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His Promises Are True

As a kid growing up in church, I remember singing the song “Every Promise in the Book is Mine.” One of the verses goes like this:

Every promise in the book is mine,
Every scripture, every verse, every line.
All are blessings of His love divine,
Every promise in the book is mine.

What truth in those few lines! Every Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation, contains the promises of a faithful promise-keeping God. Our God can be trusted. He always keeps His word. Isaiah 11:5 says faithfulness is the clothing that God wears, *“Righteousness will be His belt and faithfulness the sash around His waist.”*

My dear sisters, you can trust the promises of God. Are you feeling the weight of grief today? Look at this promise from Psalm 34:18, *“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”* God will never abandon you during your times of grief. Or do you wonder today how you will make ends meet? Check out this promise that David declared, *“I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.”* (Psalm 37:25) Take in the fullness of this promise – God will never leave you. He sees your need, and He will meet it. He has to because He promised He would.

Concerned Women for America’s national staff recently shared their [favorite Scripture promises](#) and how they encourage them. We wanted to share those with you and hope they will be an encouragement to you. For our Chapter leaders, consider using the Scriptures for your Chapter devotion. What a powerful way to start your meeting by praying God’s promises back to Him.

Here are a few reflections from our staff. You can read more reflections [here](#).

Mario Diaz, Esq.

James 1:5 is always encouraging to me as I face challenges that seem far too complex for me to handle. *“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.”* Amen!



Keri Ann Thompson

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10)

There is such peace in knowing that I have nothing to fear, that I have nothing about which to be distressed. God’s promise to me is that He will give me what I need when I need it. Because I am the Lord’s chosen, He WILL help me.



Tanya Ditty,
Vice President of
Field Operations

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HOUSE INSIGHTS

March for Life House Bills Update



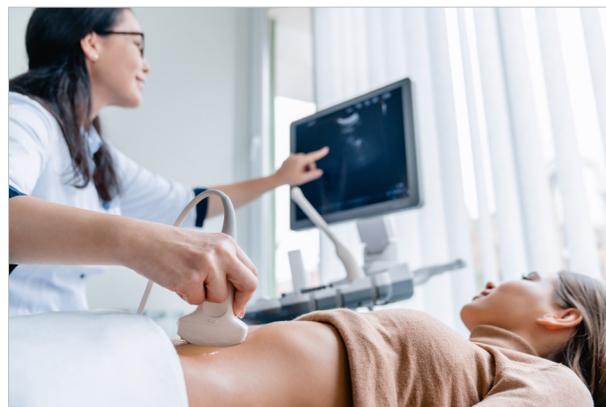
Valerie Bynog, Legislative Strategist

Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) was happy to work with House congressional leadership to pass two pro-life and pro-women bills the week of the March for Life. Members worked to reflect this year’s March for Life theme in the legislation chosen, “With Every Woman and For Every Child.”

The Biden Administration’s Department of Health and Human Services recently proposed a rule that could restrict states from using Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds for pregnancy centers. In 2022, pregnancy centers across the United States provided at least \$358 million of services and resources. These services and resources included ultrasounds, baby diapers, formula, outfits, counseling, and more – all at no cost. Clearly, the Biden Administration is more concerned with mothers having access to abortions than mothers being supported and feeling empowered to choose life.

That is why congressional leaders brought forward H.R. 6918, the “Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act,” to rescind this egregious rule and allow pregnancy centers to continue helping needy women and babies. CWALAC was happy to endorse and score the final vote to include in our annual scorecard.

The other bill that passed with resounding Republican support was H.R. 6914, “The Pregnant Students’ Rights Act,” which simply says that colleges and universities that accept Title IV funding must ensure all college students know their rights and protections to carry a pregnancy to term.



PRAYER: Pray for those who are so blinded by the evils of abortion that they cannot even bring themselves to vote for these simple bills that help women and their babies.

ACTION: [Call](#) your Representative and thank them for voting yes on the two life bills. If your Representative voted against the bill(s), call their office and respectfully share your support life.

[House vote for H.R. 6918](#) [House vote for H.R. 6914](#)

SHE PRAYS SHE VOTES

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CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

*The She Prays She Votes 2024
webpage is now live! [Check it out!](#)
Watch for more information to come.*

SENATE INSIGHTS

Senate Introduces Sweeping Pro-Life Agenda



Maggie McKneely, Legislative Strategist

In conjunction with the 51st annual March for Life, the United States Senate is rolling out a slate of pro-life bills with Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee's (CWALAC) endorsement that protects not just the vulnerable child in the womb, but also provides for mothers, encourage the involvement of fathers, and support the important work of pregnancy resource centers. Two of them are highlighted here.

The first is the reintroduction of Sen. Kevin Cramer's (R-North Dakota) Unborn Child Support Act. This bill would allow expectant mothers to collect child support payments while the baby is still in the womb, and she could request that those payments be made retroactively up until the point of conception as determined by a physician. By providing a financial lifeline, this bill would encourage countless numbers of women to choose life for their unborn children. It also affirms that both

mothers and fathers have a critical role to play in every chapter of a child's life.

In addition to Sen. Kramer's bill, Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Mississippi) is introducing the Pregnancy Center Support Act. It is designed to financially support the invaluable services these centers offer to expectant moms.

Pregnancy resource centers provide clothing, mentorship, medical resources, adoption services, and anything else a woman might need during and after her pregnancy. They are life-giving alternatives to Planned Parenthood and other abortion clinics.

But, these centers are run almost entirely by volunteers and on donations. The Pregnancy Center Support Act would incentivize charitable giving to these centers by allowing for tax credits to be made available for all donations given to pregnancy centers nationwide. These centers need our support



now more than ever, and this bill would make it more financially appealing to do that.

In a culture that argues that abortion is still a necessary solution for unplanned pregnancies, we in the pro-life movement must continue to educate and provide

resources that prove it isn't the case. CWALAC is proud to stand by Sens. Cramer and Hyde-Smith and

these life-affirming pieces of legislation.

ACTION: You can contact your senators and ask them to support all the bills by using our Action Center [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

PRAY that our that nation will continue to return to the culture of life.

GENDER IDEOLOGY

Ohio Override Sends Strong Statement



Doreen Denny, Senior Advisor

Prayers answered! Last month, I reported on Ohio Republican Governor Mike DeWine's veto, which left a crucial law protecting minors from destructive chemical and surgical "gender transition" procedures and protecting the integrity of women's sports in limbo. In January, Ohio lawmakers made a strong statement against Gov. DeWine's action, overriding his veto by a sizable margin. This show of force extended an impressive winning streak in states – 25 states have passed laws protecting women's sports; and 23 have passed laws protecting children caught in gender ideology from medical harm.

Gov. DeWine seemed to think the backing of high-powered state medical lobbies and promising executive orders to confront some of the issues might encourage some in the legislature to stand down. Whatever his calculation, it backfired – as it has for other GOP governors who have made the same mistake. It exposed a lack of appreciation for the potency of these concerns among citizens. Like other governors before him, Gov. DeWine used a false application of "parental rights" to defend his veto,

claiming parents know their children best. Parents don't have the right to make bad judgments about treating gender dysphoria, and neither do doctors peddling these unproven medical harms.

DeWine's disregard for female athletes also exposed a lack of leadership and courage. His veto of the Save Women's Sports Act, which was part of this package, sent a message that the Left's "inclusion" agenda should be accomplished on the backs of women and girl athletes. He should have known better.



PRAISE GOD for righteous lawmakers who vote with integrity. *"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan."* (Psalm 29:2)

Thank you for your work on these issues in the states, and **KEEP PRAYING FOR PROGRESS** in the 2024 legislative session.

CWA IN THE NEWS

A Strong Message to the NCAA

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

[Women for America Podcasts](#) [A Conversation on Biblical Femininity](#)

Young Women for America sit down for a fruitful conversation on what it looks like to embrace Biblical femininity, purity, dating, and more in a culture that seeks to destroy God's design for gender.

[Beauty from Ashes with Pro-Life Advocate Kelly Lester](#)

Kelly Lester was molested as a child and raped as a teen. Her past hurts led to a life of several abortions, drug dealing, eating disorders, homosexuality, pornography, and prostitution. Kelly joins Penny Nance to tell her story about how God has a way of taking broken pieces and turning them into something absolutely beautiful.

[Television/Online Media/Radio](#)

January 11: *FOX Business Network - Varney & CO.* - YWA leader Macy Petty was [interviewed](#) in advance of the rally outside the NCAA's annual meeting.

January 11: *Newsmax - Chris Plante The Right Squad* - Penny [discusses](#) various issues ranging from tensions in the Middle East to Donald Trump's pick for Vice President.

January 16: *Newsmax - Chris Plante The Right Squad* - Penny [provides](#) commentary on issues of the day, including the Republican primary results in Iowa.



January 22: *SiriusXM Patriot - Wilkow Majority* - Penny [recaps](#) the 51st annual March for Life with host Andrew Wilkow on radio.

January 24: *DayStar Television - Ministry Now* - Penny [spotlights](#) the work CWA is doing to protect God's design for the family and shares her personal testimony with hosts Joni Lamb and Rebecca Lamb Weiss.



[Print Media](#)

January 2: *The Federalist - Will Unmasking Epstein's Clients Finally Wake Americans Up To Our Human Trafficking Crisis?* - Penny [exposes](#) the stench of Jeffrey Epstein's sex trafficking ring in a telling op-ed with the *Federalist*.

January 8: *FOX News.com - For NCAA Women, Charlie Baker's Legacy is Being Written—and it's Not Pretty* - CWA Senior Advisor Doreen Denny [highlights](#) NCAA president Charlie Baker's failure to protect female athletes from competing against biological males.

January 11: *The Daily Signal - NCAA Board Member Reportedly Snubs Female Athlete Demanding Fairness in Women's Sports* - *The Daily Signal* [recounts](#) what happened to YWA ambassador Macy Petty when she tried to hand-deliver a letter from women's organizations, including CWA asking for fairness in women's sports to NCAA Board of Governors Chair Linda Livingstone.

FOX BUSINESS		FEMALE ATHLETES RALLY AT NCAA ANNUAL CONVENTION		DOW			
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LAST TRADES		CORP (EW)	75.20	0.92	TESLA (TSLA)	226.86	7.08
				219.59		-0.58%	

January 20: *The Christian Post* – **March for Life: Pro-Lifers Consider Future of the Movement after Roe v. Wade’s Reversal** – Penny is [quoted](#) highlighting CWA’s active work at the federal and state level to protect life.

January 21: *FOXNews.com* – **Pro-Life Health Care Workers Urge Pro-Family Policies as Major**

Medical Institutions Push Abortion – Penny, [interviewed at the March for Life, tells Fox News Digital](#) that a priority for the pro-life movement is to expand ways for struggling pregnant women and mothers to get assistance.

January 24: *The Daily Signal* - **Ohio Senate Overrides DeWine Veto of Bill Protecting Kids From**

‘Gender-Affirming Care’ CWA’s statement on the override of Ohio Governor Mike DeWine’s veto of the SAFE Act is included in [this story](#).

January 29: *Newsmax* - **Chris Plante The Right Squad** - Penny [provides](#) commentary on issues of the day, including the border crisis, E. Jean Carroll, and Taylor Swift.



Hosted by [Answers in Genesis](#) and co-hosted by CWA, this event will be held at the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, Kentucky. The theme is “Overcoming the War on Women for the Glory of God.” “What is a woman?” We’ve all seen the cultural war on women escalate alarmingly in recent days. The message is clear: embrace gender inclusivity and erase gender distinctives or else.

As Christian women, we need to give practical, biblically sound answers to a culture that is quickly erasing what it means to be a woman. We need to raise the next generation to hold fast to the foundational truths of gender that begin in Genesis and continue throughout God’s Word.

At Answers for Women 2024, you’ll learn how to reclaim God’s good design for women and overcome the war on women that threatens to overtake us. Engaging, passionate speakers who love God and his Word will equip you with biblical and practical answers to live confidently and courageously as women. This conference is a wonderful opportunity to help yourself, your daughters, your granddaughters, and the women in your church to rely on God’s all-sufficient Word for womanhood. Register today.

Details:

- Location: Williamstown, Kentucky
- Speakers: There will be many phenomenal speakers, including our own Penny Nance.
- Cost: \$199 (Early Bird Price is \$139). Includes a weeklong pass to the Ark and the Creation Museum.
- For more information, including how to register, go [here](#). If you plan to attend, be sure to let us know.



STATE HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE NATION

Impacting the Nation, One State at a Time!

CWA's impact across the nation is growing exponentially because of the hundreds of Godly women willing to stand up for righteousness in their communities and their state – all for the glory of God! Check out January happenings around the nation.

Meet Our Newest State Directors!



Kaleen Marshall

State Director
CWA of Illinois

Get to know Kaleen [here](#).



Tina Marie Bloomer

State Director
CWA of North Carolina

Get to know Tina Marie [here](#).

CWA Grassroots Are on the Move!



CWA of New Mexico hosted a prayer rally and Jericho Walk at State Capitol. The rally, held inside the Rotunda, included beautiful praise and worship followed by scripture readings and prayer.



CWA of Louisiana, a sponsor of Louisiana's Right to Life march, joined allied organizations to march for life in Baton Rouge.



CWA of Virginia continues to build meaningful relationships with Virginia state legislators.



CWA of Missouri leaders met for a time of planning, praying, and fellowship.



CWA of Virginia's Forest Prayer/Action Chapter met in January as they do every month, along with hundreds of other chapters across the nation, for the purpose of affecting their communities and states through prayer and action.



With January being National Human Trafficking Prevention Month, CWA of Pennsylvania's Pottstown Prayer/Action Chapter hosted an event to spotlight the issue. Over 60 people attended this outstanding event.



CWA of Colorado State Director Karen Pennington was a speaker at the Adam's County GOP Women's meeting. She shared about CWA, YWA, state legislation, and engagement.



CWA of North Dakota joined pro-life individuals and state and national leaders at the 2024 Pro-Life Conference in Bismarck, sponsored by the North Dakota Family Alliance. State Director Linda Thorson [right] was joined by several CWA volunteers along with Sandi Sanford [left], CWA PAL and wife of former Lt. Gov. Brent Sanford.

YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA Sun or Snow, We'll Stand for Life



Ana Castillo, YWA Eastern Regional Coordinator

Young Women for America (YWA) kicked off 2024 with our leaders standing for life. On Friday, January 19, many of our leaders traveled from across the country to attend the 2024 National March for Life in Washington, D.C. We had more than 25 leaders come in from Arizona, Arkansas, Hawaii, North Carolina, New York, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin to stand in the snow during the rally and march.

the girls loved the march and why they marched. YWA Ambassador Macy Petty from Lee University in Tennessee said she marched because she “refuses to be silent in the war against life itself. God has positioned us in a country where we have influence over our laws; we must steward that well and encourage our fellow believers to do the same.” YWA Ambassador Kylee Alons from North Carolina said she marched for life because “human life is valuable and deserves to be protected at every stage.” She stated that she “wants to be part of the movement that exposes the darkness in the abortion industry and supports, informs and helps women.”



Washington, D.C., was not the only place where our leaders were marching for life. We also had YWA leaders march in Idaho, Kansas, and Texas. We are grateful to have leaders who realize the importance of standing for life and who live out Proverbs 31:8: “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.” Sun, rain, or snow, you can always count on our YWA leaders to show up!



Following the march, our YWA team met up with 16 of our YWA leaders for coffee and hot chocolate. It was nice to sit with our leaders, warm up, and discuss why



In addition to marching for life, we have several YWA chapters deepening their relationship with their local pregnancy centers this semester. Please pray for continued impact and connection within those relationships that allow our chapter members to see our pro-life convictions in action.