



The Influencer

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Faith in Action

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Joy Howell
State Director of Oklahoma

What exactly is faith? Hebrews 11:1 declares, “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

We have so much for which to be grateful for! “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8–9).

Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).

We must examine ourselves: What kind of faith do we claim? James warns, “Faith without deeds is dead” (James 2:26).

Does your faith inspire others to action, spreading the Gospel, expanding God’s kingdom, and creating lasting impact? Do you long to make a difference?

Faith in action: Faith in action fuels mentorship, multiplies believers, and encourages bold living for Christ. Praise God for the opportunity to join Him in the restorative work of the Gospel. Thank Him for vibrant examples who have ignited your own faith, and may you find ways to put your faith into action! 🙌

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The Fly Your Flag Challenge

We love seeing people boldly share their faith both in person and online. When you put up your flag, snap a photo, post it on social media using #FaithMonth, tag us, and you'll be entered for a chance to win a \$100 gift card.

 To Enter ...

1. Take a photo with your flag—be creative!
2. Post the photo to either Facebook or Instagram during the month of April using #FaithMonth, and tag CWA!
3. Make sure and follow CWA on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

The social media contest begins April 1 and ends April 30.

FAITH proclamation



Oklahoma Legislative Liaison Debby Torres and State Director Joy Howell proudly display the Faith Month Proclamation signed by Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt!

The Proclamation begins, "Whereas Concerned Women for America has championed April as "Faith Month" since 2022 to encourage bold, public expressions of faith, including displaying the Christian flag, acts of kindness and integrity, and unwavering hope—echoing Matthew 5:16: "Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

On the Hill

SENATE REVIEW

Will the Senate SAVE America?



Maggie McKneely
Legislative Strategist

There's a quip in D.C. that the Senate is where good bills go to die. That's because while the House of Representatives is able to pass legislation via a simple majority, most bills require 60 votes in the Senate to move forward. The Senate's filibuster, a tool that protects the minority, allows any single senator to block a vote by speaking on the Senate floor. To overcome a filibuster, a super-majority (i.e. 60) of senators can vote to end the opportunity for debate ("cloture") before the Senate moves to vote on the bill itself.

Because the cloture process is how the Senate primarily moves legislation nowadays, senators are rarely forced to engage in a public debate about any bill. Instead, negotiations are done in private. The first time a bill is brought to the floor is often when the Majority Leader files cloture to end a debate that never truly happened.

It does not have to be this way. The majority can force the minority party to hold the Senate floor and talk about why they oppose a bill. This would not require getting rid of the filibuster; rather, senators would be using the filibuster to negotiate publicly. This is what the Senate, the "world's greatest deliberative body," was meant to do – debate legislation.

The recurring issue of the filibuster and the 60-vote threshold has been put into the spotlight with the current effort to pass the SAVE Act, a commonsense bill to protect the integrity of federal elections. After intense pressure from the President and constituents, Senate Majority Leader John Thune opened the Senate floor to debate on the bill. While there still is not enough support to pass the bill in its totality, what this prolonged debate has revealed is that there may be common ground among senators from both parties. Just a few days into the public discussion, Minority Leader Chuck Schumer

April Chapter Tip

CO-LEADERSHIP can strengthen your chapter.



Share Responsibilities or



Take Turns Leading

Should you decide to bring on a co-leader, give them access to all emails from the National office and have them fill out the [Leadership Application](#).

Pictured: Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders Taylor Free and Toni Stockton co-lead a chapter in Gallatin, Tennessee.



Senate Cont.



admitted that Democrats support voter ID. Now, rather than the SAVE Act in its entirety, the Senate may soon be voting on Voter ID. That is a compromise that would benefit all Americans, and one that only happened by allowing the Senate to function the way the Founders intended.

There are many issues stalled in the Senate right now, including the SAVE ACT and funding for the Department Homeland Security. Pray that Sen. Thune would seek God's wisdom, as James 1:5 advises, as he navigates this delicate political situation.

PRAYER

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ACTION

If you haven't already, [Contact your Senator today](#) and encourage him/her to support the SAVE Act.

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

—James 1:5

Ordinary women doing
EXTRAordinary things



PRESENTS

Islam in America

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Mario Diaz

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*Sharia Law, Radical Islam,
and the Constitution*

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CWA INFLUENCER

Testimony from Islam to Christianity



REGISTER

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 29
3:30 PM EDT**



CEO and President of CWA Penny Nance participated in a panel about Family at [2026 CPAC](#).

“Children with gender dysphoria deserve to have counselors who will be able to truly help and counsel them, not to be affirmed, under threat of law, in the lie that they were born in the wrong body, or that they can change into the opposite sex.

God created us male and female. This victory is further affirmation that truth will win,”

[Penny's Full Response](#)



Truth, Liberty, & American Families WIN at the U.S. Supreme Court!

Chiles v. Salazar [UPDATE](#)

FEBRUARY 26 CWA Executive Vice President Annabelle Rutledge debated “This House Believes Western Feminism Has Failed Men” at the [Cambridge Union](#).

FEBRUARY 26 [The Daily Signal](#) reported on CWA’s opposition to a bill that would decriminalize prostitution in the state and included CWA Legislative Strategist Macy Petty’s comments.

FEBRUARY 26 [The Daily Wire](#) wrote exclusively about CWA’s call on the Department of Justice to block Netflix’s planned acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery.

MARCH 3 [The Christian Post](#) wrote about the Tennessee bill seeking to punish women who have abortions and included Penny’s comments in the story.

MARCH 4 Penny’s op-ed, “Restore Parental Authority with the App Store Accountability Act,” was published at [Real Clear Policy](#).

MARCH 11 Penny discussed Iran, Women’s History Month, and a few other topics on [Newsmax’s National Report](#).

MARCH 12 Penny discussed Christianity, why being pro-life matters, and Young Women for America on the [Talks for Christ Podcast](#).

MARCH 12 [Faith Radio](#) interviewed Penny about fairness in women’s sports.

MARCH 14 CWA Senior Advisor on Media and Culture Melissa Henson’s op-ed, The Parent-Led Rebellion Against EdTech, was published at [Townhall](#).

MARCH 14 Melissa’s op-ed, “With the Warner Bros. Deal Off the Table, Netflix Should Focus on Regaining Trust,” was published by the [Washington Examiner](#).

MARCH 17 Legislative Strategist Maggie McKneely’s op-ed, “Irish Dance Isn’t Just for St. Patrick’s Day - But It’s in Jeopardy,” was published by [The Daily Wire](#).

MARCH 17 Penny’s op-ed, “Confronting Iran is a Necessary Step to Protect Women and Christians,” was published by [The American Spectator](#).

MARCH 19 Penny discussed the challenges women in Iran are facing with [Fox 5](#).

MARCH 20 Legislative Strategist Hannah Lape’s op-ed, “Rejecting Gender Ideology for the Sake of Children,” was published by [Townhall](#).

MARCH 20 Penny’s op-ed, “Never Forget, Putin’s War in Ukraine is on Ukraine’s Children Also,” was published by [Newsmax](#).



Penny gave a powerful testimony during a [press conference](#) with Senator Josh Hawley (R-Missouri), who said of CWA, “Your powerful voice for women is second to none in this country.”

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.” – 2 Timothy 2:15



On the Hill

HOUSE BUSINESS

The Clean Water for All Life Act

Fifty tons of aborted babies' bodies and abortion drug medical waste are flushed into American waterways every year. Not only does the abortion drug kill an unborn

baby and harm her mother, but it is also polluting our water—the active metabolites (progesterone and estrogen) that enter waterways when unborn babies are flushed after an at-home chemical abortion cannot be filtered out of our water.

Why? During COVID, the Biden Administration gutted in-person dispensing requirements for the abortion drug, leaving women to self-manage their risky chemical abortions at home, alone, leaving them no choice but to flush their deceased unborn child down the toilet or shower drain.

Women and babies deserve better than the abortion drug, and the American people should not be forced to drink water tainted with abortion drug chemicals and fetal remains—that's why CWALAC is urging Congress to pass Congresswoman Mary Miller's (R-Illinois 15th) Clean Water for All Life Act. The bill would save babies, restore in-person dispensing requirements for mothers, and require the abortion drug to be dispensed with a medical waste catch kit to ensure that the abortion drug no longer pollutes our water.

For mothers, babies, and the stewardship of God's creation, we must work until no woman or baby faces the violence of abortion. Consider Genesis 1:28, the Lord's creation mandate given to Adam and Eve: "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

God's design is that men and women should bring life into the world, not end it, and steward our Earth, not pollute it. The abortion drug stands in contrast to God's design. As CWALAC works to end the abortion drug crisis from any creative angle at our disposal, please pray for the Lord's favor in our efforts.

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Concerned Women for America supported Rep. Mary Miller (R-Illinois 15th) and the Clean Water for All Life Act at the Students for Life Rally on March 18. Listen to [Penny Nance's remarks](#) here.

PRAYER

Pray that every woman who considers taking the abortion drug would have clarity, recognizing the humanity of the child she is carrying. Pray for the women who have experienced the violent act of abortion to find healing in the Body of Christ.

ACTION

Join CWALAC and call your [Congressman](#) and encourage him/her to sponsor the **Clean Water for All Life Act**.

WELCOME NEW *CWA State Directors*

God has blessed CWA with two new State Directors for **Nebraska and Kansas!** Praise the Lord! Pray for these extraordinary women as they carry out CWA's mission and vision on a state level.



Nebraska Mary Meininger

"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 has been carrying the torch in both Nebraska and Kansas for a while, and we are so grateful for her faithfulness and full commitment to Nebraska!

Kansas Toni Stewart

"I am praying for the Lord's guidance in this new leadership role. May He continue to grow CWA of Kansas, and may others see that there is an organization that truly loves the Lord our God and will join this Christ-centered movement."

Toni faithfully served alongside Mary in Kansas impacting public policy and encouraging prayer for the state. We are blessed to have her commitment to step into this calling of State Director of Kansas!



CWA OF SOUTH DAKOTA On the far right are **Legislative Liaison Lisa Gennaro and State Director Linda Schauer**, two powerhouse leaders as the state legislative session wraps up in just a few days. From championing pro-life bills to taking bold stands on parental rights, gambling, age verification, constitutional convention, eminent domain, and more, they've been a constant, unwavering presence at the Capitol.



CWA OF ILLINOIS

"Being at the march and seeing so many faithful women gave me the boost I needed to keep moving forward, doing what God expects us to do, together."

—**State Director Kaleen Marshall**



Make the Faith Month Pledge!

Donate **\$15 for 3 months** to Concerned Women for America and receive:



4" x 6" Handheld Christian Flag

Donate **\$30 for 3 months** to Concerned Women for America and receive:



3'x5' Porch Flag

We invite you to join us during Faith Month, beginning April 1. Participate one of two ways. Commit to give \$15 a month or \$30 a month for the next three months. As our thank you to you, you will receive:

- Religious Freedom training resource to equip you, your family, or your small group
- An American flag and Christian flag lapel pin to wear with pride
- Christian Flag: \$15/month pledge will receive a handheld 4"x6" flag, and the \$30/month pledge will receive a 3'x5' porch flag.



Make
**YOUR
Pledge
TODAY!**



Why we celebrate Faith Month: The story behind the initiative.



ENCOURAGING LEGISLATORS

is how we roll

▼ CWA OF IOWA

During the Iowa Prayer Rally for Life at the Iowa Statehouse, CWA of Iowa leaders take advantage of opportunities to pray over elected officials.

Seen in the photo on the left, from left to right: **Legislative Liaison Laura Carlson, EAL Coordinator Cristina Smith, and Chapter Coordinator Deb Davis.**

▲ EAL OF SOUTH DAKOTA

The Encourage-A-Legislator Program is currently covering more than 2,235 state legislators nationwide! South Dakota's State Senator Carl Perry (R-District 3) with **State Director Linda Schauer**. He has saved every card he has received over the years and displays them on his desk.



CWA of PENNSYLVANIA

CWA of Pennsylvania State Director Dilonna Coran has hit the ground running on the speaking circuit! In just one month, she represented **CWA of Pennsylvania** at a bipartisan, bicameral press conference at the Capitol announcing the launch of a new Anti-Human Trafficking Caucus, emceed a pro-life breakfast in Williamsport, and addressed the Lycoming County Patriots on critical legislation dealing with abortion, marriage, the Fairness Act, women in sports, and protecting children from harmful gender-transition procedures.



CWA of CALIFORNIA

State Director of California Marlo Tucker (seen with the bullhorn) led the Annual Prayer and Praise Service at the California March for Life with great support from CWA and YWA of California.



CWA of LOUISIANA

CWA of Louisiana laced up their running shoes to participate in the Born to Run 5K to support Women's New Life Clinic in New Orleans! Women's New Life Clinic provides compassionate counseling and medical services to women facing unplanned pregnancies, offering hope, care, and life-affirming support when it's needed most.

"I loved the opportunity that we were able to not only participate in this event but that it was during National Women's History Month. The women who show up every day to counsel and encourage those who find themselves in a difficult situation and those who make the decision to not have an abortion are both making history."

State Director Laura Huber is pictured with her daughters and daughter-in-law who all participated in the run.





◀ **CWA OF TEXAS** (Far left) State Director **Jana Long** and (Far right) Associate Director **Mary Smith** showed up to encourage the new chapter in Lubbock! ▶ **CWA OF OKLAHOMA** hosted YWA Coordinator **Abi-Ananiah** for their OKC Chapter meeting.



◀ **CWA OF VIRGINIA** State Director **Teresa Pregnall** (Front left) strengthened connections and equipped new PALs to have impactful grassroots engagement. ▼ **CWA OF ARIZONA** leaders showed up in force for the Arizona March for Life!



LEADER *highlights*

CWA of KENTUCKY

New State Director of Kentucky Cordelia Schaber is in a season of “firsts.” She had her first visit with the Harrison County Prayer/Action Chapter, participated in her first Kentucky March For Life, and met with several legislators at the Kentucky State Capitol. Her growing team is excited to make an impact!



THE NEWS



Our Nation Needs Most



Faith Ozenbough
National Director
Young Women for America

What if the Lord wants to use your voice to change someone's life?

The tension for the Christian is always between our infinite value and the reality that God will accomplish His purposes with or without us. But if we are given the opportunity to take part in redeeming this broken world, why wouldn't we?

Perhaps it's fear, apathy, or uncertainty that keeps us from engaging a dying world. As we step into Faith Month, we extend a renewed invitation to be a mouthpiece for the very thing at the center of our work: the Gospel.

Our motivation for praying, educating, and advocating stems from our deeply held faith. This faith is not meant to be kept only in our hearts as something precious, but to be freely shared in every sphere of life. As we engage in Faith Month this April, we are doing so with creativity and joy through our Tell Me Some Good News Campaign.

What is this, you ask? Think of a man-on-the-street style interview. You take a poster board and write in big letters: "TELL ME SOME GOOD NEWS." With a few friends, you stand in a public place, holding the sign with a smile. As people approach to share any bit of happy news—a passed test, healing from illness, a restored relationship—you engage them in conversation. Whether it lasts 30 seconds or 3 minutes, you end by asking, "Can I tell you some good news?"

In that moment, you have an open door to share the Gospel—not just good news, but the best news anyone could ever hear. You can close the

Do you know how to share the Gospel? Here is a helpful tool.



conversation by offering a handout that briefly explains the Gospel and includes a link to learn more, purchase a Bible, and find local churches by zip code.

This is one of the most meaningful ways you can use your voice. How can the culture be restored if we do not first begin with the only true source of restoration—Jesus Christ?

Leaders around the nation will be participating in the Tell Me Some Good News Campaign on campuses and in communities. We invite you to join us. And if you're unable to participate by holding a sign, we encourage you to share our resources and pray for a renewal of the Gospel in your community. 🙏



PRAYER

Pray for the boldness to share the Gospel message with those in your community.

ACTION

Go to the "[Good News Campaign](#)" page and learn how you can participate in sharing the Good News of the Gospel.