

Influencer Monthly

A publication prepared exclusively for CWA leaders, members, and friends dedicated to impacting the culture for Christ through both prayer and action.



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How Firm a Foundation

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... it won't collapse, for it is built on rock. Matthew 7:25 (Living Bible)

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord ..." wrote John Rippon back in 1787 in a song that speaks of the need for a stable and strong foundation in order to live a life of meaning.

Jesus spoke often of good foundations. He taught of building on the rock rather than sand. He called Himself the Chief Cornerstone on which the church would be built. Jesus knew the value of a firm foundation. He knew that overcoming hard times would take standing firmly, anchored in a foundation that the storms of life could not wash away. He knew that life would become quite unsure if a person did not have a sure foundation. When the unstable foundation shakes, and it will shake (Hebrews 12:27), all that is built on that foundation will topple.

Until Christ's return, Satan is ruling this world on borrowed time. Our enemy – the great deceiver, liar, and murderer – is prowling this earth to seek and destroy. This then begs the question:

"How can we keep a sure foundation as we live to honor the Lord, have impact in our country, and be a light for Him? Here are a few suggestions to help you drive your anchor deeper into Christ.

- ◆ Live a holy life. Confess your sin daily before the Lord (1 John 1:9).
- ◆ Meditate on His Word and spend time in conversation with the Lord daily (Psalm 1:2).
- ◆ Live out the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and avoid at all costs bearing the fruit of Satan (Galatians 5:19-21).
- ◆ Give yourself a break from the news, social media, TV for a day or even a week. Read a good faith-based book instead (Romans 12:2).
- ◆ Listen to Christian music, podcasts, and sermons (Philippians 4:8-9).
- ◆ Plan intentional times of fellowship with Christian sisters and brothers (I Thessalonians 5:11).
- ◆ Seek out an accountability partner (Proverbs 19:20).
- ◆ Attend a local church (Hebrews 10:25).
- ◆ Pray for and throw an anchor of



grace to lost family and friends, and to those who are helping Satan destroy the very fabric of our country: abortionists, surgeons who mutilate healthy bodies of those struggling with

their identity, masterminds of evil, woke leaders, and the liberal press (1 Timothy 2:3-4).

The stability, the ability to move forward, and the capacity to be unwavering all come from a solid

base – the Lord Jesus Christ! And don't forget this promise: "I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

U.S. Families and Ukrainian Children Need Your Voice

Alexandra McPhee, Legislative Director



May is foster care month, a time when we can reflect on how to serve children in need. Fortunately, Members of

Congress have taken steps to do just that.

In late March, the Congressional Adoption Caucus led a bipartisan, bicameral letter to Department of State Secretary Antony Blinken calling on the State Department to prioritize uniting Ukrainian children with American families seeking to adopt or host them. Adoption Caucus co-chairs Reps. Rob Aderholt (R-Alabama) and Adam Smith (D-Washington) led the letter in the House, and co-chairs Sens. Roy Blunt (R-Missouri) and Amy Klobuchar (D-Minnesota) led the letter in the Senate. A total of 73 Members banded together to write the Biden Administration. Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) led a similar

bicameral letter to Secretary Blinken along with 39 of his colleagues in the House and Senate.

Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee was pleased to join the effort to collect signatures from Members. Our CEO and President, Penny Nance, [amplified](#) the issue on her social media. Our general counsel, Mario Diaz, [petitioned](#) the Lord for aid for women and children in need in Ukraine. We will remain engaged on this issue and see through the ability for children from Ukraine to unite with their American families.

There are approximately 300 Ukrainian children who are waiting to join their American adoptive families or host families, who are all across the country. The most recent guidance from the State Department for American families in the process of adopting children from Ukraine is from March 25, 2022. Families involved in this

process need timely information in order to plan and manage their expectations. The State Department must post updates as frequently as possible, and the lack of an update in the past month means that Members of Congress have an opportunity to push for additional information.

ACTION: Check to see if your Member signed either the Adoption Caucus's [letter](#) or Sen. Lee's [letter](#) advocating for united families. Call and email your Member of Congress today to urge them to seek updated guidance from the State Department for American families in the process of adopting or hosting children from Ukraine. You can find your Senators' and Representative's contact information [here](#).

PRAY: Our Lord is pleased with service to the most vulnerable. As it says in James 1:27, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and



faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress.” Let us ask the Lord to bless the Members in their efforts to help these Ukrainian orphans and American families.

GAVEL WATCH

Pray for Coach Kennedy

Mario Diaz, Esq., General Counsel



Following Supreme Court oral arguments, I had the chance to talk to Coach Joe Kennedy and his wife and thank them for their courageous stance on religious liberty. I assured them that our leaders would be praying for them as they have been throughout the case. He was aware of our efforts and expressed how grateful he was for all the support.

If you remember, Coach Kennedy was reprimanded and ultimately fired because he dared to pray privately at the 50-yard line after his high school football games. He sued to get his job back, but it has been an almost eight-year battle to get to this point.

The fight for freedom, as you know, is not free. For Coach Kennedy, it has come at a tremendous personal cost to him and his family. Many would have given up. Many would have walked away. He stood his ground. Let us pray earnestly that Coach Kennedy gets a favorable ruling by June.

The oral arguments went well. I wrote a [more detailed breakdown](#) for you on our website [ConcernedWomen.org](#). I hope you take the time to read it if you have not already done so. Some of the exchanges are illuminating.

But here, I'd like to stress something that I mentioned only in passing there. It is the fact that Richard Katskee was the lawyer representing the Bremerton School District in trying to stop Coach Kennedy from praying. If you read news accounts, that is all you will get. The *Washington Post*, for example, reported, “Richard B. Katskee, representing the Bremerton school district, said officials had an obligation to protect students from being coerced into religious activity they did not want.”

But Mr. Katskee is not just any lawyer. He is none other than the Vice President and Legal Director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. The group had a large contingency outside the Court on the morning of oral arguments; many were atheists trying to impose their secular

religion in America.

One advocate came to our group saying she was an atheist Jew who believed Coach Kennedy should “go somewhere else” to do his prayers.

The group fails to understand that by singling out religious speech as somehow outside the bounds of public discourse, they strike at the heart of the First Amendment. According to their worldview, Coach Kennedy could take a knee at the 50-yard line in the name of social justice, for recycling, or for any other reason except to pray privately. Do you see how pernicious this is?

PRAY: But back to the point of Mr. Katskee. Why is a lawyer from the Americans United for Separation of Church and State representing a public school district? It says it all, doesn't it? So let us keep that in mind as a guide to our prayers for this case and our efforts in schools more broadly.



Praise and Prayer

Praise the Lord for the many ways, seen and unseen, known and unknown, He protects and provides for us.

He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen. (Deuteronomy 10:21)

Pray for our lawmakers, that they will know God's love for them.

The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing. (Zephaniah 3:17)

Next Prayer Time for the Dobbs Case

Monday, May 23

12:00 p.m. EST [11:00 a.m. CST; 10:00 a.m. MST; 9:00 a.m. PST]

Please join us in prayer for the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* case. We will continue praying monthly until the Supreme Court renders its decision, likely in June.

- ❑ [Register here](#), mark your calendar, and then invite others. You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.
- ❑ [Click here](#) to learn more about our prayer efforts for the *Dobbs* case, recordings of past prayer calls, prayer points, and how to order the *30 Days of Prayer for Life* prayer booklet.

CWA IN THE NEWS

Amplifying Your Voice Through Media

Katie Everett, Press Secretary



March 31: New Podcast Episode – “What Is a Woman? Unpacking the

SCOTUS Confirmation Hearings with Sen. Marsha Blackburn”

Sen. Blackburn joins Penny to discuss The Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings of Ketanji Brown Jackson and her inability to define “woman.” [Listen to the full podcast.](#)

April 14: *Victory News* – **Disney Needs to Leave Our Kids Alone**
Penny Nance joined *Victory News'* Greg Stephens to discuss the agenda that Disney is pushing onto our children. Watch the [full interview.](#)

April 15: *Fox News* – **Nance joins Shannon Bream on Fox News @ Night**

Penny Nance appeared on [Fox News @ Night with Shannon Bream](#) to call for an investigation into the tragic deaths of the five aborted babies found in Washington, D.C., and to discuss the upcoming Dobbs decision.

April 18: *Christian Post* – **Flying the Flag of Our Faith**

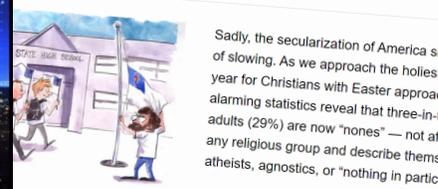
Penny's [latest Op-ed](#) in the *Christian Post* encourages Christians to take part in “Faith Month,” CWA’s initiative for people of faith to display the Christian flag.



GOLD NUGGET

“God is more powerful than anybody's past, no matter how wretched. He can make us forget – not by erasing the memory but by taking the sting and paralyzing effect out of it.” Jim Cymbala, pastor and author.

“Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”
2 Corinthians 5:17



Sadly, the secularization of America shows signs of slowing. As we approach the holiest time of year for Christians with Easter approaching, alarming statistics reveal that three-in-ten adults (29%) are now “nones” — not affiliated with any religious group and describe themselves as atheists, agnostics, or “nothing in particular.”

According to the most recent [Pew Research Center](#) survey, the religious composition of the United States, this statistic is an alarmingly high one, up 10 points higher than it was five years ago and 10 points higher than a decade ago. Christians make up 63% of the adult population and outnumber religious “nones” 2-to-1. But in 2007, when Pew began asking about religious affiliation, Christians made up 73% of the adult population and outnumbered religious “nones” 3-to-1.



PRO-LIFE LAWS
FLORIDA, OKLAHOMA PASS NEW ABORTION BAN BILLS
NEW TONIGHT

Meet the New CWA State Director of Kentucky!



Jennifer Pendleton is CWA of Kentucky's new State Director, having served as a Prayer/Action Chapter Leader

(extraordinaire) before becoming Director. Jennifer's journey to CWA is an exciting one. The contradiction of emotions evoked by the hysteria of recent cultural events sent her on a prayerful quest to find a way to pair her politics and her faith. In doing so, she found CWA! Prayer is Jennifer's love language. She looks forward to building teams of prayer warriors around the state as the foundation of establishing an active, effective, and enthusiastic CWA of Kentucky!

Jennifer has a degree in Fine Arts and Graphic Design and spent over a decade in the corporate advertising. Jennifer is a homeschooling mom, serves at-risk women at a faith-based daughter.

"The last several years have challenged my faith and my core values as an American. The result being that my faith has grown exponentially and my pride in the American experiment has blossomed. It a joy to pair my politics and my faith through the ministry of CWA.

"I am excited to begin the work of establishing an active, effective, and enthusiastic CWA of Kentucky!"

Be a Poll Watcher or Poll Worker

Encourage others to be poll watchers or poll workers

Poll watchers volunteer their time to ensure that their party has a fair chance of winning an election. Poll watchers closely monitor election administration and may keep track of voter turnout on behalf of a candidate, political party, or proponents or opponents of a ballot measure.

Poll watchers may observe:

- Early voting polling place activities
- Election day polling place activities
- Early voting ballot board meeting activities
- Central counting station
- Voter being assisted by an election official
- Inspecting and securing of voting equipment
- Delivery of election results
- Canvassing of election results
- Signature verification committee

The November election will be heard before you know it!



Poll workers are paid citizens who work at a polling place on Election Day. Each county is responsible for recruiting, training, and paying poll workers. Every polling place needs poll workers, so this is a great opportunity for citizen engagement.

Requirements may include:

- Attend training
- Remain nonpartisan while serving
- Be able to work a 14+ hour day
- Be comfortable with technology
- Serve all voters promptly, courteously, and with sensitivity

Responsibilities and duties may include:

- Sets up the polling place
- Greets, verifies identification, and determines which ballot to issue
- Assists voters, answers questions, and updates voter registrations
- Ensures political activities are outside the polling place and meet legal requirements.

Download Concerned Women for America LAC-Poll Watcher-Worker Card and distribute to friends and family.

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Find out your state's eligibility requirements and how to become a poll watcher at concernedwomen.link/spsv 2022.

SHE PRAYS SHE VOTES
2022
CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA

YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA

Join Us in Prayer Over YWA College Seniors

Annabelle Rutledge, National Director, Young Women for America



It is truly hard to believe that we are already heading into May. Young Women for America (YWA) has 22 leaders graduating from college this month. Although we have expanded our program and encourage young professionals to stay connected, this is still a significant life change. We want to walk alongside them, cover them with prayer, and assist in any way possible as they search for jobs and new opportunities and get plugged into new communities.

I am always grateful for your willingness to pray for and encourage our YWA leaders. In your Chapter meeting this month, will you pray for our graduating leaders as they begin a new season in their lives? Thank you!

DianaLee E., Sam Houston State University*Noelle F., California

State University, Fullerton*Ashley E., University of California, Berkeley*Laura F., University of North Dakota*Mckenna D., Liberty University Online*Alexa B., Baylor University*Ashley A., Liberty University*Michaela A., University of Alabama*Joy Z., Grove City College*Genevieve H., Kenyon College*Caroline C., Appalachian State University*Elizabeth H., Florida State University*Hope T., University of Maryland*Abby B., University of Alabama*Shelbie Jo H., Liberty University*Ashley C., University of Kentucky*Hayden S., Wheaton College*Peyton M., Liberty University*Kenlee F., Mercer University

More YWA News:

YWA was honored to host Virginia Lt. Gov. Winsome Sears for our April Leader Call. Some of you may have joined us. Please know we always welcome your participation! Sears spoke about her role as Lt. Gov. and her background, but the

most impactful things she shared were in response to the question, "What advice do you have for young women getting ready to start their careers after college?" She spoke powerfully about God's unique call on every life and discerning the purpose set before us. While acknowledging the difference between men and women, she noted how God could use women in powerful ways and positions. It could not have been a more perfect encouragement for our graduating seniors. You can watch the entire interview [here](#).

I recently learned that a senior at my Alma Mater, Grove City College, passed away in a tragic circumstance just weeks away from her college graduation. Her tragic death reminded me how fleeting life is as I prayed for her parents, family, and friends processing this loss. Life is precious, and our prayer is that we shepherd our time here well and the same for our leaders.

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Noelle

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