

PRAYER

Requests

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

Lamar Sane Mary Smith Taylor Family
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Kevin Stanley Jeff Green

UPCOMING

Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE 04 Ladies Bible Class (10:30 am)

JUNE 05 Meal & Summer Series (5:45 pm & 6:30 pm)

JUNE 09-14 Camp Wetoga

JUNE 15-20 Uplift @ Harding University

JUNE 23-26 VBS @ Central

BIBLE CLASS

For all ages

AFTER WORSHIP TODAY

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1 CORINTHIANS SERIES
CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST || SUMMER 2024



FLAWED

Fellowship

June 02, 2024

DIVISION: DRAWING PARTY LINES
STRENGTHS & STRUGGLES OF A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

SCRIPTURE

Reading

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-17

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

DIGGING

Deeper

- How do factions within a congregation affect the health of the local church?
- How does airing our grievances affect the Christian community as a whole?
- How might misusing our freedoms in Christ affect other Christians?

MESSAGE

Outline

DIVISION: DRAWING PARTY LINES

STRENGTHS & STRUGGLES OF A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

THE PRESENCE OF DIVISION

- Factions: the church copied culture by drawing party lines (1:10-13).
- Loose Lips: the church aired its dirty laundry for the world to see (6:1-5).
- Liberty: the church caused people to stumble by abusing its liberty (10:23-24, 31-33).

THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITY

- The love we have for one another is the basis upon which we are judged by the world (Jn. 13:34-35).
- Civil disputes happen, but the church should attempt to settle them internally (Mt. 18:15-20).
- We are entitled to our own opinions so long as they do not threaten the unity of the church (Tit. 3:9-10; Rom. 16:17-20).

FINDING COMMON GROUND

- Unity is possible when we embrace a team mindset (1:10).
- Unity is possible when we realize God put us together for a purpose (12:18, 22).
- Unity is possible when we truly love one another (13:4-7).