



## Prayer: Light in the Darkness

In 1984, I published *Who But a Woman*, a book about the tremendous ways that God was using Concerned Women for America to inform and involve women in protecting our culture. A key component of that was prayer.

Prayer undergirds and directs our activities to this day. In this column, I'd like to introduce you to a faithful prayer warrior who is the Prayer Chapter Coordinator for CWA of North Carolina, Sheri Miller of Charlotte.

Sheri is passionate about prayer because she has seen God work through it in her own life. She says that CWA was instrumental in one of her most precious answers to prayer: her husband's commitment to Jesus Christ.

In 1995, Sheri received *Family Voice* in the mail. Her husband, Tom, believed in conservative principles and passed the magazine on to her. Although neither had heard previously of CWA, Sheri launched a prayer/action chapter in her home. She saw CWA as a way to counteract actions of the troubling Clinton administration.

Then, in 1996, Sheri and Tom attended Dr. Billy Graham's evangelistic crusade in Charlotte. After 16 years of marriage, Tom renewed the faith commitment he had made as a young boy, and he is now a strong Christian. Through the ministries of Dr. Graham, CWA and Christian radio, he came to see that Christ is the answer.

We asked Sheri to become North Carolina's Prayer Chapter Coordinator in 1997, and she has done a wonderful job. "We believe we will not see changes in our nation until we pray and act," Sheri says, citing 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, who are called by my name, will pray . . ."

CWA of North Carolina is busy at this time of year. This month, May, they participate in the National Day of Prayer program in Charlotte, where Mayor Pat McCrory is the invited speaker.

The members are also carrying out the Encourage-A-Legislator campaign. Individuals send monthly, uplifting postcards printed with Matthew 5:13-16 to their assigned state legislators in April, May and June.

In June, CWA members gather at the State Capitol in Raleigh to meet the legislators. "When we visit the offices, even if there is political opposition, there's a softening," Sheri says. Even staff members in the legislative offices acknowledge the postcards, and Sheri has received a letter of thanks from her own state senator. "Decisions our legislators make will affect not only this generation, but those to follow," she says.

My prayer is that many more of CWA's members from around the country will follow Sheri's example.



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