

The Influencer Monthly



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Walking in the Vision

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." –Ephesians 2:10

Each of us has a unique purpose in this world, and that purpose often becomes clear through God's vision for our lives. We can define VISION like this: insights given by God to convey His will and guidance. The Bible encourages us to discover AND embrace our individual callings, reminding us that we were created for a purpose and that we play a vital role in God's plan. When we align

ourselves with God's vision, we are able to walk in confidence, knowing that it is He Who is working in and through us, not we ourselves.

The vision Paul had on the Road to Damascus (Acts 26:12-23) was no passing emotion. It gave very clear and emphatic directions for Paul, and he made it clear in Acts 26:19, that he was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. Paul's relationship to Jesus Christ became personal on the Damascus Road. Paul became devoted to a Person, not a cause, and lived his life in full abandonment, fulfilling the vision that God had given as a minister and witness.

Habakkuk 2:2-3 says, "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but in the end it will

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Jan Koskey's Prayer/Action Chapter in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, are salt and light of the world. These faithful women are world changers!

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speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."

What about us as individuals? Is this word from Habakkuk for us today? Does the Lord still give visions? I truly believe that the answer is an enthusiastic YES! As I was praying about potentially taking the new role of State Director here in Virginia, the Lord gave a very clear vision. One that I knew only He could accomplish. I had to decide if I was ready to deny self, if I was a willing vessel, willing to run my race well, unhindered, with endurance that only the Lord could provide. Oswald Chambers talks about "walking in the vision." Every day making a decision to continue to surrender my will for His, keeping the vision clear and in focus.

After several months of prayer, I said yes to the call to ministry through Concerned Women for America here in Virginia! I was ready to walk in the vision! I have seen the goodness of the Lord working all things together for good, as I love Him, and am called according to His purpose. Has the vision come to fruition? Not yet, but daily the Lord is bringing forth open doors of opportunity as I continue to walk in the vision, believing that God is, day by day, bringing us steps closer to the fruition of the vision than we were the day before!

Today, I challenge you to refocus. To consider how the Lord could use you to speak truth to the public square through the ministry of Concerned Women for America. Allow Him to empower you through His vision for you, and then prepare to see God work in ways beyond what you can imagine or think, according to the power that worketh in you! 🙏

On the Hill

THE SENATE in Review

The Congressional Fight Over Online Sports Gambling.

Shortly before the passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB), the Senate successfully slipped in a provision to curb the growing influence of online sports gambling. But there is currently a misguided, bipartisan push to reverse that policy win.



Maggie McKneely
Legislative Strategist

Prior to the bill's passage, sports bettors could deduct 100% of their losses from their wins. For example, if someone lost \$100,000 but then won \$100,000, they would not owe any tax. This incentivized people to continue placing bets in the hope that they would recoup some of their losses. But starting in 2026, the OBBB narrowly increases the tax on gamblers by changing it from 100% to 90%. Now, the same person in the example above will owe taxes on \$10,000.

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This slight change has the potential to significantly impact the appeal of online sports betting, a now ubiquitous activity that is only serving to harm American families. [A study conducted by economists from the University of Southern California](#) found that the legalization of sports gambling increased the risk of a household going bankrupt by 25-30%. [A separate study from Northwestern University](#) found that legalized sports betting depletes households' savings.

The effects of gambling are not just financial, however. A recent, [more alarming study](#) found that in states with legal sports betting, there is a 9% increase in domestic violence, the victims of which are usually women.

All of these effects are compounded by online sports betting. [Research suggests](#) that the rate of gambling problems is at least twice as high among online sports bettors as it is among any

September Chapter Tip



Start a campaign to protect kids from sexually explicit books in tax-payer funded school libraries.

- Visit [Take Back the Classroom](#) to uncover which schools have explicit content.
- Access [The Kitchen Table Activist](#) resources page to help safeguard our children.
- Contact your school board and ask them to audit and remove explicit content and require parental opt-in for controversial materials.
- As a concerned citizen and tax payer, attend a school board meeting to speak up for our children.
- Share this information. Forward this information to friends, family, and others in your church or neighborhood who care about protecting children.

other kind of gamblers, which, considering nearly 90% of all bets are now placed online, is very concerning.

Despite these negative consequences of gambling, some members of Congress want to continue supporting the sports betting industry. The FAIR Bet Act currently has six Democrat



cosponsors and four Republicans. Republican cosponsor [Troy Nehls \(Texas-22nd\)](#) has said that the provision in the OBBB is “unfair” and that it is an “overly punitive” tax on gambling, unintentionally revealing how online sports betting is ensnaring more people than ever into a dangerous gambling habit.

CWALAC applauds the important step that Congress took with this provision.

PRAYER

Pray that legislators would find support and stand strong against arguments to reverse this policy and would instead continue to fight against the harms of legalized online sports betting.

ACTION

Create an awareness campaign in your community for the need for gambling addiction support groups. Host a prayer walk for victims of this addiction that can destroy families.

The fact that I’m a woman doesn’t make me a different kind of Christian, but the fact that I’m a Christian does make me a different kind of woman.

Elizabeth Elliot

CHAPTER highlight



Alison Gardner and her Prayer/Action Chapter in Houston, Texas don their CWA Spirit!



Macy Petty, Legislative Strategist, on [Newsmax](#) talking “Men in Women’s Olympic Sports.”



Penny on [Newsmax](#) discussing humanitarian aid to Gaza.



[Penny’s response](#) to allegations that Fairfax County, Virginia public schools arranged and paid for student abortions without parental consent.

AUGUST 6 Macy Petty’s op-ed titled “USA Volleyball’s Anti-woman Agenda Lives on, Despite Trump’s Executive Order” was featured on [Fox News](#). Her piece exposes USA Volleyball’s failures to protect female athletes and discusses the importance of passing Congressman Greg Steube’s “Protection of Women in Olympic and Amateur Sports Act.”

AUGUST 11 Quoted in a wide array of local media, CWA responded to the chilling discovery that Fairfax County Public Schools arranged and funded students’ abortions in 2021, calling it “an absolutely outrageous affront to parental rights.” Penny Nance also posted a video to social media that was featured here in [The Daily Signal](#).

AUGUST 13 Penny appeared on the [Chris Plante Show on Newsmax](#), providing commentary on President Trump’s anti-crime push in D.C., peace talks, and men in women’s sports.

AUGUST 19 Penny was quoted in numerous publications, including [The Week](#), cheering Costco’s decision to no longer stock the abortion pill. Additionally, she noted that mifepristone has “also been used on unsuspecting women by predatory men, making it possible that lawsuits could be filed against businesses who sell the abortion pill — one more reason Costco’s decision is wise” — a reference to the horrifying news story about a Texas woman suing a man for lacing her hot chocolate with at least 10 mifepristone pills, forcing her to abort their unborn child. CWA made an [Instagram reel](#) sharing that story.

AUGUST 20 Penny responds to [World Boxing’s announcement](#) that they will require mandatory sex testing in the women’s category, “World Boxing is leading the way on the international stage to restore the veracity and integrity of sex-based categories of sport. Their decision to enact mandatory sex testing is a victory for women’s safety and dignity,” said Penny Nance, CEO and President, Concerned Women for America. Read CWA’s June letter to [World Boxing here](#).

AUGUST 21 Former educator and Athletic Director, State Director of New Mexico, [Nickie McCarty, responds](#) to the news that New Mexico’s ranking among states with protections for religious liberty has fallen from 11th to 26th in only a year in the *New Mexico Sun*.

AUGUST 21 Doreen Denny, CWA Senior Advisor, wrote a [scathing response](#) to the situation at Indiana University and other colleges around the country for *Townhall*. “College policies can result in women being assigned to share campus housing with students declaring they are “women” or “nonbinary,” but are male.”

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. *Philippians 2:14-16*

The Federal Trade Commission Aims to Tackle Deceptive Practices



Doreen Denny,
Senior Advisor



The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has a statutory mission to protect the public from deceptive and unfair business practices. With that kind of mandate, the possibilities for action in a society held hostage by scams, false advertising, and fraudulent behavior could be endless.

Cracking down on the exploitation of vulnerable populations is a top priority, which is why new leadership at the FTC conducted a day-long [workshop in July](#) on the dangers of so-called “gender-affirming care” (GAC) for minors.

In follow-up to this workshop, which raised alarming issues, the FTC is poised to act. Its first objective is soliciting experiences, examples, and evidence from the public, “to better understand how consumers may have been exposed to false or unsupported claims about ‘gender-affirming care,’ especially as it relates to minors, and to gauge the harms consumers may be experiencing.”

This invitation for public comments, with a deadline of September 26, is a key opportunity. For years, CWA has been actively sounding the alarm about the deception and harm of social and medical “gender transition” that rejects our God-given design and tells children they can change their identities and recreate their bodies in their own image. Promoters peddle GAC as “health care,” despite the destructive impact on human development. They spew false mantras like a child can be “born in the wrong body,” and people can “change their sex.”

Practitioners, entities, and institutions promoting or providing GAC are the target of this inquiry. The FTC is seeking personal accounts of interactions with individuals or organizations recommending GAC, as well as information about those making false representations regarding the benefits or effectiveness of GAC and/or promoting or advertising GAC procedures or products.



The FTC has provided a guidance document with specific questions of interest: [Request for Public Comment Regarding “Gender-Affirming Care” for Minors](#). **Please consider how you can support this action. Any examples you can provide will be valuable to the FTC’s critical work.**

PRAYER Pray against the deception of GAC. “But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die ...’” (Genesis 3:4)

ACTION Use [CWA’s Action Center](#) to send comments directly to the FTC before the September 26 deadline.



“On this 105th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, we commend Rep. Mary Miller (R-Illinois) for fighting for females’ rights by introducing [legislation](#) that will affirm biological definitions of sex under Title IX. Just as women have fought for the right to vote, women today need to fight for their safety and dignity as we protect sex-based sports. It is outrageous that this need exists, but Rep. Miller’s bill will define and codify into law the right for females to compete in sports against females, not trans-identifying men.”

—Penny Nance

CWA of ALABAMA

State Director of Alabama, Bobbi Radeck (pictured in the bright red shirt), had an outstanding meeting in Guntersville, Alabama, with 21 attendees! Bobbie presented CWA and the opportunities for involvement, two YWA girls talked about all things YWA, and the special speaker was from a local Christ-centered ministry that provides secure homes for minors who are survivors of human trafficking. All enjoyed a time of prayer, fellowship, and decadent desserts. Several individuals are considering leadership: 1 Legislative Liaison, 2 Issues Specialists, and 2 Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders!



CWA of KENTUCKY



State Director of Kentucky, Jennifer Pendleton (far left), attended the kickoff meeting for the new Cold Spring Prayer/Action Chapter where she shared the mission and vision of CWA. The attendees were excited to hear how they can make a difference through local engagement and the Encourage-A-Legislator Program. **PAL, Cordelia Schaber** (right of Jennifer), has already signed up five new Influencers and found an Issue Specialist in the group!



HOUSE BUSINESS

Protecting Kids Online

In the ever-expanding technology landscape, inadequate protections for children online jeopardize young innocence and undermine the heart of American families.

Macy Petty
Legislative Strategist

Congresswoman Mary Miller (R-Illinois-15th) is leading the charge to protect kids online, and she is looking for support from fellow members of Congress.

The [Shielding Children's Retinas from Egregious Exposure on the Net \(SCREEN\) Act](#) would help protect children from encountering porn online by strengthening age restriction mandates on porn websites. Technological advances give us the capability for simple yet accurate age verification, and we must utilize these tools to protect children online.

Congresswoman Miller and Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) sponsored the SCREEN Act in the 118th Congress, but neither chamber brought the bill to the floor for a vote. Thankfully, Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee's (CWALAC) allies on the Hill say the bill has garnered significant attention and could even move through committee soon.

Concerned Women for America CWALAC has long supported the SCREEN Act, and we are urging Congress to make it a priority.

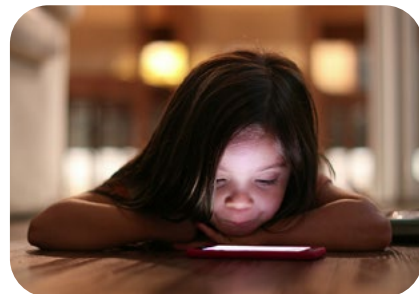
Statistics from the [National Center for Sexual Exploitation](#) suggest:

- **73% of 13–17-year-old children have consumed pornography**
- **54% were exposed at 13 years old or younger**
- **52% saw violent pornography including choking, pain, or the appearance of rape**



The damages caused by this exposure are considerable. Pornography at a young age is linked to sexual exploitation and aggression, general aggressive behavior, earlier sexual intercourse, poor academic achievement, mental health issues, prostitution, and more.

Children often first [see pornographic materials accidentally](#) while browsing the internet. This is due to the lack of age protections that allows easily accessible pornographic material in everyday scrolling.



The SCREEN Act currently has 15 cosponsors in the House, but the more cosponsors a bill has, the more likely it is to move to a final vote.

PRAYER

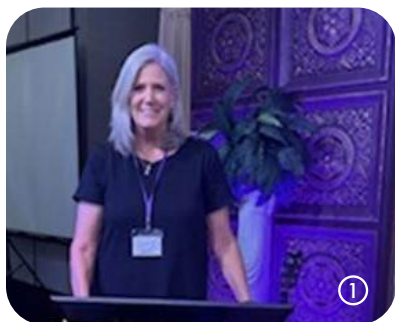
Psalm 82:3-4 instructs, "Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked."

Pray for the children who are the most vulnerable targets of this predatory industry. Pray for parents to be aware and vigilant with their kids' access to the internet, and for common sense legislation to address obscenity laws in every sphere of life.

ACTION

Reach out to your Representative and ask him/her to protect kids online and sign on to the SCREEN Act today!

Check out [CWA's resources on pornography](#) and educate your Chapter members, friends, and family about the growing crisis of online access for kids.



CWA PRAYER/ACTION CHAPTERS

The purpose of a Prayer/Action Chapter meeting is to pray, educate, and take action on the issues for the current month. The Prayer/Action Chapter Leader and members of her chapter are committed to these goals:

1. **Pray about the issues.** "... praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." (Ephesians 6:18a)
2. **Be alert and informed (watchful)** "... being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints." (Ephesians 6:18b)
3. **Act on those issues (speak boldly)** "... that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." (Ephesians 6:20)

The CWA chapter meeting is a place of comradery for like-minded women. It's a setting where women can speak freely about the issues without fear of opposition/rejection/awkwardness.

1) CWA OF ARIZONA State Director **Patty Erickson** was given a few minutes to speak to the over 300 in attendance at the Calvary Women's Retreat in Scottsdale 2) CWA OF SOUTH DAKOTA State Director **Linda Shauer** introduces CWA at a county GOP women's luncheon. 3) CWA OF LOUISIANA State Director **Laura Huber** (2nd from the left) and CWA of Louisiana attended the "Cherishing the Dignity of Life, Even at the End of Life" event. 4) CWA OF NEW MEXICO State Director **Nickie McCarty** spoke to a group of 200 women at Calvary Chapel Rio Grande Valley, the church of our **Prayer/Action Chapter Leader, Margarite Jaramillo**, where Nickie was first introduced to CWA.

The Gift of Discipleship

My CWA Story



Abi-Ananiah Prudent, Young Women for America Regional Coordinator

I first learned about Concerned Women for America (CWA) in October of 2021. I had recently uprooted much of my life, seeking opportunities to engage in politics as a young Christian woman. I changed my academic major, transferred schools, and added a year to my college journey—all because I felt God calling me toward something greater. He provided in every way, placing me exactly where I needed to be when I discovered CWA. I didn't yet understand what it meant to be

"conservative" or align with a political party. All I knew was that I wanted to stand for Biblical values and constitutional principles.

When I arrived at my new school, I was hoping to find friends who shared my values. I ended up connecting almost instantly with three amazing women who had all been involved with Young Women for America (YWA) as leaders. Though intrigued, it was not until I received a personal invite that I made time in my schedule to attend a meeting. That October, the Liberty YWA chapter hosted an event called "Life & Liberty," where we heard from pro-life leaders, including our CWA CEO and President, Penny Nance. Penny was personal, engaging, and a champion of YWA. While speaking with her one-on-one, she encouraged me to plug into the work God was doing in the fight for life and with CWA.

Very quickly, God made it clear that He was leading me to engage with CWA. Without hesitation, I joined YWA on my new campus and immersed myself in the mission of prayer, education, and advocacy. Within a year, I was speaking to the media on behalf of pro-life students, attending the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Supreme Court rally, joining the Liberty University chapter leadership team, and even testifying on behalf of girls' sports legislation. Advocacy gave me a way to live out the convictions I'd long held, but what truly emboldened me were the relationships formed through the local CWA Prayer/Action Chapters composed of women older than me in years.



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Bobbi Radeck, State Director of Alabama, invited Samford YWA Leaders to speak at her CWA informational meeting.

"Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior...they are to teach what is good and so to train the young women."

Titus 2:3a-4



PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of friendship. I pray that I would be faithful to the admonition in Titus 2, to be a woman of integrity and character, faithfully living out my Christian witness. I pray for opportunities to be a light and voice of wisdom to all those you place in my path. Amen.

ACTION

Friends, I urge you to stand firmly together in this race of faith. Look for the women God has placed around you and in the generations behind you—walk together, pray with one another, and make disciples. Our nation needs women of faith and courage in every generation now more than ever.

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Teresa Pregarall joined by CWA and YWA leaders at the VA State Capitol.

These women I built relationships with weren't just allies in the cause—they were mentors and teachers. They guided us in wisdom and discernment, teaching us to live with purity (Titus 2:5) and to stand boldly for truth (Titus 2:7–8). We prayed fervently for our nation's leaders, and then we stood together—for truth on our campuses, in our cities, and in our statehouses. Together we confidently prayed for God to soften the hearts of our nation's leaders, as we stood for truth on our campuses, in our cities, and in state offices.

God created the Church and called us to stand together. As a young leader, what I needed most was not the media appearances or events to attend - what I needed was and is Godly women who trusted the Lord in ways I never had. What I needed were the prayers with Prayer/Action Chapter Leader, Anne Robeson, before testifying in the Virginia Education Committee. What I needed was the car ride conversations with Teresa Pregarall, reminding me of the faithfulness of God. I needed the phone conversations with Director of Field Operations, Michelle Minor, that reminded me of how God shapes our stories and leads our paths.

These kinds of relationships are being formed between YWA and CWA leaders around the nation. From coast to coast, women of all ages in our network are linking arms in the fight for what is good and true. Seasoned women are showing the younger what it looks like to engage with wisdom and be rooted in prayer. Younger women bring a passionate fire and generational perspective. By mutual encouragement, our work is done with excellence, and lives are deeply changed.

What I found in CWA and the women who walked beside me was more than political engagement—it was spiritual development. I was mentored, discipled, and challenged. I have experienced what it means to lead with conviction. Our staff endeavors to help facilitate these kinds of relationships for every young woman in our program, offering them something distinct and enriching in this political world. 🙏



Joy Howell (right), State Director of Oklahoma, with YWA mentor and CWA Communications/Legislation Coordinator, Deborah Torres.



Dilonna Coran, State Director of Pennsylvania, with CWA Communications Intern and YWA Ambassador, Katie Kenlein.



Your Work Yields Results!

Celebrating the [recent announcement](#) finding Roanoke College discriminated against female athletes.

Back in 2023, we stood with female swimmers from Roanoke College who boldly spoke out when the school allowed a biological male to compete on the women's swim team. Our [grassroots work supported them](#) all the way to the finish line!

State Director of Virginia, Teresa Pregarall, with YWA Leader, Halli Gravely, in 2023.