

# The Influencer Monthly

*Beginning the Year with Renewed Vision and Purpose:*

## 4 HIS GLORY



Michelle Minor  
Director of Field Operations

At our recent CWA Summit, we centered our hearts on Isaiah 54:2: "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes." This verse sets the tone for the year ahead. As we step forward together, my prayer is simple and sincere: may the Lord expand your reach, remove every hindrance, and strengthen you for the role He has entrusted to you—all **4 His Glory**.

When Jennifer, Nickie, and I first came together as the Field Operations team, we established a defining motto—one we are intentionally carrying into 2026: **4 His Glory**. This phrase anchors everything we do. It reminds us that every phone call, meeting, prayer, post, and legislative visit—whether public or unseen—is ultimately an act of worship.

Scripture affirms this posture. Colossians 3:17 instructs us, "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus." Likewise, 1 Corinthians 10:31 reminds us to do all things for the glory of God. As we begin this year, may this be our shared commitment—in our homes, communities, state capitals, and national platforms.

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## *For His Glory cont.*

As we look ahead, it is also important to pause and honor those who faithfully carry this mission forward. Our Influencers play a vital role, extending CWA's reach far beyond what any one person could accomplish. Through conversations and social media, you amplify truth and encourage action. Thank you for serving **4 His Glory**.

Our Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders are the backbone of our grassroots impact. Month after month, you gather, pray, mobilize, and engage your communities with conviction and compassion.

*Thank you for your leadership,  
your faith, and the eternal impact  
you continue to make.*

Across the nation, our Steering Committee members serve faithfully in countless capacities, providing steady leadership and support for the work at the state and local level.

We are deeply grateful to our State Directors; you carry the weight of your states as you strategize, advocate, pray, host events, face disappointments, and celebrate victories. God's calling on each of you is evident, and it is a tremendous honor to stand beside you.

January is about vision. Isaiah 54:2 calls us forward—"Do not hold back." May the Lord expand your reach, strengthen your resolve, and guide your steps as we move together into the year ahead—always **4 His Glory**. 🙌

## CHAPTER *highlight*



**CWA of Louisiana, the Lafayette Prayer/Action Chapter,** participated in their community Friends-Giving Diaper Drive Thru in November. Anyone in need could stop by and pick up free diapers!

## *On the Hill*

### THE SENATE in Review

#### *Looking to 2026*

As we ring in the New Year, let's take a moment to look ahead at what might be on the agenda for Congress in 2026.



**Maggie McKneely**  
Legislative Strategist

Dominating this year's congressional politics will be the fact that it is a major election year. A third of the Senate seats are in cycle as well as the entire House of Representatives. To maintain their current majority, Republicans will be looking to notch some wins ahead of that looming November deadline.

Many of those wins have already come in the form of President Trump's executive orders (EOs), but there is a pressing need for Congress to codify them. While the President has been able to do tremendous work through these edicts, the biggest flaw of EOs is that they can be overturned by any future president. Only Congress can make them permanent. They have already done this with about half of the EOs, but many of the more controversial ones, such as those related to abortion and women's sports, still need to be codified.

Another agenda item is a possible second reconciliation bill, a topic of discussion ever since passage of the Working Families Tax Cut. Reconciliation is a procedure in Congress' tool belt that allows them to enact policy changes that cannot get the 60 votes usually required to pass bills out of the Senate, such as defunding big abortion, a major win in the first bill. This "Reconciliation 2.0" bill will likely focus on making healthcare more affordable and include provisions to enforce voter ID and immigration laws. CWALAC is working to make sure that language related to women's sports is a part of a future reconciliation package as well.

We also expect Congress to finally update online safety regulations. In December, the House Energy and Commerce Committee passed a package of bills related to protecting



*Senate cont.*

kids online. This kind of legislation has been needed for a long time, but with the media buzz around AI and the tragic stories of kids being harmed by big tech has at last pushed this issue to the forefront. We expect 2026 to finally be the year that both the House and Senate will pass legislation to update online safety regulations.

### PRAYER

Pray that despite what will be a contentious year for Washington politics, that Congress will put the interests of the American people first.

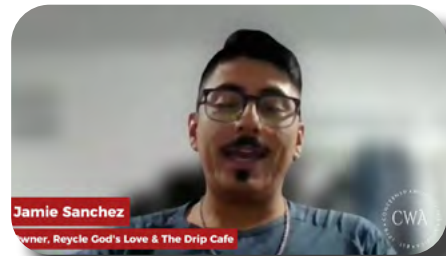
### ACTION

Support CWALAC by “liking” and “sharing” content on social media and plan a “She Prays, She Votes” rally in your community to register voters and help bring awareness to the upcoming election cycle.

## Concerned Women for America of Colorado Stands with a Local Christian Business



**CWA of Colorado’s Westminster Prayer/Action Chapter** recently spent a powerful time at the State Capitol in prayer before heading over to Drip Coffee in Denver to encourage its owner, Jamie. This faithful group has visited him multiple times, standing with him as he endures ongoing demonstrations from transgender and communist activists because of his support for traditional marriage—even as he continues pouring his heart into serving the homeless community.



Watch Colorado State Director Karen Pennington's interview with [Drip Coffee](#) owner, Jaimie Sanchez.

Read the full story [here](#).





Legislative Assistant Hannah Lape reviews [President Trump's Golden Era](#).



CWA honored Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana 4th) with the 2025 William Wilberforce Award!

Conservative leaders around the country commend Mike Johnson for his leadership.

[Penny is included in this end-of-the-year press release.](#)

*Trust in the Lord  
with all your heart,  
and lean not  
on your own  
understanding; In  
all your ways submit  
to Him, and He  
will make your  
paths straight.*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

**NOVEMBER 4** Penny Nance, CWA President and CEO, appeared on [CNN NewsNight](#), commenting on the food stamp situation during the government shutdown, former President Biden's presidential pardons, Christian persecution in Nigeria, and the New York City mayoral race.



**NOVEMBER 11** Penny appeared on [CNN](#), making comments on the government shutdown, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Georgia 14th), peace in the Middle East and housing affordability. She also quoted Proverbs 3:5-6 at the end, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

**NOVEMBER 11** Maggie McKneely published an op-ed in [The Blaze](#) on Secretary of War Pete Hegseth's announcement of the return of gender-neutral standards for combat positions in the military. "For years, Americans have been told a comforting lie: Anyone can do anything, be anything, and succeed at anything, regardless of limits or differences. But ideological fantasies collapse on the battlefield, where physics, endurance, and human limits matter more than slogans."

**NOVEMBER 11** Penny appeared on Newsmax's show [The Right Squad](#). She comments on the Antifa protests at the Turning Point USA event at UC Berkley, honoring our veterans in light of Veteran's Day, Governor Gavin Newsom's presidential campaign, former President Biden's presidential pardons, and the IOC moving closer to banning men from women's sports.

**NOVEMBER 11** Macy Petty appeared on [The Sean Spicer Show](#), commenting on men competing in women's sports and the Virginia gubernatorial election.

**November 29** Melissa Henson, Senior Advisor on Media and Culture, published an op-ed in [The Blaze](#) titled, "How smartphones expose your kids to predators – and why Congress must step in," in which she discusses the dangers of a child's unmonitored exposure to online content.

**DECEMBER 8** [CBN](#) reporters Tré Goins-Phillips and Billy Hallowell break down data from [CWA's blockbuster report](#) showing a shocking 41% of Netflix's shows targeted for children contain LGBTQ+ content.

**DECEMBER 10** Penny talks with Tracy Sabol on [Newsmax](#) about inflation, mid-terms, and CWA's new study about Netflix's programming and rating standards for kids.

**DECEMBER 23** Penny appeared on [CNN This Morning](#) discussing the Epstein files, new battleships, and immigration.





## HOUSE BUSINESS

### *Congress Passes First-ever Permanent Protections for Female Athletes*

Macy Petty  
Legislative Strategist

The House of Representatives passed the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (NDAA) and with it, the first-ever permanent protection for women in sports.

You may remember during the first round of NDAA voting Congresswoman Nancy Mace (R-South Carolina 1st) offered an amendment to the bill that specifically prohibits men from competing on women's sports teams at military academies. It passed 227-201, gaining the most Congressional Democratic support ever on a measure to keep men out of women's sports.

The Senate version of the NDAA included the same provision, but in the base text of the bill, rather than as an added amendment. The NDAA then moved to conference, where both chambers reconciled the remaining differences and produced a bill that kept this protection intact.

The House of Representatives has passed other protections, like the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act, before, but the Senate has been unable to gain enough support to overcome the filibuster. That is, until now.

The NDAA is must-pass legislation; it is what authorizes military spending. It has now passed both chambers, and is on its way to the President's desk. When he signs it, the FY26 NDAA will be first permanent protection keeping men out of women's sports.

While these protections narrowly extend to athletics at military academies, Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) is counting it as a big win. It truly is a pat on the back to CWALAC's leaders across the country who have been fighting on this issue for nearly a decade. Years went by of us being laughed out of offices while elected officials insisted this was not a real issue. But with the passage of the NDAA, CWALAC leaders will celebrate the first Congressional leap towards protecting female athletes in federal law.

## BLOCKBUSTER CWA REPORT!



### **Over 41% of Children's Shows on Netflix Contain LGBTQ+ Content.**

"Netflix's anti-child, anti-family agenda has finally been exposed – its children's programming has been infiltrated by adult preoccupations with sexual preferences and gender identity. Our new report reveals that children's programming is not exempt from identity politics – a drastic departure from its historical role. We knew that Netflix aired this kind of programming, but our study quantifies how many children's programs are subverted by LGBTQ+ messaging and themes. These are shocking numbers and most parents are unaware," said Penny Nance.

[Read the full report.](#)

### **PRAYER**

Pray for increased boldness from our elected officials and more opportunities to defend the dignity of women!

### **ACTION**

Take time this month to refresh your arguments for defending the value and dignity of women. Concerned Women for America offers helpful resources on [protecting women and girls in sports](#) and addressing [how gender ideology undermines the progress of women and girls](#).



## CHAPTER *highlights*



◀ **Branson, Missouri Prayer/Action Chapter** hosted the College of the Ozarks Young Women for America Chapter to share a Thanksgiving feast.



▲ **Savannah, Georgia Prayer/Action Chapter** led by **Millie Butler** (left) is committed to interceding for the CWA national staff as well as community needs and elected officials.

► **Riverside, California Prayer/Action Chapter** welcomed **State Director of California Marlo Tucker** (left) who brought excitement and encouragement during her visit!



▲ **The Kansas Topeka Prayer/Action Chapter** hosted **State Rep. David Webb (R-District 27)** for an assessment of the upcoming legislative session.



▲ **The West Houston Prayer/Action Chapter** led by **Beverly Roberts** (front right) gathers faithfully to pray for local, state and national leaders.

► **The Illinois Algonquin Prayer/Action Chapter** celebrated a year of friendship and blessings.



◀ **The Danvers, Illinois Prayer/Action Chapter** decorated and donated a Christmas tree for the Festival of Trees auction benefitting **The Baby Fold**, a non-profit which helps children and families in the community.

# January Chapter Tip

Share the [new CWA video](#) at your next Chapter meeting and invite members to [register for the Leadership Summit in September 2026](#).



## National Security Strategy The Importance of Strong Families



**Doreen Denny**  
Senior Advisor

I had the joy of being a mother of the Bride in November. Our daughter's wedding launched a military marriage. She's an active-duty aviation officer in the United

States Army stationed in Fort Riley, Kansas who flies Black Hawk helicopters. He's an Army National Guard aviation officer for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania where he flies Black Hawk helicopters. Both must stay laser focused on their sworn obligation to defend our country.

Life won't be easy for Lieutenants Mr. and Mrs. Davis. "Two becoming one" includes a ten-year commitment with all the challenges of months-long separation for deployment, Guard duty, and call ups for training and missions. Their commitment to support each other and serve our country are inseparable. As a couple devoted to Christ, their union is also a testimony of choosing to embrace a greater and lasting purpose through the covenant of marriage.

It's why I'm heartened by recognition of the importance of strong families as a matter of national security. [National Security Strategy of the United States of America](#) recently issued by our Commander in Chief says this:

*Finally, we want the restoration and reinvigoration of American spiritual and cultural health, without which long-term security is impossible. We want an America that cherishes its past glories and its heroes, and that looks forward to a new golden age. We want*

*a people who are proud, happy, and optimistic that they will leave their country to the next generation better than they found it. We want a gainfully employed citizenry—with no one sitting on the sidelines—who take satisfaction from knowing that their work is essential to the prosperity of our nation and to the well-being of individuals and families. This cannot be accomplished without growing numbers of strong, traditional families that raise healthy children.*

Our daughter's military service is something we never dreamed of when she was young, but the man she would someday marry has been in our

prayers from the day she was born. When she took the oath, we counseled her not to postpone how the Lord might lead in her personal life. Trump's National Security Strategy backs that up. By God's grace, being a military family following Christ and raising healthy children will be compatible with service to our country. 🙏



### PRAYER

Pray for military families.

### ACTION

Commit to support and encourage active service members through [Operation Shoebox's Adopt a Troop Program](#). This would be a great prayer/action chapter project.



# LEADER *highlights*



## CWA OF NEBRASKA

State Director **Mary Meininger** (left) and YWA members from Omaha hosted **State Sen. Kathleen Kauth (R-District 31)** (3rd from right) for their combined CWA/YWA meeting.



## CWA OF LOUISIANA

State Director **Laura Huber** leads CWA of Louisiana in their partnership with Lynhaven, a Christ-centered New Orleans Mission serving women facing homelessness, addiction, human trafficking, abuse, and/or mental illness.

CWA finished 2025 helping organize a workshop to strengthen the women's confidence, social skills, and employment readiness. The group blessed the participants with gift cards to purchase clothing and necessities as they prepared to seek employment.



## CWA OF CALIFORNIA

**Marlo Tucker, State Director of California**, encouraged Young Women for America (YWA) members. The partnerships of Women for America and YWA is a beautiful picture of the Titus 2:1-5 mandate for seasoned women to mentor younger women.



**Marlo** met with **Assemblymember Diane Dixon (R-District 72)** to thank and encourage her brave advocacy for Biblical values.



**Marlo** and steering committee leaders, **Legislative Liaison Rochelle Conner** and **Director of Public Affairs Sancha Smith** hosted a Coffee Talk Event: COFFEE, TEA, AND CONVERSATION to discuss Biblical values in public policy.

## It's not too late to sign up to 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.
- SIGN UP to be an [Encourager in 2026!](#)





# Redeeming Femininity



**Faith Ozenbough**  
National Director  
Young Women for America

Young women today are told to resent being women—convinced they are oppressed and burdened simply by their biology. While women throughout history have at times endured cruelty and injustice, the claim that women in modern America are inherently oppressed is false. In fact, the erasure of biological distinction between men and women in the name of equality has deeply harmed women

in today's society. This lie—that femaleness is a burden—now stains our culture at every level. Feminism has reared its ugly head and come for what is good, beautiful, and true.

Image-bearing is the principal identity of all mankind, yet our culture has distorted that truth, dragging women down with it. At Young Women for America, we are committed to doing the opposite: rejecting the lies of our day, grounding ourselves in Scripture, and uplifting women as the precious, purposeful creations God designed. This is true female empowerment.



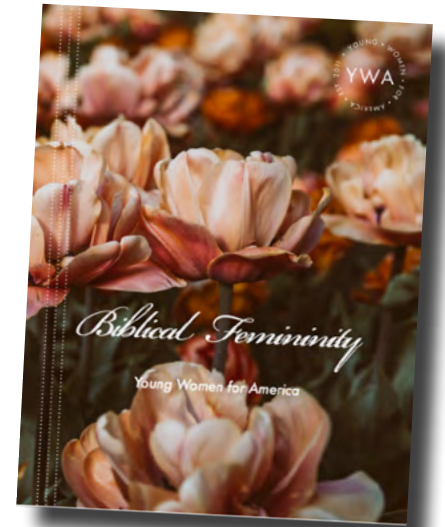
It's no surprise leaders across the country asked us to address this issue. We were honored to do so through our new YWA resource on Biblical Femininity. This 70-page booklet explores God's original design, highlights women of the Bible, traces the progression of feminism, confronts misconceptions about women in Scripture, and shows how Christianity and the conservative movement have historically championed women.

Through this resource and our advocacy, we push back against lies in every issue area—

defending life and motherhood, advocating for women in truly oppressive cultures, upholding God's design for family, protecting women's sports and spaces, and striving to live as feminine women of conviction shaped by Scripture.

As Concerned Women for America leaders, we pray this resource encourages and equips you. Its truths are timeless. Study it, share what you glean, and consider how God may use you to bring wisdom and clarity to your community. This resource has produced incredible conversations amongst women of all ages.

In a world ravaged by sin, we must reclaim what it means to be feminine. Though the image is marred, God's design remains very good. How will you help restore what is good today? 🙏



God used women in the Bible to display the diversity of femininity which can serve as a guide for our understanding of God's intent for womanhood.



## PRAYER

Pray for Christian women to understand the unique ways they are created and to embrace the call on their lives to live distinct but complementary lives with men.

## ACTION

Facilitate a Biblical Femininity book study and invite moms and daughters to participate together. You can download a PDF of [the booklet here](#).

What is Open AI?  
How does it work?

- Teen Safety
- Data Privacy and Surveillance
- Algorithmic Bias
- Social Manipulation
- Long Term Impact

AI

Be equipped to have solution-based conversations with family and policy leaders about Artificial Intelligence.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 8**  
**3:30 P.M. EST • ZOOM**

**REGISTER** for this honest conversation between CWA CEO Penny Nance and an OpenAI industry expert.

## CWA/YWA *Gaining Ground*



**“WHAT DO WE DO WHEN ELECTIONS DON'T GO OUR WAY?”** asks Teresa Pregnall, State Director of Virginia. Her answer: We redouble our efforts and engage even more!

Teresa invited new friends, Sandy and Sherin, to become part of the solution as **Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders** (left), and celebrated the first meeting of the Goochland PAL on December 8 (right)!



**NEW State Director of Kentucky, Cordelia Schaber, YWA Regional Coordinator Ashley Spady, and YWA Regional Coordinator Tori Hitchcock** connected with dozens of mothers and daughters at the Ark Encounter College Expo Event in Kentucky sharing about the mission and vision of CWA.



# Resolute!

What is your new year's resolution?



To be more consistent in reading my one-year Bible daily.

–Denise Cappuccio, CWA CFO

To be more intentional about not just the time that I put into my prayer and Bible study, but the depth of what I do during my prayer and Bible study – intentionally growing a deeper relationship with Christ.

–Keri Ann Bartlett, Constituent Services Representative/Data Analyst

My new year's resolution is to be so deeply connected with God that His concerns become my heart as He moves His Kingdom into position to reign in the United States of America.

–Milly Butler, Savannah, Georgia PAL

Finding stillness with Jesus and letting Him move in His divine timing. Getting out there and doing more of what makes me happy: baking, Pilates, playing guitar and singing worship with friends and family.

–Shelby Barber, Minneapolis, Minnesota PAL

Read/listen to the Bible in a year, memorize one verse per month, study the meaning of one of the names of God each month, and participate in a Bible study.

– Joy Howell, State Director of Oklahoma

To get more involved on a local and national scale for the conservative movement -we have to win the mid terms!

– Hannah Bishop, Georgia Influencer

1. Stop googling symptoms.
2. Actually read the books I take on vacations or get-a-ways.
3. Start a gratitude journal.

–Dilonna Coran, State Director of Pennsylvania

Read five classics this year, practice Christmas carols on the piano in preparation for next Christmas, and build back consistent healthy living habits.

–Jennifer Pendleton, Field Engagement Specialist

To be "Saltier." I want to be poured out of the shaker – to help preserve and maintain – to bring people to Christ so that they will taste and see that HE is good. Human beings need salt (NaCl) and it is essential for our bodies for nutrients. My desire is to SALT people's lives so that they will come to know KING JESUS.

– Mary Meininger, State Director of Nebraska, and acting State Director of Kansas

To eat healthier and exercise more, because my body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and apparently, the temple could use fewer donuts and more walking. (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)

– Michelle Minor, National Field Director

To lead New Mexico to grow our prayer/action chapters in every county, and to exercise and eat better.

– Nickie McCarty, State Director of New Mexico and Field Engagement Specialist

**Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through Me. –John 14:6**