It seemed silly for me to write something to you for the November newsletter and not address the elephant in the room (no pun intended). Yes, I’m talking about the elections.

They’re over on November 8 (thank God!), and we must remember something as we process everything: we are not at the center of history. That’s right; our personal feelings about the election are not really what we should be focusing on.

Our eyes must be, as they always should be, gazing upon the majesty and beauty of our Lord, expectantly awaiting His every move.

I find myself singing some of those great old hymns these days. Remember this one?

I serve a risen Savior
He’s in the world today.
I know that He is living,
Whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy;
I hear His voice of cheer;
And just the time I need Him
He’s always near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

The line, “just the time [we] need Him, He’s always near,” brings a smile to my face. What comfort!

Here is the difference between knowing God’s Word and knowing the God of the Word. The hope of the world lives within our hearts.

The world does not understand this. Even many Christians miss it. Do you believe the words of Jesus? Do you really believe Him?

If I gave you the option to choose to have right there with you Jesus or the Holy Spirit, which one would you choose?
Most of us would say Jesus, demonstrating that we struggle with what He told us in John 16:7, “[I]t is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.”

Seriously?!

Seriously. It was, and still is, to our advantage that Jesus left us to send the Holy Spirit. It is through the Spirit that He can “live within [our] hearts.” Because of it we are unshakeable.

So, yes, I can tell you who won the election, even though I’m writing to you before any vote has been cast. We won. You — as part of this ministry that is Concerned Women for America (CWA), which is part of the body of Christ — you won. Our uniquely Christian perspective as we look at policy and world events, gives us a leg up on any developments.

This election is no different. It presents a great opportunity to proclaim the Truth of Psalm 91.

So buckle up. God is on the move. Here we go …

Psalm 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.
When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.
With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

New Pro-life Tool Available

*Cultivate Your Capitol Grounds for Life* prayer walk booklet is now available! If you are within driving distance of your state capital, this is a great tool to pray in and around your capital. For CWA Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders who live within driving distance of your state capital, it’s a phenomenal tool to plan for one of your monthly meetings. Order the booklets through your State Director, or in states without a director, contact Michelle, and she will be happy to assist you.
Praise & Prayer

Always remember to meditate on the magnificent things the Lord has done! "I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High." Psalm 9:1-2

Praise the Lord for the faith of our forefathers, the Pilgrims, who endured hardships for our benefit. While their understanding of the future was limited, God, in His omniscience, knew that generations of Americans would be blessed as a result of their faithfulness to His calling. "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9

Pray for the strengthening of the Church as it continues to come under attack for its allegiance to Christ and the Bible. Pray that church leaders will stand for the absolute truth of God’s Word and lead others to be responsible, God-fearing citizens. “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” Ephesians 6:10-11

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
A View From the Hill: She Prays She Votes
Alexandra McPhee, Director of Government Relations

All is quiet on the Hill until Congress returns to session on November 14. It promises to be a packed couple of weeks before Christmas. The She Prays She Votes bus tour is how we prioritize the beginning of the month. We hone our attention on generating voter turnout among women of faith. These stops are an opportunity for legislators to see their constituents excited to participate in the 2022 midterm elections and vote their values.

The makeup of the next Congress is key for these issues at the top of our list: the sanctity of life, the dignity of women, and parental rights. We work towards and pray for elected officials who:

- Speak out against the radical pro-abortion extremism that demands a right to abortion up to the point of birth,
- Support making private and public resources available for expectant moms and families easy to locate and find,
- Oppose taxpayer funding of abortion,
- Recognize that men and women have unique and immutable biological differences,
- Support spaces and resources dedicated to women, including athletics, locker rooms, and shelters,
- Oppose the mental, emotional, and physical harm of gender ideology being forced on children,
- Support parental control of their child’s education,
- Support parental consent before schools can facilitate “gender-affirming care,” and
- Oppose excluding faith-based schools from public funding available for any other public or private school.

For the remainder of November, our attention is on the lame duck session, the time period after an election and the swearing-in of the new Congress. There is still work to be done, including passage of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the annual defense bill, and passage of another law to fund the government past December 16, 2022.

CWA’s She Prays She Votes bus tour is on the road through November 7. Be sure to continue to track our progress.
Taking Our Message to the Nation
Diana Banister, Senior Communications Consultant

The communications team has been laser-focused on the She Prays She Votes bus tour, creating social media graphics for each stop in advance and creating videos, taking photos, and recording each stop for promotion via social media. If you are not following us on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook, you may be missing out on the fun. Whether it is a fun video from the bus or a stop at a state’s capitol, there is much to see as we travel to 12 states and make 40 stops.

Before the launch of the bus tour, we worked with The Washington Examiner’s “Secrets” columnist Paul Bedard to break the news on the bus tour.

As we’ve traveled from stop to stop, the comms team has arranged media for Penny, Annabelle Rutledge and team to promote upcoming rallies to talking about what we’ve learned from women on the road. Penny and Annabelle joined C-SPAN’s Washington Journal to talk about issues important to women in the 2022 midterm elections. Penny Nance and Annabelle Rutledge on Women Voters and Campaign 2022.

Whether joining Bob Franz and Scott Sands radio shows in Ohio and Gary Sutton in Pennsylvania to meeting up with an Atlanta Journal Constitution reporter in Atlanta, the team continues to push the message that Christian women will be voting their values on November 8.

Penny was also able to join Trinity Broadcast Network’s Kirk Cameron show from the road as the bus had to pull over to make it happen.

Penny Nance was on Real America’s Voice with Dr. Gina and Liberty University’s Ryan Helfenbein caught up with Penny and Jenna Ellis for his Sunday show.

Penny joined Spicer & Co. on Newsmax to give an update about what women are concerned about this election.

Doreen Denny’s latest op-ed, Ulta Beauty Is Just The Latest Big Business To See Dollars Signs In Pushing Gender-Bending On Minors, appeared in The Federalist about the heartbreaking account of a young woman’s realization that “gender affirmation” deception has ruined her life and exposes how teen girls have become prey to the booming medical and retail industries marketing gender ideology.

Much still to accomplish to promote the bus tour and all the other issues on which CWA is focused.

Prayer: Legislative battles like those in the NDAA and government funding bills are ever-present. Regardless of election outcome, we must pray for a country that recognizes that life is made in God’s image, the unique dignity of women who are created by God, Genesis 1:27, and the need to foster rather than interfere with parents raising their kids, Proverbs 22:6.

Take Action: Urge your legislators to oppose women in the draft here.

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GOLD NUGGET
“It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich!”
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.”
Psalm 9:1
Arkansas SAFE Act Goes on Trial

In 2021, Arkansas passed a pioneering law, Save Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act, to protect children from the harm of medical gender transition procedures. Arkansas legislators overrode the veto of a Republican governor to protect minors from the unrestrained medical market of so-called “gender-affirming care” that results in irreversible damage to growing bodies.

Predictably, the law was immediately challenged by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in the case Brandt v. Rutledge. A federal judge issued a preliminary injunction of the law that was upheld by the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in August. The case went to trial on October 17 before the same U.S. district court judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas. Following one week of testimony by witnesses opposing the law, proceedings were put on hold until November 28.

The pioneering SAFE Act is model legislation for states to put the brakes on harmful chemical and surgical procedures being undertaken at earlier ages on kids asserting a “gender identity” that is incongruent with their biological sex. Adolescents do not have the capacity for informed consent, and considering the long-term harm to an otherwise healthy body, parents should not be the ones granting it. Medical providers lack legal liability to restrain such destructive practices, and “respected” medical organizations are trans advocates fueling a booming new industry of “gender affirming care.” Their approach shuns psychotherapy aimed at addressing the underlying causes of dysphoria in favor of aggressive medical sex reassignment interventions.

None of this is health care. Puberty-blocking drugs arrest normal maturation of bones, brains, and secondary sexual organs resulting in serious risks, including brain swelling, vision and IQ loss, and genital deformity. Cross-sex hormones fight against the genetic imprint of male and female chromosomes that might change outward appearance but also increase risks of cancer and cause sterilization. This powerful drug cocktail is accompanied by surgical mutilation of healthy genitalia, including mastectomies, hysterectomies, and castration, and a radical Frankenstein creation of fake organs to resemble body parts of the opposite sex.

What’s been hidden in darkness is being brought to the light. Young women who journeyed the path are warning others of their regret. Documentaries, like the new Christian Post series Generation Indoctrination and Independent Women’s Forum’s “Identity Crisis”, are telling these stories out loud. A recent Rally to End Child Mutilation in Nashville is building awareness and resolve.

A decision in the Arkansas case will not be the end of the road for either side, but it will set the course moving forward for legislation like the SAFE Act seeking to help, not harm, gender dysphoric children.

PRAY: for U.S. District Judge James Moody Jr. to have his eyes unveiled to see truth about the harm of gender ideology and reckless medical procedures on children. Pray he would rule justly and according to Your will. “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:10)
YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA
YWA in Action and Off the Road
Morgan Schlesselman, YWA Regional Coordinator

Much of October has been all things She Prays She Votes, but our YWA chapters have continued to hold meetings. The YWA Clemson chapter had their annual Pumpkins and Politics event. The Inland Empire, California and Northwest Arkansas chapters are studying through the YWA Sexual Exploitation booklet. The YWA Liberty chapter met with CWA of Virginia for prayer and legislative updates. The Grove City College and Texas A&M chapters watched the documentary “What is a Woman?” We have also onboarded 10 new leaders in the month of October and are excited to have them join the YWA program.

As for She Prays She Votes, we stopped at Grove City College first where we had 18 YWA girls show up in the snow! We heard from Chapter President Grace Reilly and ambassadors Katie Kenlein and Lauren Glickert. Lauren Glickert joined us the rest of the day and spoke at the roundtable that evening. Next, we headed to Liberty University for a meet and greet with the YWA chapter and state director Teresa Pregnall. In Georgia we had 15-year-old Hannah Faulkner join us on the bus for two days. It was neat to have the perspective of someone who’s too young to vote and how our votes impact her.

YWA Chapter President at Georgia Tech, Chloe Satterfield, also joined us on the bus and round table in Georgia. At our last stop in Georgia, we were joined by YWA Chapter President at Kennesaw State, Riley Lang. We loved having our YWA leaders at the stops and hearing how the issues of life, religious liberty, gender identity, and the economy are bringing them to the polls.

CWA Tabling

With January around the corner, march for life events are being scheduled nationwide. Think of it! These will be the first post-Roe marches! Check the March for Life site or other pro-life marches local to your state/community, and consider tabling at these events, if permitted. If you have a State Director, let her know of your interest in doing a CWA table. In states without directors, contact Michelle; she will be happy to assist you.