

EVEN PRESIDENTS NEED IT!



The date: April 14, 1865. The place: Ford's Theater, Washington, D.C. President Abraham Lincoln is gunned down by a crazed assassin, John Wilkes Booth. And so the story goes, and so the story ends – but not quite. Look closely at what the President carries with him that fateful night: a handkerchief embroidered "A. Lincoln," a country boy's penknife, a spectacles case repaired with a string, a purse containing a five dollar bill, and some worn, old newspaper clippings. Look more closely at the clippings. They are clippings which concern the great deeds of Abraham Lincoln – one, a report of a speech delivered by British statesman, John Bright, in which Bright is said to have called Lincoln one of the greatest men of all time. The moral? Everyone needs encouragement. Even the President needed appreciation. Perhaps that is why the Bible, in Hebrews 3:13, encourages us to encourage - exhort - one another.

- Dalton Key, *Bulletin Digest* -

EVERYONE NEEDS ENCOURAGEMENT

I believe the title of this article is something we as God's people need to be reminded of. We know everyone needs encouragement and yet sometimes we fail to encourage as we should.

THE ILL NEED ENCOURAGEMENT. Prayers, cards, personal notes and visits help the sick more than we realize. We are so busy in this hurry-scurry world that we forget to encourage the sick like we should.

NEW CONVERTS NEED ENCOURAGEMENT. The devil is after new converts the day they obey the gospel. If they become discouraged, the devil will use this tool to the new convert's spiritual destruction if allowed to. Let's take the time to encourage new babes in Christ.

THE ELDERLY NEED ENCOURAGEMENT. They may feel they are not contributing much to the Lord's work. They need to be reminded that we love them and their example is what helps others stay on the straight and narrow. Be sure and encourage older saints.

MATES WITH NON-CHRISTIAN SPOUSES NEED ENCOURAGEMENT. Try to put yourself in their position. It must be very difficult to attend services without the whole family present. Such ones deserve our understanding, help and encouragement. Let's not be guilty of ever being indifferent toward them.

OUR YOUTH NEED ENCOURAGEMENT. If we fail to encourage our young people, we discourage them. The very attention we give them now will help greatly to affect the direction they choose now and in later years. May we take just a minute now and then to show our interest in young people's souls.

OUR ELDERS NEED ENCOURAGEMENT. Being an elder is a very thankless task. Far too often we take our elders for granted. When was the last time you took the time to express your appreciation to your elders for their work's sake? Why not do that soon? We would appreciate it if we had their load to carry, would we not?

Why should we encourage one another? It's very simple, because **THE BIBLE SAYS SO** (Heb. 3:12, 13).

- Bubba Phillips, via *The Beacon*,
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Love is the only thing that can be divided without being diminished

News & Notes

WELCOME BACK: To our main building following the major renovation necessitated by damage from a water fountain leak. Our building is fresh and restored to its original beauty, and like "new" again. Thanks for the cooperation of all during the time of restoration.

CARD SHOWER: For Charlie & Barb Delong. Charlie has been home-bound for some time with health issues. Let's encourage and pray for the Delongs. Use the card basket on the table.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Resumes this Tuesday, Feb. 18th at 9:00 a.m. after having been suspended several weeks due to the building renovations. The supply of little bears is low and needs to be replenished. Ladies are invited and urged to participate in this program. No sewing skills necessary.

PANTRY: Canned potatoes.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: Sally Watson (sister of Sue Collins).

SICK & SHUT-IN: TRINITY HOSPITAL: Alex Harless. **AT HOME:** Randy Beagle, Becky McKitrick, Charlie & Barb Delong, Docie Moore, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Mary Jane Bowers, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). **Rick Beck** (minister at Weston, WV). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 210). **BRIGHTWOOD CENTER, Follansbee, WV:** Rich Robinson. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH PROPERTY

1. If you open it, close it.
2. If you turn it on, turn it off.
3. If you unlock it, lock it.
4. If you break it, repair it.
5. If you can't fix it, report it to the office.
6. If you borrow it, return it.
7. If you use it, don't abuse it.
8. If you make a mess, clean it up.
9. If you move it, put it back.
10. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.
11. If it belongs to the church or someone else, get permission to use it.
12. If you have church property at home now, please return it, or let someone know where it is.

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