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The Power of Sharing Our Testimonies

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There are many important reasons that we should share the testimonies of what God has done in

our lives. This is especially important in times like these when it seems the enemy is on a rampage to steal, kill, and destroy (See John 10:10).

Sharing our testimony ...

- ◆ Brings glory and honor to God.
- ◆ Gives praise to the Lord and celebrates what He has done.
- ◆ Showcases the goodness of God and His great love for us.
- ◆ Demonstrates His power in the circumstances that we face.
- ◆ Encourages others and fosters unity in the Body of Christ.
- ◆ Reminds us of what God has done, lest we forget.
- ◆ Strengthens and builds our faith and others' faith.
- ◆ Fosters an atmosphere of faith for miracles to occur.
- ◆ Is a weapon against the enemy.

Revelation 12:11 says, *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...”*

God needs His people to be strong overcomers in this hour. Sharing “the word of our testimony” is exactly how the Bible teaches us to overcome the trials of this life and the onslaught of the enemy.

Testimonies create an environment for God to repeat what He has done before. The Hebrew word for testimony, ‘êdûwth (pronounced ay-dooth), carries the connotation of doing it again. So, each time we testify of what God has done for us, we’re essentially saying, “Do it again, Lord!”

The word of our testimony is one of the most powerful weapons in the arsenal that God has given us. In this season, let’s purpose to make a regular practice of testifying of what God has done in our lives, whether big or small!



CWA Summit 2023 RECAP

See pages 8-12

Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders: We would love to share with others testimonies of praise on the ways the Lord has acted on your behalf because of your prayer and action.

For example, a New Mexico Prayer/Action Chapter prayed and took action to stop a school-based health clinic – and they won! Drop us an email with your testimony of

praise, and we will share it with others in the months ahead.



LEGISLATIVE INSIGHTS

Alert and Sober-Minded in a Topsy-Turvy Congress

Valerie Bynog and Maggie McKneely, Legislative Strategists



In the U.S. House of Representatives

Congress annually considers several appropriations bills, which provide funding for numerous activities, for example, national defense, education, homeland security, crime, as well as general government operations and "discretionary" programs. Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee is working to preserve pro-life, pro-woman, and pro-family protections in Fiscal Year 2024 appropriations bills. The House is set to move on four separate bills for (1) Department of Homeland Security, (2) Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related

Programs, (3) Department of Defense, and (4) Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies.

PLEASE PRAY that we are able to preserve these important protections that help protect the sanctity of human life and the dignity of women and children as the pressures of a possible government shutdown increase.

In the U.S. Senate

On September 14, over 200 CWA volunteers spent the day on Capitol Hill to lobby for the "Standing for Moms Act" (S.76). Partly thanks to those efforts, S.76 gained four new cosponsors in the past month, bringing the total to 17. The latest to sign on were Sens. Josh Hawley (R-Missouri), Kevin Kramer (R-North Dakota), J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), and Thom Tillis (R-North Carolina).

Meet CWA's new Legislative Strategist Maggie McKneely!

Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Florida), the lead sponsor of S.76, introduced another worthwhile bill, the "Protecting Conscience in Our Health Care Act" (S.2797). The bill would prohibit federal or state government agencies and "covered entities," such as hospitals and health clinics, from requiring employees to participate in activities that promote radical gender ideology. The bill has three original cosponsors in addition to Sen. Rubio – Sens. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Mississippi), J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), and Thom Tillis (R-North Carolina).

Take Action! Call or email your senators and encourage them to support S.76 and S.2797. [Click here](#) to locate your senators and their contact information.



An update on pro-life hero Sen. Tommy Tuberville (R-Alabama) Sen. Tommy Tuberville's (R-Alabama) [courageous advocacy](#) for the unborn had a dramatic update at the end of September. To protest the Biden Administration's radical and illegal policy to fund travel for abortion for servicemembers, Sen. Tuberville had been holding unanimous consent agreements to expedite military promotions. For seven months, Tuberville's critics had accused him of blocking these nominations and harming military readiness in the process. But on September 22, Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-New York) proceeded to a floor vote on the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, proving that Sen. Tuberville's hold was not the roadblock the media had painted. Sen. Schumer could have moved on the nominees at any time yet refused to do so. Sen. Tuberville actually forced them to have the vote, even while he is still standing strong against the Pentagon's illegal abortion promotion policy.

CONTINUE TO PRAY for Sen. Tuberville and against the promotion of abortion using taxpayer dollars. "The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." (James 5:16b)

GAVEL WATCH

Supreme Court 2023-24 Preview

Mario Diaz, Esq., General Counsel



The United States Supreme Court's term is set to start on the first Monday in October.

Therefore, this is the perfect time to give you a preview of some of the most important cases we are watching and ask you to pray for the Justices and the attorneys involved. I will give you three cases in two areas of importance, and then I want to leave you with an important petition before the Court that I want you to pray for specifically.

Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo

This case is important to us because it will allow the Court the opportunity to do something we have been asking it to do for many years: overturn its decision in *Chevron v. Natural Resources Defense Council*.

Chevron is a 1984 Supreme Court decision that requires courts to defer to government agencies when those agencies interpret federal law. But as we have experienced very practically in recent years, government

agencies are prone to abuse that power to promote political agendas instead of impartial "expertise." This has resulted in some very egregious violations, where agencies, like the IRS target people of faith, like the Little Sisters of the Poor, for example. Or who can forget how supposedly health experts targeted churches during the COVID scare.

The Court has already acknowledged many problems with *Chevron*, showing great skepticism about its application in lower courts, and we are hoping this case finally ends its regrettable era.

Then, there are two cases having to do with Big Tech and public officials which will be heard together and present some interesting issues for the Court to consider.

Lindke v. Freed

In this case, the Court will decide whether a public official's social media activity can constitute state action only if the official used the account to perform a governmental duty or under the authority of his or her office.



O'Connor-Ratcliff v. Garnier

Similarly here, the Court will decide whether a public official engages in state action subject to the First Amendment by blocking an individual from the official's personal social media account, when the official uses the account to feature their job and

communicate about job-related matters with the public, but does not do so pursuant to any governmental authority or duty.

Finally, I want to highlight for you a cert. petition where CWA has submitted an *amicus* brief asking the Court to take the case.

Vitagliano v. County of Westchester

This case challenges a "buffer zone" law restricting free speech around abortion clinics in New York. The law establishes a 100-foot zone that prohibits anyone from approaching a person within eight feet to provide information or counseling.

PLEASE PRAY for these important cases, that justice will be done. As Proverbs 21:15 says, "When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous ..."

Praise & Prayer

Praise God that we do not have to rely on our strength and power to accomplish His will.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13

Praise God for the men and women of righteousness who are willing to make personal sacrifices to stand for Biblical principles in our nation.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise." Proverbs 11:30

Pray that we, as the Church of the Living God, would be a righteous church. Pray for yourself that you will live an exemplary life.

"Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 14:34

Pray for the Justices

John G. Roberts, Jr.
Chief Justice

Clarence Thomas
Associate Justice

Samuel A. Alito, Jr.
Associate Justice

Sonia Sotomayor
Associate Justice

Elena Kagan
Associate Justice

Neil M. Gorsuch
Associate Justice

Brett M. Kavanaugh
Associate Justice

Amy Coney Barrett
Associate Justice

Ketanji Brown Jackson
Associate Justice

CWA IN THE NEWS

Presidential Presence at CWA Summit 2023

With overwhelming interest in CWA's Leadership Summit by the media and the attention we received, in the month of September, CWA gained 1,010 new followers on Instagram, 163 new followers on Twitter, and 231 new followers on Facebook.

Our outreach to media for the Leadership Summit led to more than 100 media outlets in attendance covering the event or reporting on it. We had numerous national photographers who provided photos for hundreds of media outlets and our logo was



prominently featured in each.

As a result, during the month of September, CWA was mentioned 3,923 times in the media and reached an audience of 4,620,728,014 people, while hitting \$62,987,486 in publicity.

CWA media hits are a good resource for your Chapter meetings (listen to the podcasts, watch the videos, print off articles, and discuss/share.)

Online Media:

September 5: *Fox News – America Reports* – Young Women for America Ambassador and NCAA athlete Macy Petty discussed her op-ed that [called for](#) 2024 presidential candidates to defend the dignity of women in sports on “America Reports.”

September 14: *C-SPAN – Gov. Ron DeSantis (R-FL) Speaks at Concerned Women for America Summit* – Gov. Ron DeSantis’ speech at CWA Leadership Summit 2023 was [live-streamed](#).

September 15: *C-SPAN – Public Affairs Events* – President Trump’s speech at CWA Leadership Training 2023 was [live-streamed](#).

September 15: *BBC – What are Concerned Women for America Concerned About?* – Several CWA and YWA leaders [talk on](#) what issues they find to be critical in the upcoming presidential election.

September 21: **“America Says ‘No!’ to Title IX Plan”** Press Conference – CWA’s VP of Advancement and External Relations, Annabelle

Rutledge, spoke at the SAVE (Stop Abusive and Violent Environments) press conference, “America Says ‘No!’ to Title IX Plan.” Watch the remarks [here](#).

September 28: **CWALAC Stands for Women, Against Chemical Abortion** CWALAC Legislative Strategist Valerie Bynog delivered a pro-life, pro-woman statement in support of the introduction of the Ending Chemical Abortions Act of 2023 by Rep. Andy Ogles (R-Tennessee). [View](#) Valerie’s remarks.

Print Media

September 7: *Life Site – Pro-Life Leaders Slam FACE Act Convictions: “Embarrassment to our judicial system”* – [Features](#) Penny’s quote in defense of the five pro-life protestors who now face more than a decade in prison for blocking access to late-term abortion facilities.

September 14: *American Spectator Video: 70 Percent of Americans Oppose Transgender Athletes in Women’s Sports* – CWA [first to be listed](#) for taking the charge to protect women’s sports.

September 15: *CNBC, World News Era – Trump, DeSantis go Head-to-head at Key Conservative Group Summits in D.C.* – [Reports](#) on President Trump and Governor DeSantis’ speeches at CWA Leadership Summit 2023.

September 15: *The Washington Post, MSN – Ramaswamy Explains Why He Thinks He Can Abolish Agencies Without Congress* –

[Features](#) CWA Presidential pledge and quote from Penny sharing what she and CWA members were looking forward to hearing in President Trump’s speech at CWA Leadership Summit 2023.

September 15: *CNBC – Trump, DeSantis and GOP Senators Court Key Conservative Groups in D.C.* – [References](#) President Trump and Governor DeSantis’ appearances at CWA Leadership Summit 2023.

September 15: *USA Today, Yahoo News, Daily News Journal – Chasing Trump: DeSantis, Pence, and Ramaswamy try to win religious Conservatives with DC Stop* – [Reports on](#) President Trump and Governor DeSantis’ appearances at CWA Leadership Summit 2023.

September 15: *Reuters, Yahoo! News, Nasdaq, AOL, MSN, US News & World Report – Donald Trump, Ron DeSantis Converge on U.S. Capital to Court Evangelical Vote* – [Reports on](#) President Trump and Governor DeSantis’ appearances at CWA Leadership Summit 2023.

September 22: *Christian Post – Biden Admin. Title IX Changes Could Lead to the “Ultimate Erasure of Women,” Activist Warns* CWA VP of Advancement and External Relations Annabelle Rutledge’s speech [quoted](#) at press conference on Title IX, hosted by Stop Abusive and Violent Environments (SAVE).

GENDER IDEOLOGY

The Pediatricians Protecting Youth from Transgender Quackery

Doreen Denny, Senior Advisor



The Pediatricians Protecting Youth from Transgender Quackery

I was privileged to be on stage at Concerned Women for America's Leadership Summit with 19-year-old Chloe Cole as she recounted her heartbreaking story of being entangled in a web of gender confusion and medical activism. At 19 years old, Chloe bears the scars and ongoing complications of a double mastectomy – a mutilation performed when she was 15 during the height of the Covid-19 shutdown in June 2020. Apparently, amputating Chloe's healthy breasts at a gender clinic was essential treatment during the pandemic, while other Americans were denied care for life-threatening illnesses.

Chloe is a victim of Big Gender's medical activism and is shouldering the mantle of being the public voice of transition regret as she testifies across the country and challenges a malpractice industry in court.

Hearing her personal experience and her mature perspective was educational and emotional for all of us. It's why our continuing work is so crucial.

At our 2022 Leadership Summit, Dr. Michelle Cretella from the American College of Pediatricians (ACPeds) brought critical instruction to the issues underlying youth gender confusion and the destructive impact of the ideology underwriting transgender activism. ACPeds has been a leading force in exposing the harm to children of a trans-affirming culture. As medical practitioners seeing young patients every day, they are uniquely positioned to expose the quackery that one gender clinic whistleblower rebuked as "medically and morally appalling."

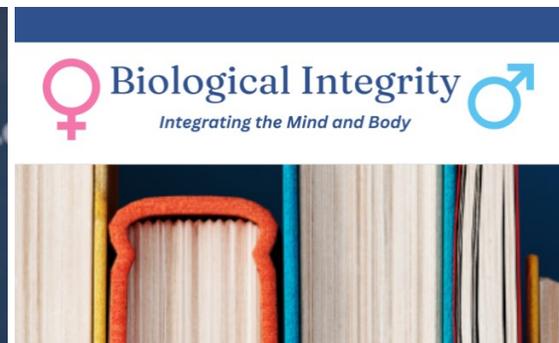
ACPeds has just released a vital project, [Biological Integrity: Integrating the Mind and Body](#). This resource of fact sheets, state laws, educational tools, legal support, ethical provider information, and testimonies for parents, physicians, schools, and

policymakers is designed to be a one-stop shop and a clearinghouse for sharing the vital resources of allies. This site can directly assist CWA's vital education and advocacy work.

Those on the front line of medical practice in the ACPeds network are joined by allied Christian physician groups featured on this site who know the Truth and practice the truth that every child is born in the right body.

Please pray for the dedicated work of ACPeds and for its network to thrive. Pray for the resources needed to keep this important project current and that its impact will be mighty and far reaching. Pray it will embolden more doctors, policymakers, and educational leaders to align with truth.

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Ephesians 6:12.





CWA is co-sponsoring the [Answers for Women 2024: Reclaim](#) conference hosted by [Answers in Genesis](#). The theme is “Overcoming the War on Women for the Glory of God.” It will be held at the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky. Speakers are CWA’s Penny Nance along with many others. The cost is \$199 (early bird price is \$139 until 10/4 noon). Includes a weeklong pass to the Ark and the Creation Museum.

YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA

CWA Leadership Summit 2023: Titus 2 on Display

Morgan Schlesselman, YWA National Director



It was a joy to be with many of you in Washington, D.C., for CWA’s Leadership Summit, which coincided with YWA’s Annual

Leadership Training! Our girls loved meeting you at meals and learning from you at Lobby Day.

We received the following quote from one of our YWA Leadership Training attendees, and I hope it’s an encouragement to all of you: “I loved the shared meals and would definitely want to see this done again. It is so inspiring to visit with the CWA ladies, and it is a wonderful reminder that the work we do now doesn’t stop when we reach a certain age or different season in life. The CWA ladies are nurses, mothers, wives, lawyers, senators, farmers, and so much more, yet they all

demonstrate a continued interest in the future of this country. Not only do they take action on behalf of important political issues, but more importantly, they are a wonderful example of what it means to pray without ceasing, share the Gospel, and love those in their families, communities, and nation as Jesus calls us to.”

– Sara Smith, YWA Chapter President at Anderson University

We had 58 YWA Chapter Presidents and Ambassadors for Lobby Day. 126 YWA leaders, chapter members, and friends were in attendance for YWA Leadership Training. Hands-on training is a vital part of Leadership Training. This year, the attendees participated in a sidewalk counseling session, mock interviews for communications training, and a practice session on how to share the Gospel. We were blessed to be joined by Karen

Pennington, CWA of Colorado State Director, and Marlo Tucker, CWA of California State Director. The girls loved hearing more about the role of CWA state directors and lobbying. We also had speakers share about the sanctity of life, support for Israel, fighting human trafficking, religious liberty, finding freedom from same-sex attraction, and Biblical femininity.

Pray: Please pray for the seeds that were planted at the event. Our attendees heard the Gospel multiple times. We know from our surveys that at least a few girls in attendance aren’t saved. Please pray that those girls would come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. For the others in the room who left the event on fire to get more involved, please pray they will remain “strong and steadfast” in the fight to promote Biblical values.

