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The Titus 2 Woman

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State Director of Nebraska

After reflecting on Faith Month in April—a time dedicated to deepening our Christian beliefs, we enter May, a month filled with new beginnings, beautiful flowers, and celebrations like Mother's Day. As Christians seeking to deepen our faith with God, the next questions might be: how do we increase our faith, and how do we activate our faith? Understanding how to increase our faith and recognize active faith is essential for spiritual growth and navigating life's

challenges, especially as we strive to live out our beliefs in everyday life.

Romans 1:17 states that "... the righteous will live by faith." This means actively seeking to be more Christ-like in all we do, say, and think. An active faith means a faith that influences our daily choices; it is something many seek to cultivate. Increasing our faith is important because it helps us wade through life's challenges with confidence and trust in God. Many Christians wonder how to deepen their faith, making this question both relevant and impactful for our spiritual journey.

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Faith grows and flourishes with guidance, support, and watching real-life examples. The Titus 2 woman, as described in the Bible, serves as a mentor who exemplifies Godly character, Biblical wisdom, and nurturing leadership. She invests in the lives of women, teaching them to love their families, live with integrity, and grow in their relationship with God. Titus 2:3 reminds each of us that we should, "... teach what is right and good." Mentorship modeled after Titus 2 is not just about imparting knowledge, but also about walking alongside another. By sharing personal experiences, offering prayerful support, and encouraging spiritual disciplines, the Titus 2 woman helps others deepen their trust in God and develop a lasting faith. This relationship fosters a community in which women support one another and strengthen spiritual foundations.

Concerned Women for America offers valuable opportunities for women to both receive mentorship through partnerships with the Young Women for America collegiate chapters and to become mentors themselves by leading a Prayer/Action Chapter. Both of these experiences foster personal and professional growth. God commanded us in Matthew 28:19, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

As we disciple others through CWA, we experience the true blessing of mentorship and spiritual growth within this sisterhood where faith is nurtured through meaningful connections and purposeful practices. As a Prayer/Action Chapter participant, you'll find regular gatherings filled with heartfelt worship, honest conversation, and inspiring encouragement. Together, we lift one another up through shared prayer, Biblical truth, and acts of service, deepening our trust in God. Our community is devoted to fulfilling the calling to impact the culture for Christ through prayer, education, and action. If you are not a part of a Prayer/Action Chapter, I invite you to join or start a

chapter in your area. The opportunity to help build a supportive community where you will be inspired and empowered to grow as a disciple of Christ is waiting for you! ☺



Top: The Omaha Prayer/Action Chapter hosts a diverse group of women of all ages, offering a perfect mentoring environment.

Bottom: CWA of Nebraska is building impactful relationships with the YWA of Omaha Chapter.



On the Hill

SENATE REVIEW

Maggie McKneely

Director of
Government
Relations



Defunding Planned Parenthood, Again

Last year, Congress delivered its most significant pro-life victory ever by ending federal funding to big abortion providers for a year. But on July 4th, America's 250th birthday, that funding will be restored unless Congress acts.

The language was part of the One Big Beautiful Bill, a reconciliation package that was able to bypass the Senate's typical 60-vote threshold by instead



requiring a simple majority. To extend it, Congress will have to include language to do so in another reconciliation package since Senate Democrats do not support the provision. For much of the year, we have been pushing for a reconciliation bill that includes not just the extension of the freeze on Medicaid reimbursements to abortion providers, but other important agenda items related to protecting women's sports, lowering housing costs, and reducing wasteful government spending.

However, Congress has other items to deal with, such as reopening the still-unfunded Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Because Senate Democrats have thus far refused to pass any legislation that would fund Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or Border Patrol (CBP), the Senate is currently attempting to pass a reconciliation bill narrowly focused on restoring funding to those agencies, eating up time that cannot be spent on a larger package.

May Chapter Tip

YOU Can Make a Difference!

During your chapter meeting, have each attendee pull out their phones and follow [THIS LINK](#) to leave a comment supporting better oversight and transparency for parents regarding children's programming. Use the provided "answers" to respond clearly and concisely. **DEADLINE is May 22.**

Learn more about this issue by rewatching the [February Webinar](#) featuring CWA Senior Advisor for Culture and Media Melissa Henson.



Although this bill does not include a means to extend the abortion funding provision, Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Missouri) used a procedural maneuver to highlight Congress's imperative to pass that provision before July by introducing an amendment to extend the abortion measure. A majority of Senate Republicans voted in favor of it, but the measure ultimately did not pass due to Senate rules. But we at CWALAC were able to score the vote and use it to spotlight the ongoing problem in upcoming opportunities.

Although the resolution for the narrow bill passed in the Senate, it may not do so in the House because many Republicans are advocating for a larger bill that includes all of the items that they want to get through before November. Another alternative is for the House to take up the bill put forth by the Senate and attempt to amend it to include the abortion defund provision.

All this to say that there are a number of options on the table to maintain the freeze on big abortion's federal funds.



PRAYER

Pray the reconciliation bill will pass including the defunding of Big Abortion.

ACTION

Call your legislator and tell them that no taxpayer funds should go to organizations that perform and promote abortion. **[ACT NOW!](#)**



WE HAVE A *Faith Month Fly Your Flag Challenge* **WINNER!**



CWA of Virginia State Director Teresa Pregnall (left) proudly displayed the Christian flag during FAITH MONTH, celebrating RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, a right given by God and enshrined for all U.S. Citizens in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Teresa will receive a \$100 gift card to a surprise pro-family company! CONGRATULATIONS, TERESA!





CWA Director of Government Relations Maggie McNeely was featured on [Faith Radio](#) discussing recent report of DOJ abuses against pro-lifers.



CWA Senior Policy Advisor for Media and Culture Melissa Henson urges support for the [Kids Online Safety Act](#).

PRAYER

Pray for CWA to have more opportunities to speak the truth through the media and for the courage to engage boldly.

ACTION

Stay engaged and informed by checking the website often and responding to action items in the CWA weekly email communication.

MARCH 31 [LifeSiteNews](#) cited CWA research about trans-identifying men in women's sports in a story about President Trump suing Minnesota for allowing "transgender" males in women's sports.

APRIL 1 CWA legislative Strategist Hannah Lape's op-ed, "Should Taxpayers Fund A Women's Museum That Features Jazz Jennings?" was published by [The Daily Wire](#).

APRIL 9 Hannah opined about whether federal tax dollars will be given to Planned Parenthood in a [Daily Signal](#) op-ed, "Will Taxpayers Foot the Bill for Abortion and 'Gender-Affirming Care' in 2026?"

APRIL 13 CWA President and CEO Penny Nance was interviewed by [TBN's Staklebeck Tonight](#) about CWA's Netflix research.



APRIL 14 Penny weighed in on Planned Parenthood's Annual Report in an op-ed, "Planned Parenthood Shouldn't Get One Cent For Its Mail Order Abortion Industry," for [The Daily Wire](#).

APRIL 17 Maggie's op-ed, "The Biden Administration Used The FACE Act To Persecute Christian Americans," was published by [The Daily Wire](#).

APRIL 20 Penny wrote about the gender wage gap myth in a [Fox News](#) op-ed, "The truth behind the gender wage gap myth isn't what you've been told."

APRIL 21 [The Daily Wire](#) wrote exclusively on CWA's new report revealing "gender-affirming care" has increased in Planned Parenthood regional clinics.

APRIL 22 [Breitbart](#) cited CWA's Netflix research in a story about why the FCC is considering an update to the TV content ratings system due to parental concerns about gender identity themes in children's TV shows

APRIL 23 [Fox News](#) reported that Sen. Josh Hawley referenced CWA's new report on "gender-affirming care" in comments about defunding Planned Parenthood.

APRIL 25 CWA State Legislative Strategist Macy Charles (Petty) was a guest on [Newsmax's National Update](#) to discuss the FCC's call for comments about the TV content ratings system and CWA's new report on "gender-affirming care."

APRIL 27 Hannah wrote about Faith Month in an op-ed for [The Christian Post](#), titled "Why Faith Month in April matters."



Macy spills the beans about [Planned Parenthood's continued deception](#).

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden."—Matthew 5:14



On the Hill

HOUSE BUSINESS

Hannah Lape
Legislative Strategist

The MOMs Act—the Perfect Gift for Mother's Day

Mother's Day is just around the corner! In light of that, we are promoting one of Concerned Women for America's priority bills in the House of Representatives: [The MOMs Act](#).

The MOMs Act accomplishes a number of pro-life, pro-woman, pro-mom, and pro-family objectives. First, it establishes Pregnancy.gov. The Biden Administration did a disservice to mothers by propping up its "ReproductiveRights.gov," which allowed women to search abortion clinics in their area. Pregnancy.gov, on the other hand, is a life-affirming, holistic pro-woman alternative that will establish a federal website allowing mothers to find pregnancy resources, prenatal services, and postnatal support within their zip code.



Second, the MOMs Act creates a grant program out of Health and Human Services to allow pregnancy care centers to apply for support. Third, the bill amends existing child support legislation to allow mothers to voluntarily collect child support payments from the fathers of their unborn baby.

"These provisions are measures that will create a culture of life in our country."

"Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."
—Psalm 139:16



Proverbs 31:28

These provisions are tangible, substantive measures that will not only provide mothers with material, financial, emotional, spiritual, and financial support before, during, and after pregnancy, but that will create a culture of life in our country.



Women and moms don't need Planned Parenthood's failing clinics that only provide one choice (abortion) especially when pregnancy resources centers and federally qualified health centers outnumber them 43 to 1.

PRAYER

Pray that God would remove the barriers to the passing of the MOMs Act and that legislators will open their eyes to see the benefits of this bill for ALL pregnant women and families.

ACTION

The success of the MOMs Act depends on the work that people of faith are doing across the country in faithfully, charitably, and selflessly owning and operating pregnancy resource centers. The bill connects women and leverages pre-existing private support systems. If you don't already, volunteer at a local pregnancy resource center! [Contact your representative](#) and ask him/her to support the MOMs Act.



Ordinary women doing EXTRAordinary things

PRESENTS

Ending Abortion with Truth & Love

FEATURING

Hannah Lape

LEGISLATIVE STRATEGIST
with Concerned Women for America LAC

REGISTER

Did you catch that?

STAY INFORMED by checking the concernedwomen.org website often and reading the weekly national updates that hit your in-box every week. But, in case you missed it...



Children's Hospitals BEWARE.

[Finland Study](#) Shows "Gender Affirming Care" Is Losing the Science.

"The rigorous scientific method used in Finland's study lays bare the flimsy surveys that pro-trans researchers have manufactured as 'evidence' to whitewash their claim that kids will commit suicide without 'lifesaving' sex reassignment," says CWA Senior Advisor Doreen Denny in an op-ed published in [Townhall](#).



REDISTRICTING.

Where Do We Stand?

"We stand firmly in gratitude that we live in a country where our voices are valued and protected. This guiding principle must lead every conversation of the election, leaving no room for unequal representation," says Macy Charles (Petty). [Read her](#) run-down of nationwide redistricting battles and the recent SCOTUS ruling.



Forced to Pay!

A New Court Ruling Changes Everything

"As believers, we are called to cherish life and stand firmly in truth with conviction. This is a time to engage thoughtfully, with both wisdom and grace," says CWA State Director of Pennsylvania Dilonna Coran in her [recent e-alert](#). Many states are facing the same challenges, and we must stay vigilant and prayerful.

CWA is leading the way...



▲ **CWA OF LOUISIANA** State Director Laura Huber (2nd from R) said that the, “**Voter registration drive** was a great success!”

▼ **CWA OF COLORADO (R)** Despite the cold weather, the women of CWA **celebrated LIFE** at the Colorado March for Life Event!

▼ **CWA OF VIRGINIA (L)** CWA leaders **marched for LIFE** in Richmond, Virginia!

▼ **CWA OF VIRGINIA (BOTTOM)** State Director Teresa Pregnall **trained a new chapter leader!**



WELCOME NEW *CWA State Directors*

The District Abi-Ananiah Prudent

“I am deeply grateful and honored for the opportunity to help grow Women for America’s efforts here in the District of Columbia. The Biblical responsibility to be a light in a dark world—and especially in this city—weighs heavily on my heart. I am thankful to be entrusted by the Lord to play a part in leading what He is accomplishing through the body of believers here.

My hope is to continue bringing together women who are growing in their conviction of Biblical values, uniting to stand for the preservation of our Constitution and the protection of its principles.”

PRAY for Abi as God expands her influence and she invites Christian conservative women to join the CWA mission to impact the culture for Christ..



Washington Stormy Hassan

“While many Christian families are leaving states that are unfavorable to our God given and historic liberty, we have chosen to stay in Washington, my family and I believe that we are called to remain steadfast in our communities as salt and light to ensure that the freedoms and principles others have sacrificed for are not lost.

To ensure generational liberty in our nation, now is the time to draw a line in the sand and stand firm for God’s glory. It is not time to retreat and give more ground to the works of the enemy but it is time to fortify ourselves in the word of God, live out our faith in prayer and action and take back ground.”

PRAY for Stormy as she revives the leaders in Washington and builds new relationships that will make a great impact for families and freedom.



CWA of OKLAHOMA

CWA of Oklahoma State Director Joy Howell started her April Chapter meeting by celebrating Faith Month and the Oklahoma Proclamation declaring April Faith Month, signed by the governor, then several legislators presented Freedom Caucus Training and discussed related legislation.

CWA of Oklahoma members met at the capitol for Lobby Day to meet with legislators and advocate and pray for several pro-family bills.



CWA of COLORADO

CWA of Colorado, led by **State Director Karen Pennington**, spent a day at the Colorado State Capitol. Two **Young Women for America (YWA)** leaders joined the visit as part of a new fellowship program designed to train and equip the next generation of leaders. To everyone's surprise, the group was introduced on the Colorado House floor and warmly welcomed with applause. They also had the opportunity to meet with and hear from several "friendly" legislators.



CWA of ALABAMA

CWA of ALABAMA State Director Bobbi Radeck and the Guntersville Prayer/Action Chapter were honored to host Pastor Jon Henderson as he shared powerful insights into the history and Biblical significance of Israel, equipping attendees to confidently defend their faith and support for Israel.



CHAPTER *highlight*

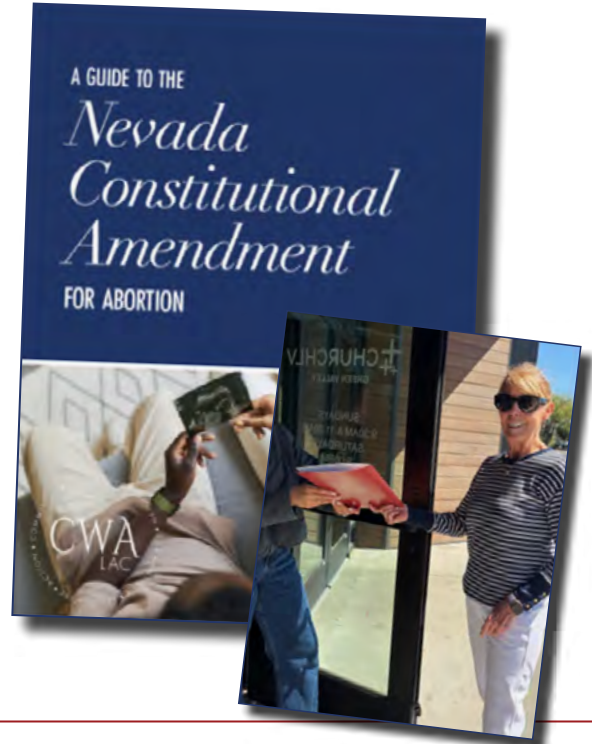


Bonny Warren, Cookeville Prayer/Action Chapter Leader in Tennessee, recently spoke at the Putnam County Republican Party meeting.



CWA OF NEVADA

is equipping churches with "A Guide to the Nevada Constitutional Amendment for Abortion" packets—encouraging them to educate their congregations on what will appear on the ballot this November and to be informed, engaged voters.



CWA/YWA *Gaining Ground*



Field Engagement Specialist Nickie McCarty hosted a capitol event in Little Rock, Arkansas. **CWA Chapter Leader and YWA Fellow Bethany Wagoner** brought her CWA chapter to meet and hear from speakers and state leaders. Not only were they able to enjoy meeting in the historic Arkansas Supreme Court room, Nickie (bottom left) and Bethany (top right) even had the opportunity to handle the \$600,000 of cash still kept in the original treasury safe!

PRAY for Arkansas as God continues to open doors for new leaders and activity.



CWA was represented well for the Answers In Genesis Women's Conference in Kentucky to support Penny and Jennifer as they shared CWA with over 3,000 attendees. Top Left: **State Director of Tennessee Lavigne Kirkpatrick and Kentucky Chapter Coordinator Debbie McCool**. 2nd from Left: **CEO and President Penny Nance** enjoyed seeing an old friend. Bottom left: **Field Engagement Specialist Jennifer Pendleton, YWA Senior Coordinator Hadley Smith, Penny Nance, State Director of Kentucky Cordelia Schaber, and YWA National Director Faith Ozenbaugh**.



Community that Cultivates Conviction



Faith Ozenbaugh
National Director
Young Women for America

It's no secret that Young Women for America (YWA) is made up of women of conviction. Through the efforts of hundreds of leaders nationwide, God-honoring policy is being advanced in every sphere. While our

leaders are some of the most capable young women we know, they also embrace the truth that our effort—in word or deed—is not on our own accord, but it is made possible through a deep relationship with Christ. The words of John 15 remind us:

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." —John 15:4-5



Christ calls us to abide, and the women we surround ourselves with either encourage or hinder that pursuit. Our YWA leaders around the country are a living testimony of the value of

Gospel-centered communities.

Chapters bring in young women craving deep relationships and foster a space for conversation that is life-giving and effective. Ambassadors are the kinds of friends who seek the higher things and bring their peers along with them in so doing. In a thirsty world, these young women are like fresh water to those they meet!

The spring semester has been rich—leaders giving testimonies, chapters discussing topics like religious freedom and the sanctity of life, ambassadors spreading truth on social media platforms, and thousands of heartfelt moments of prayer on behalf of our nation lifted up in dorm rooms and event halls alike. This is all made possible, and far more effective, by the women leading alongside and championing our leaders.

Are the women closest to you spurring you on in the things of Christ? How can you be a woman who does this for those in your sphere of influence?



YWA leaders rejoice in over a dozen baptisms. Transformation through Christ is at the heart of our program!

As we rejoice in God's continued work through the YWA program, we encourage you to consider investing in the generation of women behind you. Is there a young woman in your church, your neighborhood, or at your children's school with whom you can be intentional? We would love to extend her an invitation into the fellowship of YWA, a community of young women abiding through the Word and relationship. 🙏

PRAYER

Pray for an opportunity to help start a YWA Chapter in your area or to engage with one that is already meeting. If you would like to find a Chapter near you, contact [Nickie](#) or [Jennifer](#) for that information.

ACTION

Check out the [YWA resources](#) perfectly designed for facilitating group discussion with women 16+ about the seven core issues. Use these to start a mentoring program with women in your sphere of influence.



YWA Ambassadors fellowship together in Israel.

Learn more about [Young Women for America](#).