

October Newsletter

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and we here at Encouragement Now Ministries know full well how important our pastors are in the world of mental health. Our modern world has downplayed the role of a pastor and have segregated them to the spiritual side of society, but for centuries priests and pastors have been teachers, leaders, and counselors. Modern secular institutions want to hold the corner on mental health because they want to avoid the Biblical standards and wisdom that can only come from God's Word.



A good analogy for the role of a pastor is that of an emergency room doctor. They are the first to observe and triage someone who is going through hard times. They minister to the

hurting and confused. They give guidance and warning to people who are traveling through different stages of their lives. And, just like emergency room doctors, they will send their patient off to see a specialist. The role of a pastor is huge!

Pastors are also human. Many pastors will leave the ministry because of the heavy toll it brings to their lives, so we need to support and pray for our pastors. They go through hard times, hurts, and loss just like us. Most of the time it happens behind the scenes, but if you have ever worked for a church you will find out quickly that the struggle is real. If you are a pastor who is going through mental, emotional, family, or personal trials, you are not alone! If you have someone in your church who needs a specialist, you have a safe place to send them. We are here to help. Please reach out to us by clicking on our "Consult Form" link below:

https://encouragementnowministries.com/consult-form/



With Love from Kevin Phillips
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Kevin Phillips' love for people's hearts and minds has moved him to launch Encouragement Now Ministries and Encouragement Now Counseling University.

Encouragement Now Ministries has served clients in over 60 countries including Egypt, China, Iraq, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Canada, Turkey, Jordan, Spain, Morocco, Brazil, Pakistan, India & UAE.

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

1. There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

- 2. a time to be born and a time to die,
- a time to plant and a time to uproot,
 - 3. a time to kill and a time to heal,
- a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 .a time to weep and a time to laugh,
- a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- 5. a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
 - 6. a time to search and a time to give up,
 - a time to keep and a time to throw away,
 - 7. a time to tear and a time to mend,
 - a time to be silent and a time to speak,
 - 8. a time to love and a time to hate,
 - a time for war and a time for peace.

Resource Page

We've just updated our Resource Page with some exciting new additions! You can now find all of our podcast episodes conveniently listed, offering insightful conversations on mental health, relationships, and personal growth.

We've also added a variety of new tools and resources curated by our therapists to support you in finding effective solutions and guidance for your unique journey.

EMERGENCY RESOURCES







Dealing With Grief

Pornography Addiction Resources





Narcissist Awareness







Kevin, Laura, And Joseph

We Need Your Help!

We are looking for corporate, church, and individual partnerships for our ministry. Mental health is one of the most sought after and talked about subject our society is focused on, but they are missing the Biblical truths that God's Word has to offer. Churches are finding themselves unable to handle some of the challenges they are presented with, and they need a safe place to send their members. We are that place, but we need your help. **Encouragement Now Ministries (ENM)** is donation funded. Monthly partnerships are the backbone of our ministry. This allows us to train up counselors, minister to the needs of churches and individuals, and grow our ministry. We are a 501(c)(3) organization that can be that place. Talk to your company about donating to ENM, and consider a monthly partnership. Every dollar is connected to a soul.