

The Influencer Monthly

Pursuing GRATITUDE

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Pursuing gratitude as a Christian isn't just about having a positive attitude – it's about cultivating a heart that recognizes God's grace, sovereignty, and goodness in every circumstance.

As Christians, the foundation for gratitude in the Bible repeatedly reminds believers to live in thankfulness. This is not a suggestion but rather a way of life. In Psalm 100:4, David reminds us to "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise." Many times, we want to come to God with our own agenda. We want to speak to Him with words of pleading or asking. Gratitude transforms prayer from request-driven to relationship-centered.

Grace, what a lens through which to see our lives! Pursuing gratitude redirects our attention from what we think we are lacking to Who God

is: faithful, sovereign, loving, and near. Even in time of suffering, gratitude doesn't ignore pain, but hope is infused into the pain we may be experiencing.

Making gratitude a daily and practical part of our lives is a way to recognize Who God is. He is a good and faithful God Whose love is constant.

Simple ways to pursue gratitude daily could be as simple as starting and ending our day with a few words of thanksgiving.

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gratitude cont.

Praying Scripture-based thankfulness using a Psalm to shape our gratitude is available when we don't have the words to say. Psalm 136 - "Thank you Lord that your steadfast love endures forever."

Maybe starting a gratitude journal in this season of Thanksgiving could be helpful. As you write in it daily, over time, God will show His faithfulness, and a pattern of His faithfulness will be apparent in every season.

Gratitude transforms prayer from request-driven to relationship-centered

Take time to express thankfulness to those who reflect God's character to you. You will bless God through this simple expression of gratitude.

No matter what situations in life God has us moving through, a heartfelt and simple acknowledgment of His presence and grace is enough.

A final note to take is this...gratitude is an act of worship. Proclaim that God is enough. 🙌

Dear Lord, Thank You for everything You have done for me. Most importantly, thank You for Your Son, a sacrifice on my behalf. Please cultivate a heart of gratitude in me. In Jesus' name, Amen

CHAPTER highlight



State Director of California Marlo Tucker captures the perfect moment at the Prayer/Action Chapter meeting in Organge County. "We are bringing light and hope to California!"

On the Hill

THE SENATE in Review

The Shutdown UPDATE

The biggest news out of the Senate this month has been the ongoing government shutdown. To recap, in September the House of Representatives passed a "clean" (no new policy changes) continuing resolution (CR) that would extend current funding levels to November 21. This is a bill that the Democrats have supported numerous times in the past and have no legitimate argument for not supporting this time around.



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As of writing this, Senate Majority Leader John Thune has brought the House-passed CR to the Senate floor 12 times. Because the bill needs 60 votes to pass the bill, at least seven

Democrats need to vote with their Republican colleagues; so far, only three have been willing to do so. Rather than vote for the CR and support the status quo long enough to hold substantive policy discussion, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and the Democrats are holding their votes because they want to increase spending by \$1.5 trillion, which would include the extension of healthcare credits that provide insurance for illegal immigrants, gender mutilation procedures, and abortion services.

As the shutdown drags on, more and more Americans are feeling the impact of it, especially those employed by the government, such as military members, air traffic controllers, and park rangers. Last week, the Senate tried to vote on a bill to ensure that "essential" federal employees, those who are still on the job and not receiving paychecks, would get paid. But, the Democrats blocked that as well.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has begun implementing reductions in force (RIFs). While we do not celebrate anyone losing their job, this is a rare opportunity for

November & December Chapter Tips

- Review CWA's [Mission and Vision Statements and the Seven Core Issues](#).
- Purchase a box of Christmas cards for your November meeting, and write encouraging Christmas greetings to send to local officials.
- Host a CWA Chapter Holiday Open House to introduce new people to your group. Provide invitations to your January meeting.



the government to cut unnecessary bloat while ensuring that critical programs remain funded and operational. One such positive cut is that of the Health and Human Services Department's Office of Population Affairs (OPA). OPA is responsible for distributing Title X family-planning grants, a whopping [36% of which go to Planned Parenthood](#). OPA also manages donations for frozen embryo banks and funds sex-education for LGBTQ youth through its [teen pregnancy prevention program](#). OPA has long operated contrary to the interests of families and will not be missed.

PRAYER

Pray that our Senators would find a way to end this shutdown, so that Congress can get back to work legislating and doing the work their voters hired them to do.

ACTION

Look for ways to help those in need during the government shutdown. Contact your local food bank or pregnancy help center and find out what donations are on the much needed list.

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

James 1:27

CWA *rising*

Praise God for New Prayer/Action Chapters!



GEORGIA
Downtown Atlanta
Chapter Leader
Chloe Satterfield
(Right)



WASHINGTON D.C.
District Chapter Leader
Abi-Anania Prudent
(2nd from Right)



NEW JERSEY
Gloucester County
Chapter Leader
Sandi Sweet (Left)



WARNING:
Viewer Discretion is Advised

You have heard of Build-A-Bear, but have you heard of Build-A-Queer?

Deanna spills the beans about the nefarious propaganda of the Queer/Trans Project.



Penny is quoted in OutKick reporting that CWA is calling for the resignation of USOPC CEO, Sarah Hirshland for refusing to protect women.

OCTOBER 5 Hannah Lape, Legislative Assistant, published an op-ed in Daily Wire titled, "One Nation Under God: America Needs Christian Ideas." Unborn babies, children, marriages, and families need Christian ideas, and unbelievers need the truth, love, joy, compassion, goodness, dignity, charity, freedom, moral order, and righteousness inherent in Christian ideas."

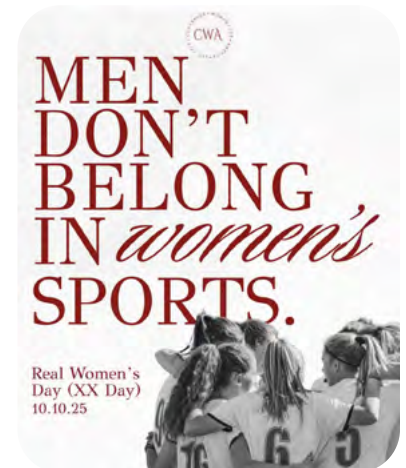
OCTOBER 6 Penny Nance, CEO and President, appeared on Ave Maria Radio to highlight "important stories where women's health and safety are being put at risk."

OCTOBER 7 Penny appeared on the Right Squad on Newsmax to deliver remarks on the anniversary of the October 7th attacks on Israel.



OCTOBER 9 Nickie McCarty, Field Engagment Specialist and State Director of New Mexico, published an op-ed in the New Mexico Sun outlining New Mexico's Senate Bill 3 (SB3) – "a law that shifts significant influence over vaccination policy to unelected officials and national medical associations, leaving parents with less control over their children's health decisions." In the piece, she calls parents to stand up for choice over their children's health decisions.

OCTOBER 10 Legislative Strategist Macy Petty published an op-ed in FOX News on Worldwide X/X Day (Real Women's Day), talking about the hypocrisy of Democrats like Kamala Harris and Gov. Gavin Newsom in their stance on the fairness of men participating in women's sports. She also mentions how Democrats are changing their stance, citing that, "Ten House Democrats voted, for the first time, for a National Defense Authorization Act amendment that would keep men from competing on women's athletic teams at service academies. Just a few months ago, most of these same members refused to vote for a bill with similar protections."



OCTOBER 19 Melissa Henson, Senior Advisor on Media and Culture, published an op-ed in FOX News titled, "Netflix is sexualizing kids' shows. Parents need to stop giving it second chances." In the piece, she highlights several Netflix shows geared towards children that include themes of sexuality and gender identity.

"One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple." –Psalm 27:4



HOUSE BUSINESS

Redistricting Wars – Do they Matter?

The Supreme Court recently heard oral arguments in *Louisiana v. Callais*, a redistricting case that could have significant implications

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Legislative Strategist

for the fight for the House of Representatives. While it would only take a three-seat flip to lose Republican control of the House of Representatives, both Republicans and Democrats have taken a closer look at every state's district maps.

This past summer, Texas lawmakers approved a new congressional map that would add up to five new seats to their Republican delegation. California then redrew its maps to increase Democratic representation by five seats. Before we knew it, a gerrymandering war ensued nationwide.

Several more states have tried, or have been encouraged, to take a bite of the apple, including Missouri, Illinois, Utah, North Carolina, and Virginia, which have all gotten in the game, and rumors say Maryland could be next. Vice President JD Vance has also made several appearances in the Hoosier state in the heat of their redistricting standoff.

Several of the Democrats's redistricting arrows are pointed at the U.S. House's most conservative leaders. Members at risk under new maps include: Congresswoman Mary Miller (R-Illinois 15th), the founder and chair of the House Family Caucus, Congressman Andy Harris (R-Maryland-1st), who is the Chair of the House Freedom Caucus, and Congressman Doug LaMalfa (R-California 1st), who has been a fierce advocate for women and children.



CHAPTER *highlight*



Lauran MCrear, Prescott, Arizona, Prayer/Action Chapter Leader welcomed new **State Director, Patty Erickson**, via Zoom to their September meeting. The group was encouraged by Patty's visit.

While this fight ensues, the U.S. Supreme Court is reexamining districting precedent in *Louisiana v. Callais* which challenges a district map drawn to prioritize race-based representation. This appeal came from the prior ruling that the map was racially gerrymandered; the Court must now evaluate if, or to what extent, race can play a role in districting.

As Concerned Women for America LAC tracks these changes and more, we encourage all states, voters, and legislators to prioritize the equal and fair representation of every American citizen. It is critical to fair representation, a core of Americanism, that maps do not discriminate based on political party, sex, socioeconomic status, or race.

PRAYER

Pray that U.S. voters would view this responsibility as an opportunity to glorify Jesus Christ, our Savior.

ACTION

Encourage your state legislators to prioritize equal representation.

CWA GRASSROOTS ARE *growing*

Nebraska has a brand new **State Director, Mary Meininger**, but she is no stranger to CWA. Pray for Mary as she builds a new organization in Nebraska while still carrying the torch for Kansas. What a blessing she is to our sisterhood!

“It is an incredible honor to serve CWA of Nebraska and our great state during this pivotal moment in our nation’s history. Nebraska sits at the heart of our country—both geographically and symbolically. Proverbs 4:23 tells us, ‘Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.’ Today, it feels as though that wellspring is broken. We stand at a monumental crossroads, just as Deuteronomy 30:19 declares: ‘I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore, choose life and live.’ Now is the time for us to stand together, to choose life, and to trust God to revive the heartbeat of our nation.”



Mary, third from the left, is already building impactful relationships with the Young Women for America of Omaha Chapter, joining them here for their October meeting led by **Chapter President, Hannah Steinmetz**, to the right of Mary.



SUMMIT2026

It is time to [REGISTER](#) for the CWA 2026 Leadership Summit in Washington D.C. September 17–19, 2026!



Register Before January 1, 2026

CWA Leader	Non-Leader
\$200*	\$200**

Register After January 1, 2026

CWA Leader	Non-Leader
\$200*	\$300**



**SEE THE RECAP OF
SUMMIT 2025.**

* Includes event, meals, and hotel cost for half a room for three nights. Hotel rates will be available December 1.

** Includes event and meals. Does NOT include the hotel.

WHY GO TO SUMMIT? “There are a couple ladies on my team who were not sure that they were doing the right thing (leading PACs) or being effective. Why? Because, most of the time, their groups had only two or three ladies. We encouraged them not to despise small beginnings. And as long as there are two or more, God is in their midst. They should carry on, keep the faith. The absolute relief you saw in their posture physically wasn’t huge or earth shattering, but it was the encouragement they needed to hear, and they were equally encouraged to know that they were not alone.” —Kayleen Marshall, State Director of

All Eyes on SCOTUS | Three Cases to Watch This Term



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COO and General Counsel

I recently wrote to you about the good news at oral arguments in [Chiles v. Salazar](#), one of the cases we are watching at the Supreme Court this term. Very quickly, this is the case where the state of Colorado is seeking to force counselors to always be affirming when a person says their identity is different than their sex. Even if the person says they want help in changing those

emotions to align with their sex, the state wants to prohibit the doctor's help in that direction. Thankfully, it looks like the Supreme Court Justices saw right through the state's arguments and are ready to declare the law unconstitutional.

But there are three other cases about which I want you to be praying.

Both **West Virginia v. B.P.J.** and **Little v. Hecox** present challenges to laws protecting women's sports for women only. As you know, Concerned Women for America (CWA) members have worked very hard to see these laws (27 now) enacted at the state level, and each one of them might be affected by the outcome of these cases. A date for oral arguments on these is yet to be set.

The B.P.J. case challenges West Virginia's "Save Women's Sports Act," and Hecox presents a challenge to Idaho's Fairness in Women's Sports Act. CWA submitted an [amicus brief](#) asking the Court to maintain a high standard of review to uphold the critical constitutional principles at issue here. Under equal protection, we argue, "sex" is not a subjective category divorced from physical, biological reality. The Court has always granted protections based on specific immutable characteristics. Sex is one such category. But some courts have tried to separate sex from biology, turning an objective reality into a matter of preference. Adopting such a theory of the law would upend the rights of millions of women.

The other case is **First Choice Women's Resource Centers v. Platkin**. Oral arguments have been set for December 2. This case arises out of New Jersey, where the state's attorney general selectively targeted several clinics because of their pro-life, Christian views, requiring them to produce an unjustifiable amount of information, including private and sensitive donor information, without reasonable justification. The law prohibits such malicious and



unconstitutional investigations meant to harass political opponents, and we are praying the Supreme Court puts an end to these types of tactics that we have seen pop up around the country in liberal leaning states.

PRAYER Pray for the judges, plaintiffs, and defendants to heed the gentle warning of the Spirit through the words of Scripture: "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." (Colossians 2:8, NIV) Pray these cases are rightly decided under the authority of God.

ACTION Follow the progress of these cases at [SCOTUSblog.COM](#) and [ConcernedWomen.org](#) for the latest developments.



CWA sisterhood

Ethel Dasis, from the Lakewood Colorado Chapter, took time while on her trip to Branson, Missouri, to visit with **State Director Haven Howard** and the CWA of Missouri ladies.



Be an ENCOURAGER in 2026!

- CWA provides you an assigned legislator from your state, his/her address, and postcards.
- YOU pray daily for your assigned legislator throughout your state's legislative session and write encouraging postcards to mail weekly or monthly. Postcards provided.
- SIGN UP to be an [Encourager in 2026!](#)



FLORIDA

Pinellas Park Prayer/Action Chapter Leader Gloria Savalli and the ladies of Pinellas, Florida, gather monthly.



ILLINOIS

McHenry, Kane, and Lake Counties Prayer/Action Chapter Leader and State Director of Illinois Kaleen Marshall, led prayer at the October meeting.



OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City Prayer/Action Chapter Leader and State Director Joy Howell capped off the October meeting with a tour of the historic Oklahoma State Capitol.



VIRGINIA

The Forest Prayer/Action Chapter spent time in prayer, fellowship, and planning for continued action in their community.



PENNSYLVANIA

Pottstown Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders Kathy Kijack and Cathy Kuniewicz shared CWA's values and voter registration information with members of a local church.



Conviction *over* Compromise

YWA Remains a Strong Voice for Israel

Faith Ozenbough, National Director Young Women for America



YWA Ambassador Caelen Philips and YWA National Director Faith Ozenbough at the Survived to Tell event in Washington, D.C.

Just weeks ago, Concerned Women for America (CWA) marked the anniversary of the horrific October 7th Hamas massacre in Israel. Two years later, the pain of that day remains deep. We felt it as our leaders stood on the Gaza border this summer, and we feel it here in the U.S., where anti-Semitic rhetoric, denial, and hatred continue to spread.

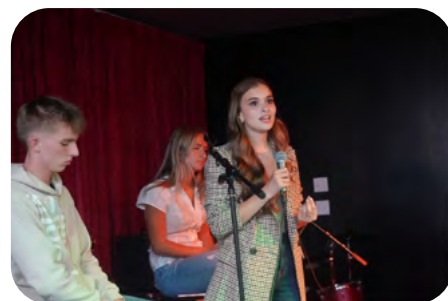
As Americans, we recognize that much of our influence in advocating for Israel begins within our churches, communities, and campuses. Last month's many prayer vigils, educational events, and advocacy efforts proved that Young Women for America leaders understand this truth and remain steadfast in their stand for Israel, even as many around them waver.

Across the country, we rejoice in the recent release of the hostages yet understand the virus of anti-Semitism still infects our circles and institutions. Therein lies the

opportunity for YWA leaders to take a stand and be a voice for Biblical truth, human dignity, and reason. Prayer is and will continue to be our first resort and greatest weapon, but the need for education, especially within our own Christian circles is dire.

YWA leaders coast to coast utilize our resources and their platforms to share an accurate understanding of Israel both theologically and politically. They aren't experts on every facet, no one is, but they are articulate and grounded, making them effective mouthpieces on such an important issue.

Here in Washington, D.C., we were honored to partner with Survived to Tell, an Israeli NGO using virtual reality to share the stories of October 7th, for a deeply moving event with young Christians. On October 8th, Mazal Tazazo courageously shared her heartbreaking story of survival—describing how she played dead as her friends were beaten and killed beside her. With tears in her eyes, she reminded us of the strength found in truth and testimony. Through Survived to Tell's VR experience, attendees witnessed the reality of that tragic day, and we look forward to bringing this powerful tool to more YWA events across the nation, helping meet the continued need for education.



YWA Rutherford, led by Chapter President Hannah Faulkner, hosts a Stand with Israel event in Tennessee.

At Young Women for America, our goal is to help leaders understand why shaping policy and culture matters—not only for the safety and health of our nation, but also for the flourishing of our Jewish friends around the world. As our program grows, so does our voice on this crucial issue.

In a world eager to compromise, YWA leaders across the country continue to choose conviction—standing firm not only for Israel but for the many Biblical values we uphold. We invite you to join us in prayer for YWA's continued growth and depth as we equip the next generation of leaders committed to truth. 🕊️

PRAYER

Continue to pray for the peace of Israel, according to Psalm 122, and for the healing of all of the freed hostages.

ACTION

Utilizing the resources from CWA, organize an educational experience, like a Bible study or book club, to help inform an accurate understanding of Israel both theologically and politically.

LEFT YWA Inland Empire gathers for prayer and testimony on October 7th as chapter leaders share their experience traveling to Israel in June.

YWA Regional Coordinators Abi-Ananiah Prudent and Hadley Smith with October 7th Survivor, Mazal Tazzazo.



we are **PRO LIFE**

CWA affirms the Bible's unmistakable standard that there is right and wrong; that God is the Authority who established right and wrong by creation and by revelation in His Word, the Bible. Every human is made in the image and likeness of God and deserves the dignity afforded therein from conception to natural death. **CWA is PRO LIFE!**



1) State Director of Louisiana Laura Huber and Covington Prayer/Action Chapter Leader Anne Ryan rallied the group for the Louisiana Life Chain. **2) State Director of Pennsylvania Dilonna Coran** shared, "Pennsylvania March for Life was declared one of the largest events of its kind in Harrisburg, drawing an estimated six thousand people to the State Capitol—CWA of Pennsylvania was right in the middle of it!" **3/4) State Director of Missouri Haven Howard** hosted a Life Chain event in Branson, drawing 150 participants from 16 churches. Let us join them in praying that seeds were sown to protect life in Missouri and to bring healing and hope to women who have been impacted by abortion. **5) State Director of Virginia Teresa Pregnall** attended the DEFENDING LIFE BOOTCAMP in Lynchburg. **6) State Director of New Mexico Nickie McCarty** represented CWA at a local pregnancy care center dinner. **7) Associate State Director of Texas Mary Smith** and the Fort Worth Prayer/Action Chapter made Love Boxes for Embrace Grace, a ministry that provides support and community through local churches to single and pregnant women and their families.

LEADER *highlight*

State Director of South Dakota Linda Schauer and Executive Advisor Cindy Flakoll represented CWA at the South Dakota Right to Life Conference.



CWA/YWA *Gaining Ground*

1-3) Field Engagement Specialist Jennifer Pendleton and YWA Regional Coordinator Hadley Smith attended the Essential Summit and the Ohio March for Life where they engaged hundreds of women about the mission and vision of CWA.

4/5) Field Engagement Specialist Nicki McCarty and YWA Regional Liaison Tori Hitchcock met dozens of women at the Share the Arrows 2025 Conference in Dallas, Texas. Several of the attendees hope to find a prayer/action chapter to join!

