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Why Do We Praise?

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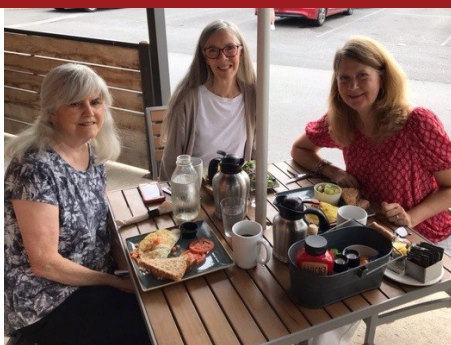


Do you ever find that your prayer time ends up being you approaching God with a laundry list of things that need to be fixed? This friend has cancer, this child is sick, this parent has a debilitating disease, this neighbor is in the hospital, this law would be horrible for our community, this loved one is not walking with the Lord, this church is hurting, this relative lost their job ... the list can (and does) go on and on. I often find myself just jumping into prayer with my list of things that I would love for God to fix for me – or at least give me peace about the situation.

Growing up, I was taught the A-C-T-S method of praying. Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication. Pondering one day why it is important to start our prayers with adoration (praise), I came across [this article](#) written by Todd Gaddis and published by LifeWay that gives seven reasons to praise the Lord.

1. **The Bible commands it.**
Psalm 150:6
2. **Praise facilitates access to God.**
Psalm 100:4
3. **Praise is where God lives.**
Psalm 22:3
4. **Praise promotes productivity.**
Psalm 17:5-6
5. **Praise chases away despair.**
Isaiah 61:3
6. **Praise is an effective weapon against the devil.** Isaiah 14
(Lucifer was God's worship leader before he was kicked out of heaven. He cannot stand it when we praise God – it is a reminder of what he can never again have.)
7. **God is worthy of it.**
Psalm 145:3

Wow! It's not just some cute acronym- this is the path for me to "enter His gates" and approach the throne of the Father with the right attitude. Psalm 92:1-2 (ESV) says, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,



and Your faithfulness by night.” It is GOOD for us to praise God. God wants to hear our praise. How good does it make you feel when someone genuinely praises you? How bad does it feel when someone continues to not acknowledge you but still wants something from you? God is the same.

So, I know I *should* praise God, but sometimes it is hard to get started. Here are some great Scriptures to read to God. Psalm 108:1-5, Psalm 100:1-5, Psalm 145:1-9, Psalm 150:1-6, Psalm 113:1-6, Psalm 145:17-21. Many Psalms exhibit

praise to our Creator, but I have found these to be a great place to start. How can I NOT praise when I am reminded of the greatness of our God?

ACTION: Take one month to be intentional about starting your focused prayer time with praise to God. If you don't currently have a focused prayer time, this is a great time to start! Use the Psalms listed in the article as a guide to start.

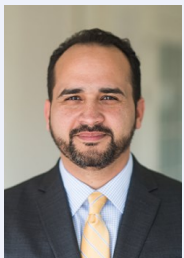
PRAYER: Father God, You are awesome! You are so worthy of our praise that, if we won't praise You, Your Word says the rocks will

cry out. God, help me not to be silent in my praise. I want to approach Your throne not with the arrogance that it is my right to have You fix things for me, but with the humility of knowing that You are mighty, powerful, all-knowing, all-seeing, full of wisdom and righteousness, and that You have a plan and purpose for everything in my life. Thank You, Lord, for those who have come before me who have given such great examples for me to follow. In the precious name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

GAVEL WATCH

Introducing Project 2025

Mario Diaz, Esq., General Counsel



One of the challenges of any new White House administration is the pace at which it has to move to

accomplish its goals. Four years is not a lot of time when facing the challenges we face as a country. Running the Executive Branch is a big undertaking with multiple tentacles that all require a change in policy *and personnel* as quickly as possible.

It is a problem that Concerned Women for America (CWA) and a broad coalition of groups, under the leadership of the Heritage Foundation, have set out to solve through an effort we called the 2025 Presidential Transition Project. The project encompasses four pillars: policy, personnel, training, and a 180-day playbook.

Policy

For many months, CWA worked alongside a broad coalition to

produce a [Mandate for Leadership](#), which presents a broad and ambitious agenda for every department within the administration. Any conservative, including you at home, can learn about the ins and outs of any area of interest and be prepared to take action if called upon. The next conservative administration can use this as a how-to manual to be effective and prepared from the get-go.

Project 2025
PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION PROJECT



Personnel

This is the phase we are most focused on at the moment. We want to open Washington, D.C., to every strong, conservative candidate interested in serving in the next administration. Many qualified leaders around the country do not have the connections in D.C. to get plugged in to serve the next president. Project 2025 is creating a comprehensive, secure database to provide the next administration with an expansive list of vetted candidates ready to serve at the president's pleasure. If you or someone you know would be interested in such an opportunity, use [this form](#) to give us the candidate's name, email, and connection to CWA, and we will plug you/them into the system.

The candidate will then receive an email inviting them to enter the database, where they will be able to provide their resume and relevant experience. CWA and other participant organizations can also recommend them for specific posts where appropriate.

Training

The other exciting thing about the database is that you can also go through video training sessions that will help you understand different aspects of public service and prepare you for this fantastic opportunity. Once your training is completed, administration officials will also be able to see that you have been trained in those areas, increasing the chance that you might be selected to serve in one capacity or another.

Playbook

The last component of this ambitious plan is to provide the next administration with a plan to hit the ground running on day one. From executive orders to administrative actions, this 180-day Transition Playbook will give the next conservative administration and its newly selected political appointees the roadmap they need to follow to guarantee a successful start.

PRAY: Please commit to praying for this project. And prayerfully consider getting involved, either by submitting your name or by helping us identify good Christian, conservative candidates.

CWA Releases First Video in New Series

SO YOU THINK YOU ARE PRO-CHOICE?

#1 The Reality of Abortion

WARNING: Viewer discretion is strongly advised.

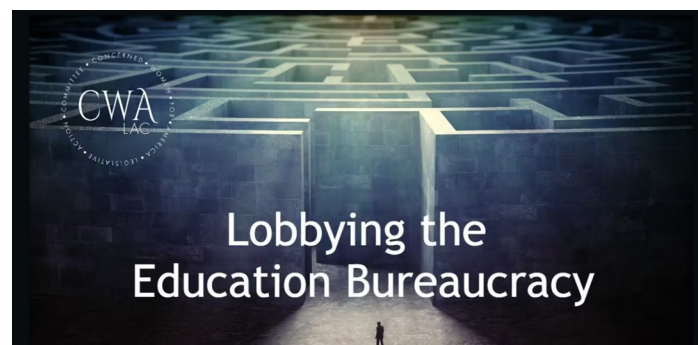
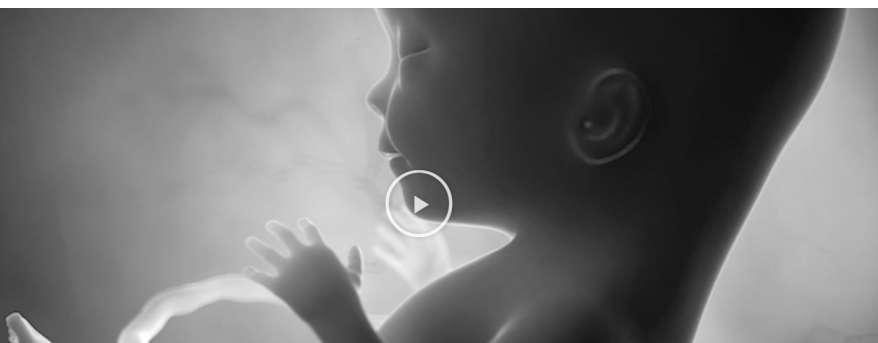
Watch for the release of video #2 on the topic of chemical abortion.

Please pray for the impact of this video and those to come. We currently have active ads running on Facebook and Instagram.

Please take action by sharing on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter\(X\)](#). Ask your chapter attendees to do the same.

Consider Showing "Lobbying the Education Bureaucracy" Webinar at Your Next Chapter Meeting

The [webinar](#) trains parents and citizens how to get involved in the education process. It teaches how to communicate with teachers and school boards effectively. After the video, discuss the next steps in completing the "homework" assignments presented in the video. Request the PowerPoint and notes from the Field Operations Department. *As a reminder, PALs and chapter members can speak as private citizens only before school boards.* You are free (and encouraged) to use CWA information.



CWA IN THE NEWS

What Women Want in the Upcoming Election

Enjoy the CWA podcasts, television interviews, op-eds, and more. Great resources for your Chapter meeting.

Concerned Women Today Podcast

August 4: **Fighting Human Trafficking with Dr. Rebecca Munson** – The box office smash hit of the summer, *Sound of Freedom*, has awakened millions of Americans to the scourge of human trafficking. Dr. Munson, Department Chair for Government and Public Policy at Liberty University, joins Concerned Women for America CEO and President Penny Nance to [discuss how Americans can fight the heinous activity](#).



August 22: **2024 Republican Primary Debate Preview with CNN'S Alice Stewart** – Aired the day before the first debate, Penny is joined by CNN's Republican strategist Alice Stewart to [discuss what to expect](#) in the debate.

Television/Online Media/Radio

August 18: **Newsmax – National Report** – Young Women for America (YWA) leader and 31-time All-American swimmer Kylee Alons [praised](#) the North Carolina legislature's override of Gov. Roy Cooper's veto of the "Fairness in Women's Sports Act."

August 22: **Fox News Channel – Fox News at Night** – Penny [joined](#) host Trace Gallagher for a debate and discussion with Pastor Robert Jeffress about abortion and immigration.

August 23: **Sirius XM The Patriot Channel – The Wilkow Majority** – Penny and host Andrew Wilkow [discuss](#) the GOP debate and the issue of parental rights.

August 24: **SiriusXM POTUS Channel – The Laura Coates Show** – Following the Republican debate, Penny [broke down](#) the winners and losers and what Christian,

conservative women are looking for in a candidate.

August 27: **FOX Network – Fox News Sunday with Shannon Bream** Penny [provided](#) analysis of the GOP debate in Milwaukee alongside other panelists and discussed important issues like education, support for Israel, and Biden's disastrous economy that is hurting American families.

Print Media

July 28: **Daily Caller - Feminism's Fatal Flaw** – YWA Leader Macy Petty writes an [important op-ed](#) about the gender feminists standing by while women's rights are being trampled.

August 9: **Western Journal – The DOJ Just Can't Quit Trump – This is What the Founders Warned About** CWA General Counsel Mario Diaz's [op-ed](#) discusses the DOJ's obsession with targeting Donald Trump.

August 28: **The Christian Post – "What Do Women Really Want This Presidential Election?"** – Penny's [op-ed](#) discusses how American women want a candidate who will defend life and will support federal legislation that saves lives.



GENDER IDEOLOGY

Déjà vu on Biden Rules to Redefine Sex – Every (Unique) Comment Counts

Doreen Denny, Senior Advisor



One year ago, we were in the home stretch opposing a massive Biden rewrite of Title IX,

the sex discrimination law originating in a 1972 education act. Déjà vu this year. Biden's Health and Human Services (HHS) department wants a similar sweeping change for longstanding federal programs to states, including Head Start, federal health care block grants, family violence prevention programs, and more.

Comments are due September 11, and we need your participation.

We're challenging HHS's authority to tie federal funding to a destructive lie about human identity and sexuality and force recipients to comply. HHS is required by law to consider every unique, unduplicated comment. That means each of you writing a comment opposing this radical rule change is a way to challenge the outcome.



Please [write your comment at this link](#) opposing this radical change to

major HHS programs from the following points:

Congress never authorized HHS to rewrite the meaning of "sex." Like Title IX, Biden is rewriting laws in violation of the Constitution's separation of powers. Supreme Court decisions do not justify the executive branch mandating this change.

The Biden HHS Grants Rule mandates that "sex" is defined by sexual feelings and perceived identities, not the objective fact of being male or female.

- Head Start, the universal federal preschool program for low-income families, could be expected to teach preschoolers about multiple sexual and gender "identities" as part of [Social and Emotional](#) learning to "describe self using several different characteristics."
- Community Mental Health programs would require affirming a deception that people can be "born in the wrong body" and [encourage gender transition treatments](#) that destroy healthy bodies.
- Maternal and Child Health grants

could deny that mothers are exclusively female. Any male who self-identifies as a "woman" could claim the need for chest reconstruction and ["chestfeeding" assistance](#).

- Child health programs would be sacrificed on the [altar of gender ideology](#), advocating puberty blockers, cross sex hormones, and surgeries on kids causing irreversible harm.
- Family violence prevention programs [could handcuff parents](#) with demands to accept a daughter's desire to cut off her breasts to be a "boy" or face charges of child abuse or neglect.

The Biden HHS Grants Rule entangles recipients with government agents and erodes rights of conscience and belief. Any faith-based recipient committed to upholding factual views about human sexuality would trigger a federal review process that could turn the shield of religious liberty into a sword of liability.

PRAY: May the Lord thwart the deceitful schemes of the enemy. *"...in their deceit they refuse to acknowledge Me, declares the LORD."* (Jeremiah 9:6)



YWA Seen in ESPN's 3-Part "Transgender Athlete Series"

The series is actually somewhat balanced. Click on each circle below to view. In the last video, YWA girls are rallying outside the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center after Lia Thomas, a male, won the women's



500-yard freestyle national championship, and YWA Ambassadors

Macy Petty and Noelle

Fitchett in the back row while

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signs

the Save Women's Sports Act. Check out [our map](#) of the states that protect girls' sport (scroll down page for map).

YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA

YWA Goes Back to School

Morgan Schlesselman, YWA National Director



We are so excited to see many of our Young Women for America (YWA) girls start school again and for YWA activities to resume

on campuses across the country! Several YWA chapters, such as ones at Clemson University, Liberty University, and Patrick Henry College, have begun tabling on campus to introduce themselves to their peers, highlight upcoming events, and receive sign-ups. They have already had great success, and we look forward to all the Lord has in store for them this school year.

Earlier this month, two of our YWA leaders joined Concerned Women

for America of Texas and Gov. Greg Abbott for his ceremonial signing of the "Save Women's Sports Act." YWA Ambassadors Macy Petty, a NCAA volleyball player, and Noelle Fitchett, who [testified](#) in support of the bill earlier this year, were grateful for the opportunity to celebrate this win for girls' sports and female athletes in the state of Texas.

"Thank you, Texas legislators, for your unwavering commitment to championing women's rights and preserving the hard-earned opportunities we deserve. The passage of SB 15 is a significant step forward in ensuring a fair and just society. Young women across America are grateful for the Texas legislators who advocate for what

is right. Praise God for legislators who fight for what is good and just," YWA Ambassador Noelle Fitchett said about the bill.

PRAY: Please pray for the hearts and minds of the 125 young women who will be attending YWA Leadership Training in September. We pray this event encourages and equips them to return to their campuses and communities and shine the light of the Gospel in often dark places.

ACT: Several YWA leaders have contributed to CWA's [For America Prayer Journal](#) in the last few weeks. I encourage you to read and pray through their powerful prayers for the [Church](#), [abortionists](#), and this [country](#).

