

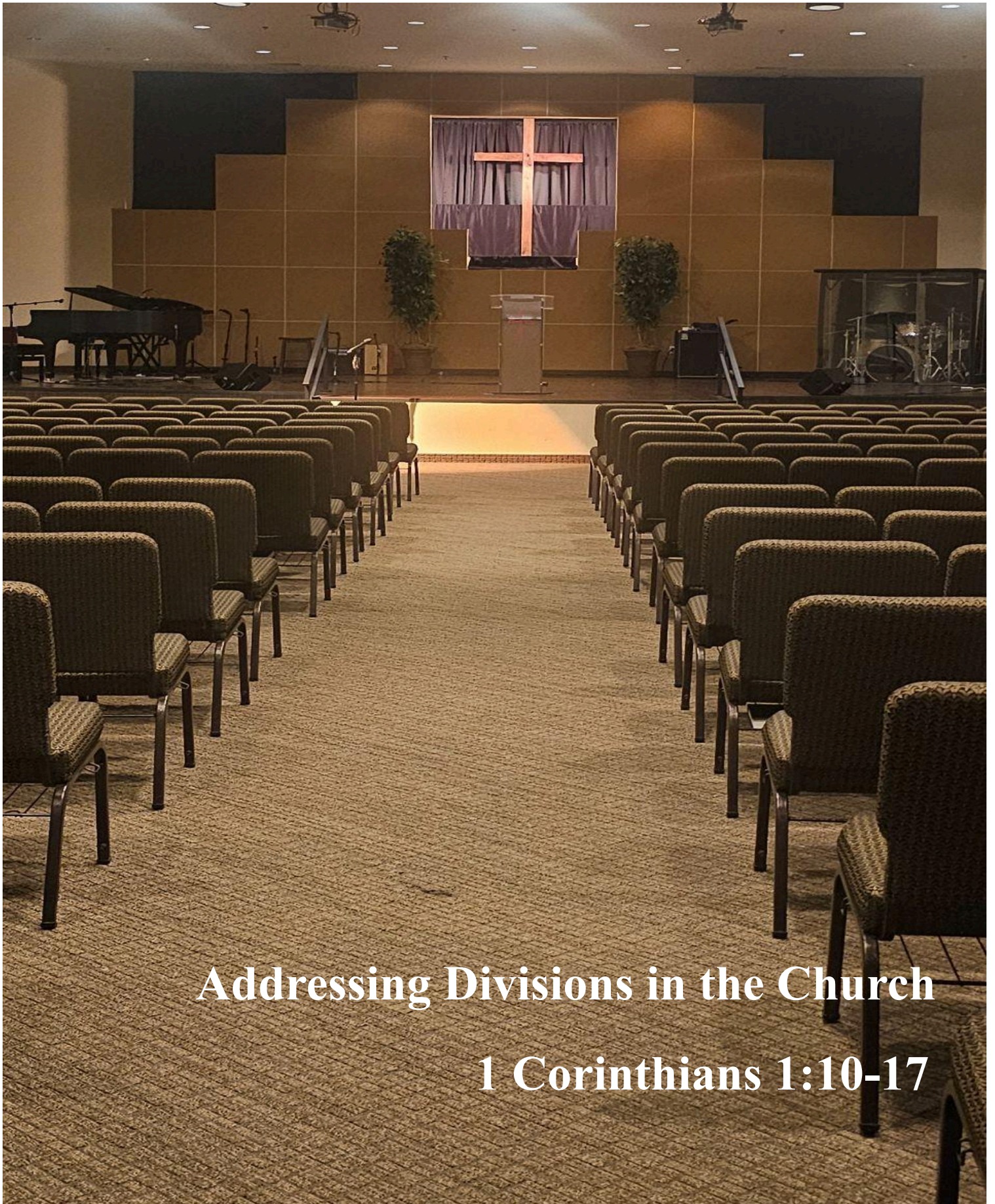


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Addressing Divisions in the Church

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

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Welcome to CBC

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

Preparation	Romans 11:33-36 (CSB)
Welcome	Raymond Yu
Adoration	Come People Of The Risen King One Voice Hosanna
Prayer	Candy Chin
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 1:10-17 (ESV) Johnson Leo
Proclamation	Addressing Divisions in the Church Tim Eng
Response Music	Make Me A Blessing
Offertory Prayer	Johnson Leo
Announcements	Angeline Wong
Benediction	Pastor Oleg Xu



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1 Corinthians 1:10-17 (ESV)

10 I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. **11** For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. **12** What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." **13** Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? **14** I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, **15** so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. **16** (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) **17** For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Notes:

Pastor's Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

"Character"

You have all heard of "Sunday Christians" and understand that it is not a very complimentary thing to be held as a label for ourselves. John 6 presents Jesus as having had thousands of followers as they dreamt of seeing him perform miracles and ultimately, presenting himself as the anointed king of Israel! With time, only 12 apostles remained as the kingship that Jesus brought was not up to the demands and wishes of his followers. These 12 held on to following Christ even though He was a disappointment to the masses. If it is true that our "actions reflect our Character," the scene of thousands departing Jesus and leaving only a small band of faithful apostles with Him reveals a great deal about courage and character. Let us never follow men but remain firm to the task and needs of Christ and His Church.

In Nazareth, Capernaum, and elsewhere when addressing large groups of people, Jesus dared to speak truth that he knew would not result in his popularity. He spoke of sin, forgiveness, truth, and bold dependency toward God. When doing miracles, his followers came in mass out of curiosity but when he emphasized the "cost of discipleship" to the crowds, **MANY** walked away! He alienated the masses by challenging whether their faith was a daily owned reality that would carry them through times of difficulty or merely something they wore on their sleeves! Jesus came into the world bringing truth, yet He was not received. Daring to speak of the ethics, morals, and truth of God didn't draw many long-lasting friends to Jesus. Should we ever be surprised that the full message of Christ may not always be understood or received well? Let us never compromise the truth of the gospel's message for the popularity that may come by not sharing God's love.

Announcements

- **Short-term Missions trip Information discussion will be Sunday, Jan 12 and Jan 19, 2025 from 1 pm to 1:30 pm in room 134.** There will be informational info about upcoming short missions' trips for year 2025: a) Spring Break mission will be in Galveston, TX (March 12-15 / March 16-19, 2025) with Texas Baptists Youth Missions. b) Summer Mission trips will be going to Dallas (June 7-8, 2025) with the North American Missions Board (SBC), c) Cambodia (June 29 - July 6, 2025), and d) Taiwan (July 5 - 11, 2025). Everyone who is interested is welcome to attend the discussion.
- **Senior Rainbow Chinese New Year celebration will be on Thursday, Jan 23, 2025 from 10 am to noon in the FLC.** The cost is \$7/ person. Please RSVP by Monday, Jan 20, 2025 to Dorothy Chow (281-222-9180) or Josephine Jue (832-651-5314).
- **Chinese New Year Luncheon will be on Sunday, Jan 26, 2025 at 12:30 pm in the FLC.** Please consider donating 1 or 2 rotisserie chickens per family for the Sunday lunch fellowship. The Mandarin group will be in charge of bringing veggie dishes. The Cantonese group will be in charge of serving and kitchen clean-up. The English Adult SS classes will be in charge of bringing desserts or mandarin oranges.
- **Boomers and Bereans Fellowship will be on Saturday, Feb 1, 2025 from 10:30 am to 1 pm in the FLC.** Please join us to learn how to be healthy and safe in the New Year 2025. The guest speaker is Cynthia Lew, a Registered Nurse with UTMB and a diabetic educator and lifestyle coach for 20 years. Lunch cost is \$5/person. Please RSVP with Gene Woo at geneywoo1@gmail.com, call CBC Office at 713-461-0963 or email Ashley Lo at ashleyl@cbchouston.org.
- Please view your group volunteer shift for Sunday lunch rotation schedule in this link below: <https://tinyurl.com/lunch-rotation-2025>

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