

GOOD MORNING!
Welcome to Meadowlark
Church of Christ!

Thank you for worshipping
with us today.

1 Thessalonians 5:11-18

..encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing. But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.

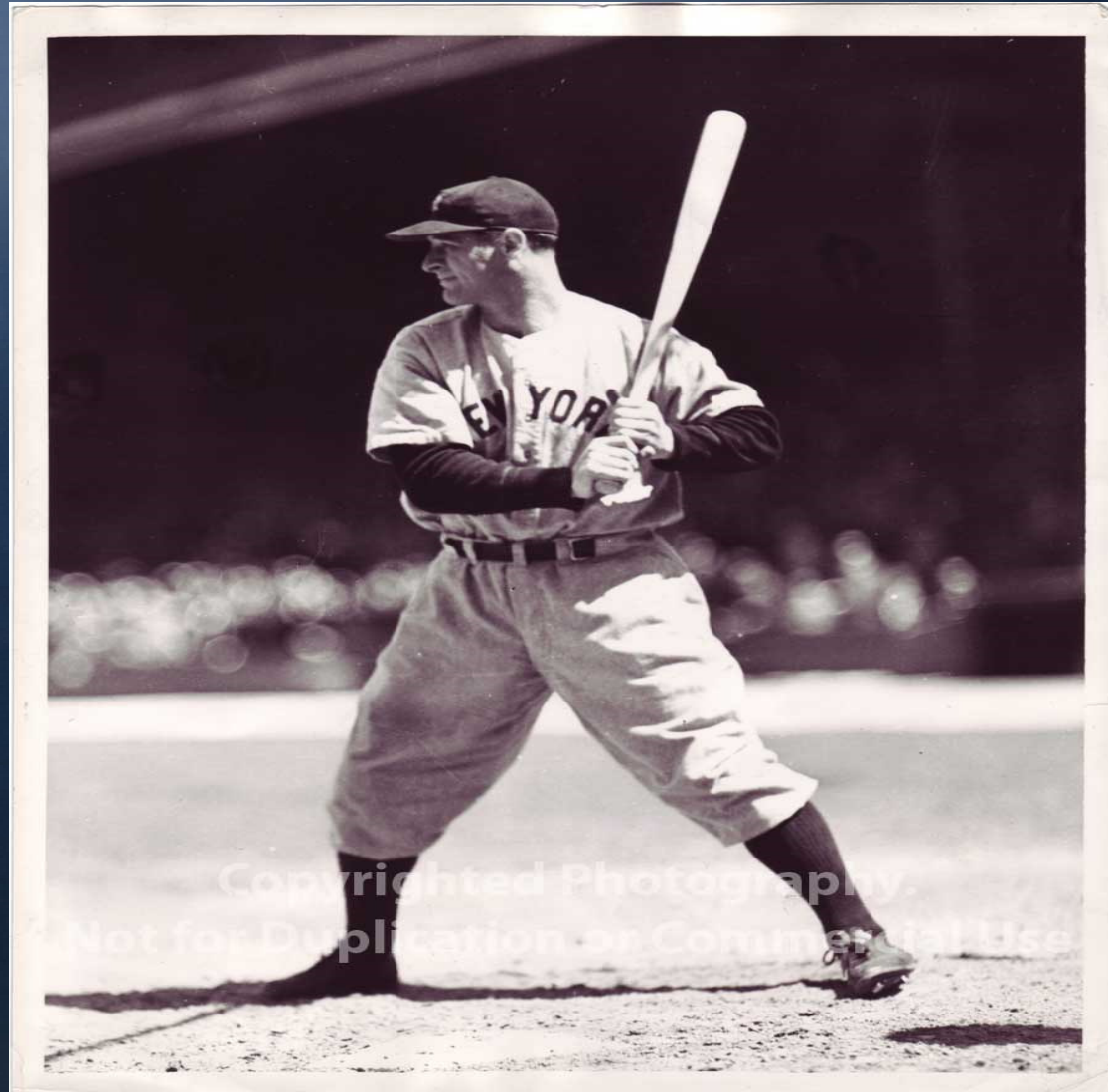
And we urge you .. admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all men. See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all men. Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Key Points about the Ministry of Encouragement:

1. We must learn to embrace the hardships of life.

- ***False Doctrine: "If you become a christian, your life will be easy!"***
- ***Jesus: "In this world you have tribulations (struggle), but be of good cheer—I have overcome the world."***
- ***Jesus was the suffering servant described in Isaiah 53.***

2. We must persevere through the pain (never give up!)



Galatians 6:7-10

*Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life. **And let us not lose heart in doing good,** for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all men and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

3. *We must choose to be encouraging on a daily basis!*

- ***Fanny J. Crosby***
- ***James 1:22 "be doers of the word"***
- ***Rick Warren's father: "Love those who need it the most"***

Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world!