

BEVERLY LAHAYE

FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN, CWA

Beverly LaHaye founded **Concerned Women for America (CWA)** in 1979 to protect and promote Biblical values for women and families—first through prayer, then education and finally, by influencing our elected leaders and society. CWA works in six core areas of America’s modern cultural turmoil: sanctity of life, definition of the family, the fight against pornography, education, religious liberty and national sovereignty.

Recognized Women’s Rights Pioneer

Mrs. LaHaye has been frequently recognized for her leadership in the political and Christian community. In 1984, she was named "Christian Woman of the Year." In 1988, she was named "Church Woman of the Year." In 1991, she received the Southern Baptist Convention’s "Religious Freedom Award." The Values Action Team of the U.S. House of Representatives honored her in 1994 for her service to the country. In 2001 she received the Thomas Jefferson Award for her outstanding Leadership and CASA’s "Heritage of Faithfulness Award." In 1992, Liberty University awarded her an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities for her lifetime achievement in protecting the rights of the family.

Author

Mrs. LaHaye has authored eight books and has co-authored seven more. *The Spirit Controlled Woman*, *The Desires of A Woman’s Heart* and *Who Will Save Our Children?* are works that have carried a special message of encouragement to women across the country. Mrs. LaHaye’s *The Strength of a Godly Woman*, co-authored with Dr. Janice Crouse, was released in 2001. Through her books, Mrs. LaHaye has carefully instructed women in the delicate blend of the calling to be wives, mothers and leaders. Her recently published best-selling fiction series *Seasons Under Heaven* written with Terry Blackstock illustrates how these themes weave into family life.

Radio Talk Show Host

Mrs. LaHaye pioneered the award-winning show *Beverly LaHaye Live* as a daily outreach to influence women and men to take political action, build strong families and take leadership in their communities. *Beverly LaHaye Live* was awarded the National Religious Broadcasters’ "Talk Show of the Year Award" in 1993. With an updated format and new title, *Concerned Women Today* has carried on Mrs. LaHaye’s vision as a family-friendly talk show that covers cutting-edge news and offers practical advice in fighting the culture war.

Spokesperson

Mrs. LaHaye has appeared on countless newscasts and interviews defending faith and freedom in America. She has been seen on *CBS Evening News*; *NBC Nightly News*; ABC’s *World News Tonight* and *Nightline*, and *Donahue*. She has written routinely for *USA Today*, and her editorials have been placed in other top papers across the country.

Mrs. LaHaye currently serves on the boards of Liberty University, Childcare, Intl. and the International Right to Life Federation. She and her husband, Dr. Tim LaHaye, have four adult children and nine grandchildren. They live in Southern California.

WOMEN TRAILBLAZERS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Beverly LaHaye
Christian Political Activist
Women's Discipleship Group
Terri McFaddin Series #5-5

Scripture Focus: *Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness. But rather expose them. (Ephesians 5:11)*

Opening Statement: As a woman who proclaims that she is a Born Again, Spirit-filled Christian, how many times have you stood up for Christian values? Have you taken an active stand against abortion, pornography or the homosexual agenda? Perhaps you feel like the issues that are changing the face of this nation and are displeasing to God, don't really concern you or you think you have no power to right the wrongs in our nation and our world? *Psalms 94:16 says, "Who will rise up for me against the wicked? Who will take a stand for me against evildoers?"*

Beverly LaHaye did not start out with a plan to start an organization that would change America. She was a pastor's wife who started with a simple plan to get together with the women in her church to take a stand against ungodliness. In 1979, her small band of women needed a name so Beverly called it Concerned Women For America. CWA took a stand against abortion, pornography and has now become one of the most influential Christian organizations in America. *Proverbs 31:9 says, "Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy."* What will you do to defend the godly values that are proclaimed in the Word of God?

OBSERVATIONS: What Biblical issues have Beverly LaHaye and CWA addressed?

Based on what you have learned about CWA, do you think Beverly is too radical or too judgmental?

INTERPRETATION: What is the practical application of Ephesians 5:11? How does this apply to leaders?

PERSONALIZATION: What areas can you become involved in that would improve your community, church or nation?

APPLICATION: What leadership qualities do you possess and what can you do to develop them? Example: Teenagers, children, business, etc.