memo line and send in with the form below in 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.

You Can Count on Me!

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- 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 _____.

Please send to our Records Correspondent, Phyllis Philemon, at 1233 Ladera Drive, Waxhaw, NC 28173.