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A Word From Our State Director Jill Coward



Rise Up, Be Bold, Be Vigilant

Today, we are seeing an alarming sociopolitical shift like never before in our nation. Liberals, who are pushing back on our Constitutional Republic, are fixed on removing the safety and security at our borders, promoting socialism and anti-Semitism, and vehemently declaring war on babies, even after they are born.

On February 5, President Donald Trump's extraordinary State of the Union speech addressed the moral issue of "defending our very dangerous southern border out of love and devotion to our fellow citizens and to our country," and recounted with great appreciation the 75th anniversary of D-Day on June 6, when thousands of Americans fought "to save our civilization from tyranny." He also expressed concern for how hatred towards the Jews has intensified, "We must never ignore the vile poison of anti-Semitism or those who spread its venomous creed. With one voice, we must confront this hatred anywhere and everywhere it occurs."

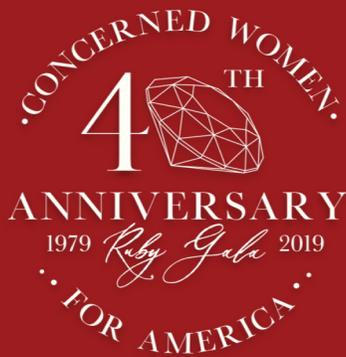
Securing our Southern borders for the safety and protection of American citizens, as well as for those women and children being trafficked and attacked during their illegal entry, CWA finds to be of significant importance. And, though we may have never considered protecting the borders of the womb, we must defend babies who are fighting for their very lives from politicians who are making them a campaign issue. Never before in the history of our nation have we seen politicians completely bent on

the destruction of the lives of the weakest among us. And, horrifically, our liberal congressmen and congresswomen in Washington, D.C., as of July 1, have refused to stop infanticide for the 67th time by blocking HR 962, the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

What Has Happened in Our Nation?

The belief that the Bible is no longer relevant, that God and His Holy Word are despised, and absolute truth has been rejected, we are seeing the following Old Testament Scripture now manifested nationwide, "Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight!" (Isaiah 5:21)

What is to be done? We are called to pray and act, and so we are. May we intensify our efforts. Though abortion on demand is more prevalent than ever, the efforts of Concerned Women for America across the nation have resulted in many state legislatures passing strong pro-life bills. Praise be to God! The grassroots pro-life movement in North Carolina has never been stronger. Men, women, and children are rising up against the growing assault on the unborn by praying at abortion clinics, attending City Council meetings to defend the unborn, and lobbying at the state capitol. We are grateful for all those who attended the 19th Annual Day at the Capitol where we lobbied to override Gov. Roy Cooper's veto of SB 359, Born-Alive Abortion Survivor Protection Act. We were joined by NC Values Coalition and two abortion survivors, Gianna Jessen and Claire Culwell.



By the time you receive your newsletter, we will be making plans and counting the days until we head to Washington, D.C. to celebrate CWA's 40th anniversary at the Trump International Hotel. We will enjoy lobbying on Capitol Hill, a candlelight tour at the U.S. Capitol, leadership training, the much anticipated 40th Anniversary Gala celebration, and more! The gala takes place on September 12. For more information go to cwfa.org.

If you would like to join us, please contact Jill Coward at director@northcarolina.cwfa.org for details.



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Despite the heart-wrenching appeals and prayers, the efforts to override the governor's veto in the State House came up short. However, we are more emboldened than ever and will throw our efforts into passing strong legislation that will protect and care for all babies, born, unborn, and those who survive their cruel abortions.

We understand this serious spiritual struggle, and we must fight it as such. Let us claim the following Scripture for the sake of the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, ... that we may make it manifest, as we ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. Let our speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that we may know how we ought to answer each one." (Colossians 4:2-6)

State and Federal Legislative Update

By Miriam Harris, Legislative Liaison

State Legislative Update

This year, pro-life bills have passed in several states across the nation. Regrettably, in North Carolina, Gov. Roy Cooper vetoed SB359, the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. The North Carolina legislature attempted to override the governor's veto.

The State Senate voted in favor of a veto override by a vote of 30 – 20 along party lines. However, the efforts to override the veto in the House came up short. The North Carolina House voted 67 – 53 in favor of overriding the veto but failed to reach the three-fifths approval required to do so. CWA of North Carolina is grateful for the courageous efforts of many of the state legislators who strove to protect the lives of those babies born alive after an abortion.

Another setback for life came in March when a federal judge struck down North Carolina's law banning abortion after 20 weeks, declaring the law unconstitutional. In June, North Carolina's Department of Justice filed the notice of appeal to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The 4th Circuit is no longer a constitutionally honoring court so our prayer efforts will be critical. It is also a reminder that

elections matter when it comes to appointing and confirming judges. A special election will take place on September 10, for both the 3rd and 9th Congressional District seats. In the 3rd Congressional District, Republican candidate State Rep. Greg Murphy will face three candidates: Democrat Allen Thomas, Libertarian Tim Harris, and Constitutionalist Greg Holt. In the 9th District, Republican candidate State Sen. Dan Bishop will face Democrat opponent Dan McCready. As we continue to see time and again, it is crucial to elect strong conservative men and women to protect our Judeo-Christian values. Please be in prayer for both of these elections and make a note on your calendar to go to the polls. Early voting is August 21 - September 6.

Federal Legislation Update

In May, the House passed H.R. 5, the deceptively-named "Equality Act" by a [vote](#) of 236 – 173. By redefining the term sex to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" in civil rights law, this bill elevates "gender identity" over the protected class of sex as male and female, giving any person the right to claim "gender identity" as the opposite sex at any time. This sounds absurd, but the bill strips women from any protection from men who would identify as women in bathrooms, locker

rooms, women's shelters, sports competition, and more.

If the so-called "Equality Act" becomes law, Americans could be penalized if disagreeing about the biological reality of sex. Girls' sports programs would be no longer protected. Medical professionals could be forced to

perform surgeries for gender transition. Parents could lose custody of their children if not consenting to puberty blocking drugs.

H.R. 5 is now in the Senate. We will keep you updated on the status of the bill.



Join or Start a CWA of North Carolina Prayer/Action Chapter

These nondenominational Prayer/Action Chapter meetings serve to encourage informed prayer and action on behalf of our cities, state, nation and leaders. CWA does this by educating Christians on issues in order that we can apply our Biblically based standards. We want to empower our members to deal with the issues of education, abortion, pornography, religious freedom,

homosexuality, redefinition of the family, national sovereignty, and support for Israel. If we join in prayer and action with other believers, our nation

will change for the better. More importantly, we will be obeying the instruction given in God's Word.

Please contact Jill Coward at director@northcarolina.cwfa.org to find out if there is a chapter near you; or, for more information on possibly starting a chapter in your area!

Human Trafficking and Its Link to Abortion

By Tammy Harris, Human Trafficking Issues Specialist

Bear one another's burdens ...

We all agree life is to be respected from conception to natural death, and this includes the respect and dignity of those trapped in the world of human trafficking, including their unborn children.

There is no place immune from the evilness of human trafficking. It is intertwined within the many other ills of society: poverty, homelessness, domestic abuse, and forced abortions. Human Trafficking is the exploitation of vulnerabilities, i.e. what need is not being met? Here is how perpetrators prey on their victims: they superficially fill each victim's needs, whether hunger or feelings of being unloved, and spend a necessary amount of time "grooming" the victim. The victims feel that they have gone "willingly" into this life. The average age of entry is 12-14 years old, a very impressionable time in a child's life.

Forced abortions occur routinely for those who are trafficked. This is a horrendous crime since the woman feels she has no choice in the matter. According to the Annals of Health Law (tinyurl.com/y65xj5uo, Winter, 2014), "The prevalence of forced abortions is an especially disturbing trend in sex trafficking. Prior research noted that forced abortions were a reality for many victims of sex trafficking ... in domestic trafficking. The survivors in this study similarly reported that they often did not freely choose the abortions they had while being trafficked ... more than half of that group indicated that one or more of their abortions was at least partly forced upon them."

Please pray for the survivors of sex trafficking and those who work for them.

Ephesians 6:18 says, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit; being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for the saints."

Mourning in America

By Jessica Hughes, Communications Coordinator

On the eve of the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the New York State Senate passed the Reproductive Health Act. This bill found that a woman has a constitutional right to abortion, and now abortions are allowed up to birth in the state of New York. The Act also allows not just physicians, but licensed nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and

midwives to perform abortions. The Reproductive Health Act repealed protections from babies born alive after an abortion attempt and repealed all protections from violence against a pregnant woman's unborn child. The consequences were lessened for those who cause a pregnant woman to lose her baby as a result of domestic violence.



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Patriotism

By Mary Frances Forrester,
Associate State Director

Over the past several months, we commemorated Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day – all days reflecting our American patriotism. Patriotism is defined as the love, respect, and devotion of country and its flag. The Bible instructs us to respect and pray for our government and our leaders.

Thanks be to God, despite what many now believe, our nation was birthed by the hand of God. Our first President, George Washington, stated in May 1778, "While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian." It is up to us to teach our children and our grandchildren the wonderful history of God's sovereign hand in the founding of our country.

In 1782, the Confederation Congress designated the meaning of the colors of the flag: red for hardiness and courage, white for purity and innocence, and blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice. In 1942 it became Public Law 829.

Some Code regulations include:

- ♦ Flying the flag 24 hours a day on the east and west fronts of the Capitol Building in Washington and

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Lastly, the Reproductive Health Act reasserts the definition of "homicide" as the taking of the life of a "person" and defines "person" as a "human being who has been born and is alive."

On February 23, in Albany, New York, there was a rightly named event, *Day of Mourning*, where 3,000 believers gathered to repent and mourn the loss of the millions of innocent lives taken by abortion. This gathering was held in the same building directly below the New York Senate Chamber, the Chamber where the Reproductive Health Act was signed into law and where lawmakers cheered and applauded the Act. Believers wept and cried out to God for change. The Day of Mourning streamed live to 28 cities, including Charlotte, North Carolina, and had 34,000 people watching the live stream! (tinyurl.com/y2sbq5hw) Some of the speakers were from Charlotte, including 8-year old Blythe Mullen whose mother chose life over abortion and gave Blythe up for adoption. Blythe shared her testimony and was re-united with her birth mother at the event.

Throughout the ages, the murder of innocent children has resulted in

mourning. In an attempt to kill the baby Jesus, Satan used King Herod, who sent his army to Bethlehem to kill all children under the age of two years. Today, Satan uses abortion to kill innocent children. Matthew 2:18 describes the mourning over the slaughtered children of Bethlehem, "In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not." Today, we mourn over the loss of the killing of innocent babies.

The Lord hears our cries. One day, He will "wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." (Revelation 21:4)

If you are mourning the loss of a child or sibling by abortion, as I experienced by the loss of a sibling through my mother's abortion, there is hope and help. For help after an abortion, visit optionline.org or call 1-800-712-4357. If you have taken the first of two abortion pills and are having regrets, call 877-558-0333 with Abortion Pill Rescue.

Amazing 19th Annual Day At The Capitol

In June, we had an amazing turnout and experience at our 19th Annual Day at The Capitol in Raleigh. We had over 100 attendees gather for our event centered around Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (SB359).



Briefing



Lobbying



Former Rep. Brawley
Receiving Honorable
Member Award



Chapel Time

Welcome Two New Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders!



**Donna Scoggins,
Chapter Leader of
Cabarrus County**

Proverbs 30:22-28 tells us about "four things on the earth that are small but unusually wise." These four are the ants, the conies (a badger or rabbit), the locusts, and the spiders. I would like to take these "four small things" and use them to tell you a little about myself.

Like the ant, I received my foresight in life from my mother and dad. Mom introduced me to Christ and guided me as I received Him as my personal Lord and Savior. My dad, a Vietnam veteran, instilled in me many great values – mainly discipline, dedication, and loyalty. My family is very important to me. Through my parents I learned the meaning of God, family, and country. God has richly blessed me with a wonderful husband and a wonderfully *big and beautiful family!*

Like the conies, I find shelter and help in my family. Being a military child, I experienced many journeys throughout my life and lived in many different states. I graduated from Northwest Cabarrus High School and Cabarrus Community College, both in Kannapolis, North Carolina. After graduating from college, it was off to the "cutting chair" where I cut and styled hair as a cosmetologist for 30 years. During this time, I volunteered 15 years with the American Cancer Society in the "Look Good, Feel Better Program." After leaving cosmetology, I served as a certified nursing assistant.

My niece, Jessica Hughes, and I started the pro-life outreach program "Baskets and Blankets" for moms who keep their child instead of choosing abortion. Through our church and several gracious donors, we can provide baskets

of free items needed for infants and small children. It is also my privilege to serve alongside my husband, Gary Scoggins, who pastors Second Baptist Church of Kannapolis.

None of these opportunities afforded to me could have been accomplished without prayer. Like bands of locusts, my life has been braided together by prayer. Just like Jeremiah, I have called out to my God, and He has heard my cry, answered me, and shown me great and mighty things. To Him, be the glory! For my Savior, it is "all hands on deck!"

This brings me to the spider. You know, that horrid little creature that God made which is meticulous, determined, and so frightening to many! It's got eight legs with eight hands, and it uses every one of them! In times like these, this is where we, as concerned women, **MUST** be. Every resource must be used. And prayer is the key that unlocks these resources. Meet with us on the first Saturday of the month at Second Baptist to pray for our nation. As for me, please pray that God will continue to use me in a mighty way for His glorious Kingdom!



**Karen Housholder,
Chapter Leader of
Caldwell County!**

My husband Steacy and I have been married 48 years, have two adult children and three grandchildren. Steacy's job has taken us to Louisiana, Kansas, and southern California. Retirement brought us here to beautiful Lenoir, North Carolina, which I trust will be our last stop.

I have served 35 plus years as an educator, speaker, writer, and prayer warrior working with community service organizations to share hope in the

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displaying it every day in good weather from federal and state government buildings, businesses, institutions, public buildings, and schools, except during inclement weather.

- ◆ Displaying it in or near every polling place on an election day and also during school days in or near every schoolhouse.
- ◆ Those in uniform shall render a military salute to the flag. But a woman, or a man without a hat, should salute by placing the right hand over the heart. Citizens of other countries should stand at attention.
- ◆ When the American Flag is displayed, or the pledge given, everyone present faces the flag and stands at attention and gives the proper salute.

The tangible objects of our United States are to be honored and treasured. Their symbolism was seriously and reverently designed to cultivate pride, duty, and honor of country. Parents, teach them to your children and grandchildren in the absence of this message in our current culture.

May we never forget "the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

God, bless this nation, forgive us our transgressions, and restore us in Thy sight and favor. For it is in Your name we pray, Amen.

THANK YOU
to all volunteers who participated in the Encourage-A-Legislator project! It's important to pray and show appreciation to all state and national officials for their service.



Lobbied and attending Born-Alive Abortion Act hearing with other pro-life leaders.



Love Life Prayer Walk in Charlotte.



Cabarrus county chapter assisted local church in assembling 23 gift baskets for mom's outside an abortion clinic.

* Banner on page 1 is of Born Alive press conference.

restorative power of God's Word to women, men, children, and families who have suffered identity loss resulting from trauma, abuse, violence, and tragedy. I earned a Human and Child Development Specialist certificate from The Institute for Media Education, Arlington, Virginia.

While living in Kansas, I was the Executive Director of the Kansas City Coalition for the Protection of Women & Families (formerly the Coalition Against Pornography-Kansas City). I served as a media specialist with City Union Mission in Kansas City, the largest evangelical homeless mission within six states. Additionally, I served as the Kansas state coordinator for the Restoring Social Virtue & Purity to America campaign, which was supported by CWA in Kansas and Missouri in exposing Dr. Alfred Kinsey's lies regarding human sexuality. I hosted a local radio program, coordinated CWA's media communications for Kansas, worked with legislators, and lobbied with CWA.

In southern California, I was a CWA chapter leader and also served on the board of Directors for AV Saving Grace, a faith-based ministry to men and women and their children going through domestic violence circumstances. Currently, I am on the Advisory Board of AV Saving Grace.

The passion for this work comes from a heart filled with gratitude for what the Lord has done for me. I write about my journey and victory in *Owning Your Land*, a published Bible study based on the book of Joshua. I love to tell His story of redemption, love, and grace. I continue to write. Prayer for our nation and our President is my highest priority, and I look forward to the Lord's purposes and plans through CWA in Caldwell County.

If you live in or near Lenoir, please join us! Please contact Jill Coward at director@northcarolina.cwfa.org for additional information.

Leadership Opportunity Knocks! We have state leadership opportunities and are praying to be able to fill these roles. We want to raise our level of effectiveness in the state, and we need willing and called volunteer leaders to assist us. We are specifically praying for a Legislative Liaison who lives

in or near Raleigh. This position monitors state legislation and represents CWA of North Carolina at the state capitol. Please contact Jill Coward at director@northcarolina.cwfa.org if you are interested and would like more information. You are needed!

Please Contribute to the Ministry of CWA of North Carolina. A tax-deductible gift of any amount is appreciated. Use the reply slip below or [donate online](#). Any amount is appreciated. *Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity to make a difference in our great state.*

Yes, I'm ready to increase my influence!

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