



# Celebrate *Life!*

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A publication prepared exclusively for CWA leaders, members, and friends dedicated to impacting the culture for Christ through both prayer and action.



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*“For You formed my inward parts;  
You covered me in my mother’s womb.” –  
Psalm 139:13*

June is a time to celebrate the gift of life and reflect on the significance of the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* 2022 Supreme Court decision that overturned *Roe v. Wade*, the law that made abortion legal in all 50 states. While laws and court rulings are important, the heart of the pro-life movement

is rooted in the truth that every human life is created by God with purpose, dignity, and value.

From the very beginning, God is intimately involved in the creation of every life. Before a child is born, God knows them, forms them, and has a purpose for them. Scripture reminds us that every person is fearfully and wonderfully made in His image. Because of this, every life deserves protection, compassion, and the opportunity to flourish.

As believers, we are called not only to stand for truth but also to extend hope and

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## CHAPTER *highlight*



**Salt Lake City, Utah Prayer/Action Chapter**, led by State Director Anne-Marie Knizely, educated visitors and members on the importance of engaging locally by attending school board meetings and running for public office.

### *Building Faith Cont.*

support to women and families facing difficult circumstances. Many women experience fear, uncertainty, and pressure during pregnancy. Building a culture of life means responding with both conviction and compassion — through prayer, encouragement, practical support, and the love of Christ.



The *Dobbs* decision marked an important moment in our nation's history, but the work of protecting life requires continuous engagement. As leaders with Concerned Women for America, we must make advocating for the unborn a way of life by supporting local pregnancy resource centers, modeling traditional family values, and ensuring leaders uphold the sanctity of human life in local, state, and national policy decisions.

In a culture that often devalues life, may we remain steadfast in defending those who cannot speak for themselves and faithful in reflecting God's truth and love in all we do. ☸

### PRAYER

*Heavenly Father, thank You for the precious gift of life.*

*Help us to honor and protect life at every stage while showing compassion and support to mothers and families. Give us wisdom, courage, and grace to reflect Your truth and love in all we do. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## On the Hill

### SENATE REVIEW

**Maggie McKneely**

Director of  
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### *Democrats Propose Bill to Repeal School Choice Program*

Last summer, Congress passed the first-ever federal school choice program—the [Education Freedom Tax Credit \(EFTC\)](#). It is designed to improve access to public school alternatives without using more tax dollars. Under the program, if an individual donates money to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO), a nonprofit that helps low-income students afford private school tuition or other educational alternatives, that individual is eligible for a tax credit up to \$1,700.



But the fact that this modest program will help more students get out of the one-size-fits-all government school system is unacceptable to some senators. Last month, Sen. Mark Kelly (D-Arizona), along with 30 of his colleagues, introduced the [Keep Public Funds in Public Schools Act](#), a bill that would repeal the Education Freedom Tax Credit Program.

Kelly stated that the main problem with the program is that it will take money out of public schools and give it to private ones. Kelly

points to some of the faults in his state's voucher program, which allows students to use public funds that would otherwise go to public schools for private school tuition or homeschooling expenses. But it is misleading to compare the EFTC to a state-level voucher program. Unlike vouchers, the EFTC





## June Chapter Tips

- Plan a **prayer walk** in your community. Stop and pray as you walk past the courthouse, churches, and schools.
- Make plans to attend CWA's 2026 Summit. See page 9.
- Spend time in prayer for your state CWA organization's growth, impact,

**CWA OF CALIFORNIA's** Orange County Prayer/Action Chapter enjoys fellowship, encouragement, and time together!



allows private individuals to donate to nonprofits, which then have more resources to help students.

What these senators do not understand is the program's flexibility. The new influx of financial resources from private donors can be used not just for tuition but also for tutoring, after school programs, summer learning opportunities, disability services, and technology, all of which benefit private, homeschool, and public-school students.

By advocating for a complete repeal, these short-sighted senators are depriving their states of an incredible opportunity to help students get a better education. Many students thrive in public school, while others receive a better education in a different environment. Some students just need some supplementation to their public-school experience which this program could provide.

### **PRAYER**

Pray for Senators to see that educational freedom offers hope to families struggling with limited choices in their communities. Pray for a revival of the desire for quality educational opportunities among students, families, and local municipalities.

### **ACTION**

[Contact your U.S. Senator](#) and let him/her know that you support the **Educational Freedom Tax Credit**.

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## Breaking It Down

2026 Supreme Court of the United States Retrospective

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**JUNE 24**  
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CWA has been working to make MOMS.GOV a reality for over four years. Here's [PENNY'S MESSAGE](#) celebrating God's faithfulness.

*How, then can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?*

—Romans 10:14



## PRAYER

Pray for wisdom and discernment as CWA's influence reaches new outlets and impacts new conversations.

## ACTION

Stay engaged by forwarding, sharing, and "liking" CWA articles posted on our website, weekly national alert eails, and social media posts.

**APRIL 29** Senior Advisor Doreen Denny shed light on a new study from Finland that shows how 'gender affirming care' is 'losing the science' in a [Townhall](#) op-ed.

**MAY 6** [The Daily Wire](#) published CEO and President Penny Nance's op-ed, "[Biden And His Cronies Engaged In Anti-Christian Actions, What's Shocking Is The Extent.](#)"

**MAY 6** [Bloomberg Law](#) quoted Penny Nance for a story about the Supreme Court restoring access to the mail-order abortion pill.

**MAY 7** Director of Government Relations Maggie McKneely appeared on [NTD TV Morning News](#) to discuss legislation that supports mothers.

**MAY 9** Legislative Strategist Hannah Lape wrote about how to win the abortion debate in a [Townhall](#) op-ed, "[What's Your Favorite Type of Abortion?](#)"

**MAY 12** [The Daily Signal](#) wrote about CWA's push for FCC comments about the TV content ratings system, "How You Can Fight Against Transgender Messaging in Kids' TV."

**MAY 12** [Fox News](#) quoted Maggie McKneely for a story about birth rates, "[Age of first-time mothers hits record high in blue states as birth rates keep falling.](#)"



**MAY 13** Senior Advisor on Culture and Media Melissa Henson appeared on [Lynn's Warriors](#) to discuss why parents should have more information in the TV content ratings system to make informed viewing decisions for their children.

**MAY 14** Penny and Melissa weighed in about Disney content for a [Deseret News](#) story, "[Has the 'Disney adult' become more important to Disney than kids?](#)"

**MAY 14** Penny's op-ed, "[The Bureaucratic System That Could Set America On A Scary Path To Rationed Healthcare,](#)" was published by [The Daily Wire](#).

**MAY 16** [The Washington Examiner](#) published Penny's op-ed, "[Parents want honest labeling for media content,](#)" about the FCC comment period concerning the TV content ratings system.

**MAY 20** State Legislative Strategist Macy Petty's op-ed, "[Planned Parenthood Does Not Operate in the Public Interest; It Should Not Receive Taxpayer Dollars,](#)" was published by [Townhall](#).



**MAY 20** Penny appeared on [CNN's This Morning with Audie Cornish](#) to discuss the news of the day from a conservative perspective.

**MAY 21** Melissa Henson appeared on [NTD TV News](#) to discuss why parents have a right to know if their children are being exposed to TV content that can impact their lives.



## On the Hill

### HOUSE BUSINESS

**Hannah Lape**  
Legislative Strategist

### *The Fight Against Mail Order Abortion Continues*

This month, Concerned Women for America is continuing in the fight to end mail-order abortions. In May, a lawsuit from Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill reached the Supreme Court, bringing the abortion drug battle to the national stage.

In October 2025, Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill sued the Food and Drug Administration and abortion drug manufacturers for violating Louisiana state law and injuring Rosalie Markezich, a mother who was poisoned by her abusive boyfriend and lost her baby to the abortion drug. Concerned Women for America (CWA) submitted an [amicus](#) brief in support of AG Murrill's case against the FDA and drug manufacturers (*Danco Laboratories v. Louisiana*).

In early May 14th, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of Louisiana and ordered a nationwide pause on the Biden-era mail-order abortion policy. That miraculous pause only lasted a weekend. The abortion drug manufacturers' attorneys appealed to the Supreme Court, and on May 14th, the justices [ruled](#) to allow mail-order abortions to continue while Louisiana's case continues in the Fifth Circuit Court.



Just days before the Supreme Court handed down its decision last week, a staffing shuffle at the FDA began from the very top—former Commissioner Marty Makary resigned from his post after more than a year of [propping up the Biden-era mail-](#)

[order abortion policy](#) and stalling a promised safety review of the abortion drug mifepristone. Deputy Commissioner Kyle Diamantas assumed the role of Acting Director, and CWA prayerfully hopes that he will lead the FDA with courage and conviction to course-correct the agency with respect to the abortion drug.

#### PRAYER

Pray for moms and babies across the country as the mail-order abortion crisis continues to devastate our nation, that the abortion drug lawsuit carrying on in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals would be argued well and won, and that Acting FDA Commissioner Kyle Diamantas would enter his new post with boldness and clarity to protect the most vulnerable Americans among us: the unborn.

#### ACTION

[Contact your U.S. Representative](#) and thank him/her for passing the MOMs Act! This will help promote a culture of life nation-wide.

*But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.*

*—1 Thessalonians 4:13*





## WELCOME NEW *CWA State Directors*

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



### *Utah* Anne-Marie Knizely

"Through prayer, God started a small flame in the hearts of six women. I believe that through continued prayer, He will ignite a movement of women that will take the state of Utah by fire. God is on the move, and I simply want to be a part of it. Whether I

am praying with my chapter, teaching my girls, or caring for my patients, my goal remains the same: to unify the Body of Christ so that the Lord may be glorified through His mighty works in my family's lives and across the state of Utah."

[Get to know Anne-Marie.](#)

**PRAY** for Anne-Marie as she seeks the LORD for wisdom to grow her state leadership and chapter presence in Utah.

### *Florida* Ruth Smith

"I love that CWA is rooted in prayer and action. I am a firm believer that we fight our battles on our knees. We have to pray, or we are powerless; we have to take action, or our prayers are meaningless. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, 'Silence in the face of evil is itself evil; God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.'"

[Get to know Ruth.](#)

**PRAY** for Ruth as she revitalizes the women who have been involved for years and expands the reach of CWA around the State.



**CWA OF MISSOURI AND YWA COLLEGE OF THE OZARKS** hosted "An Evening with Penny Nance." You can read about her visit in the [BRANSON GLOBE](#) and check out the [INSTAGRAM post.](#)



**CWA OF OKLAHOMA State Director Joy Howell** led a celebration in honor of Governor Kevin Stitt's Faith Proclamation. The Governor, CWA members, and elected officials were in attendance.



# Remaining Steadfast *Through the Seasons*



**Ashley Spady**, Western Regional Coordinator  
Young Women for America

There are defining moments in life that shape who we are—milestones, chapters that come to a bittersweet close, and new opportunities that lead us into the next season. For many of our Young Women for America (YWA) leaders, this past month has been marked by graduations, the start of new jobs and internships, marriages and beginning families. We are proud to celebrate each one—their hard work, obedience, and God’s evident blessing.

As the school year comes to a close, we rejoice especially with those who made YWA leadership a meaningful part of their college experience. Through their leadership, they strengthened convictions, built lasting communities, and made a bold impact for Christ in ways that cannot be fully measured.

While campus engagement remains central to YWA’s mission, our vision extends far beyond a single season of life. We seek to build a lasting foundation that equips young women for every calling the Lord sets before them. Whether entering marriage, motherhood, ministry, graduate school, or a professional career, these women are stepping into pivotal new spheres of influence and responsibility.

## PRAYER

Pray that YWA leaders would boldly and faithfully serve the Lord in the new spheres of influence to which He has called them.

## ACTION

Support and encourage a young woman in your life as she steps into a new season, reminding her to remain rooted in truth and steadfast in her faith.



**Photos left to right:**

*Grace DeMars, YWA Ambassador,* celebrates alongside fellow leaders from California Baptist University.

*Ella DuPree, YWA Ambassador,* graduates from California Baptist University.

*Ella Dudley, YWA Chapter President,* celebrates her graduation from Grand Canyon University.

*Mycah Heise, YWA Ambassador,* celebrates her graduation from Point Loma Nazarene University.

What makes YWA truly formative is that the opportunity to grow, lead, and shine the light of Christ does not end at graduation. YWA provides a foundation of truth, community, resources, and sisterhood that extends far beyond a diploma equipping young women to step confidently into the goods works God has. Our goal is to prepare leaders to remain steadfast “in season and out of season” (2 Timothy 4:2), ready to proclaim the Gospel, defend truth, and lead others.

Being prepared requires intentional spiritual formation. Life often brings unexpected challenges, transitions, and responsibilities. Yet, when we are grounded in God’s Word and guided by the Holy Spirit, we are equipped to navigate every season with patience, grace, and wisdom.

As our leaders step into what comes next, we pray they remain steadfast in their faith and courageous in their calling, trusting the Lord to use them powerfully wherever He leads. 🙌





1) CWA of PENNSYLVANIA Pottstown Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders, Kathy and Cathy, hosted a voter registration drive at a local church encouraging members to pray for and vote in the upcoming elections. 2) CWA of ARIZONA The Surprise Prayer/Action Chapter participated in the Good News Campaign at the Arizona State Capitol and had meaningful conversations centered on Christ and faith. 3) CWA of SOUTH DAKOTA State Director Linda Schauer held her monthly Prayer/Action Chapter meeting. 4) CWA of NEW MEXICO Valencia County Prayer/Action Chapter Leader Margarite Jaramillo co-hosted the Freedom Truck 250 in Belen, New Mexico. 5) CWA of PENNSYLVANIA State Director Dilona Coran (left) hit a home run when she spoke to the Blair County Conservative Women's group about the work of CWA and the challenges we face as a nation. 6) CWA of LOUISIANA State Director Laura Huber (middle) joined other pro-life groups for Pro-Life Day at the Capitol, lobbying and advocating for the protection of life and family values. 7) CWA of KENTUCKY Central Kentucky Prayer Action Chapter Leader Jennifer Pendleton (right) organized the National Day of Prayer event in her community. Lexington PAL Stacey Kress (middle) and friend joined her for the event. 8) CWA of MISSOURI The Branson Prayer/Action Chapter honored member Carolyn Lilley, who turned 90. Carolyn has been part of the chapter since the beginning and helped found a local pregnancy clinic and annual Life Chain while remaining a devoted prayer warrior.



## CWA of LOUISIANA

**CWA of Louisiana and State Director Laura Huber** (seen far left) wrapped up the 2026 Encourage-A-Legislator (EAL) Program with Appreciation Day at the Capitol. Participants met legislators in person and were honored with special resolutions of gratitude presented on the House and Senate floors, recognizing them for faithful service.

**This year, 89 volunteers encouraged all 144 state legislators through prayer, postcards, and personal notes.**



## CWA of UTAH

New **State Director Anne Marie Knizely** held a prayer walk at the Salt Lake City Pride Festival grounds in anticipation of the event. "I praise the Lord for faithful prayer warriors willing to stand in the gap for the lost souls of Utah's LGBTQ+ community."



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# INVESTING IN LEADERSHIP

## *Training and Equipping New Grassroots Leaders*



**DIRECTOR OF FIELD OPERATIONS MICHELLE MINOR LIVES FOR THIS!** "I love my job, but my favorite part is traveling to train our state leaders and meet their communities. This is my personal 'runner's high!'"

**ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT:** State Director of Kansas Toni Stewart, State Director of Nebraska Mary Meininger, and Michelle spent several days reviewing the State Director Manual; Michelle visited Toni's **Topeka Prayer/Action Chapter** meeting; Toni explains leadership roles to new steering committee members.

**BELOW LEFT TO RIGHT:** Michelle and State Director of Utah Anne-Marie Knizely take a break from training to enjoy the beautiful mountains near Anne-Marie's home in Salt Lake City; Michelle spent time training new steering committee members during her visit to Utah; Anne-Marie's father is taking on the role of Records Correspondent!



**TO THE RIGHT** Young Women for America (YWA) Fellows Hannah Faulkner and Tierna D'Arcy shadowed State Director of Tennessee Lavigne Kirkpatrick as part of their YWA Fellows Program during Lavigne's training of a new Prayer/Action Chapter Leader, Tammy Young. The training was held at Tammy's Dude Ranch in Dunlap, Tennessee.

