



## *Chalmette Church of Christ*

*February 22nd, 2015*

### Encourage One Another

"Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

In the above passage, to comfort and edify means to encourage and build up. The Bible is filled with encouraging words because God knew that Christians would experience more pressure and encounter more strife than others because of the hostile environment in which they must live. This world is no friend to true Christianity. First & Second Thessalonians, along with Hebrews, were written to encourage Christians facing persecutions. In God's plan the church is to be a support group for its members.

Biblical encouragement can usually be classified in four different categories.

I. **AFFIRMATION** - Somebody took an interest in me. Fellow Christians affirm the value and potential of each member. Speaking of Peter, the scriptures state, "Now when Jesus beheld (gazing intently upon-BG) him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone" (John 1:42). Jesus' continual affirmation of Peter is what won Peter to His Lord.

II. **PRAISE** - Somebody told me "Good job!" A little child takes baby steps and even falls down repeatedly while learning to walk. Parents keep praising until the child learns to walk successfully on his own. Listen to Paul, "As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children" (1 Thessalonians 2:11). When someone is trying to do right, fellow Christian, take the initiative to praise that person for it and see what that brother or sister can do.

III. **CONSOLATION** - Somebody picked me up when I was down. The common thread that runs throughout humanity is sorrow and pain. Be a consoler or healer of broken hearts. Paul spoke of Jesus' second coming and resurrection to the Thessalonian brethren and then exhorted, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

IV. **EXHORTATION** - Somebody challenged me to give my best. Those who are tempted to give up need an encourager. "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees" (Hebrews 12:12). When a fellow Christian is tempted to give up, the encourager shows the benefits of persevering and the peril of quitting, reminding the down-trodden saint, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9).

By: Barry Grider

# The Limitations of a Woman's Authority Part 2

## The Beauty of Freedom Within the Limitations

As a woman, God has given me a very special role in the work of the church. While I am forbidden to assume a position of authority, in any way, over a man in spiritual matters, there are more unquestionable activities in which I can engage than I can possibly accomplish in my lifetime. In His wisdom, God has delegated to the male the roles of authority such as public prayers, public speaking, and decision making. But I am a woman. God has given me a natural intuitive touch that fills the void of a man's cold logic, and together we make a great team. A man may preach about the Christian's responsibilities to those who are sick, but we women are the ones who usually send cards, keep the children, prepare food for the family, and generally minister to their needs. A man delivers the funeral address, but we women are the ones who normally reach out with a heart of compassion as we minister to those who are mourning. When hospitality is shown, we are the ones who open our homes to others, especially to newcomers or those who have few friends. It is a woman's eyes and ears that normally look beneath deceiving outward layers and detect a heart that is troubled. According to God's original plan, men lead and we women follow; but we are the ones who characteristically are the backbone of the local church as we very quietly go about our daily lives, caring for the needs of others in ways that most men never seem to see. God has designed a very special role for women in His service; it is a beautiful place of honor. May we never doubt His wisdom!

(from First Century Christian, January 1992)

### Adam & Eve

#### Genesis 2—3

Words may be hidden forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonally

SERPENT	GARDEN	PISHON	CHERUBIM
ADAM	GOOD AND EVIL	EUPHRATES	HELPER
EVE	KNOWLEDGE	CREATURE	LIVESTOCK
FORBIDDEN FRUIT	ADAM'S RIB	CURSED	DESIRABLE
EDEN	TIGRIS	TREE OF LIFE	COMMANDED



### Noah

#### Genesis 6—9

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COVENANT	ARK	RAINBOW	DESCENDANTS
GOPHER WOOD	FLOODWATERS	MANKIND	LIFEBLOOD
SHEM	CLEAN ANIMAL	RAVEN	SPIRIT
HAM	FORTY DAYS	DOVE	BREATH OF LIFE
JAPHETH	FORTY NIGHTS	VIOLENCE	RIGHTEOUS



# News & Notes

- Mark will be making his annual trip to Budapest this year and will be leaving on May 21st and returning on June 8th. Keep him in your prayers during his time of travel for a safe trip there and back.
- Vacation Bible School will be on June 15-18. Brandon Britton and his crew will be coming down to help us conduct our VBS this year. This is his 3rd time helping us!
- Please keep Jim Danner in your prayers at this time. He has been sick and is now home from the hospital. Also keep those mentioned this past week in your prayers as well.
- Our Spring Gospel Meeting will be on April 5-9. Mark Reynolds will be our guest speaker! Make plans to attend each night and also invite others.
- The MSOP Lectureship will begin on March 29th. Mark and several others will be leaving on Monday, March 30th. If you would like to go, please see Mark for more details.
- Please keep Alice Riley, Margo Rodney, and Malcolm Vazquez in your prayers at this time as they are each battling different illnesses.

## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

26-Crystal Russell  
26-Johnnie Wagner



# Prayer List



**Alice Riley  
Clifford Markum  
Sherry Towle  
Margo Rodney  
Ella Gillard  
Krisztian Montague  
Addrean Jenkins  
Gloria Smiles  
Joel James  
Ryker Amaya  
Gary Huettmann  
Carol Calix  
Marie Pennington**

**\*All of our brethren scattered across  
the United States & our troops in  
Iraq**



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Sunday

Bible Classes 9:00 am

AM Worship 10:00 am

PM Worship 6:00 pm

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Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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