



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST
Family Matters

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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
"Resolving Church Conflicts"
Philippians 4:2-3

PM: Brian Mitchell
"An Assured Heart"
1 John 3:19-24

Resolving Church Conflicts

Even upon even a casual observance it is easy to see that the church is the most diverse institution in the world. There are none that are not welcome in the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is open to all, who in faithful obedience, come to the Lord. Thus, the church is a collection of all kinds of people. They have different backgrounds, races, personalities, educational levels and different levels of spiritual maturity and understanding.

While the diversity of the church is in part that which makes the church the greatest institution in the world, it is also that which ensures that difficulties and conflicts will arise. What do we do when members of the Lord's church have conflicts and difficulties with one another? The Bible has much to say on this particular topic and it is that to which we give our attention in this lesson.

The Lord's plan for His church is perfect. Just because, from time to time, there are problems between those in the church, this does not in any way mean that there is a problem with the church. The Lord's church and His plans for that church are perfect—We Are Not!!! Raise your hand if: you have never done anything wrong, you have never said something that hurt or offended another or you have never done anything that hurt or offended another. The fact of the matter is that we as individual Christians are not perfect, we are in the process spiritual maturation.

There is no such thing as a perfect family, a perfect work environment—and there is no such thing as a perfect local church. The Lord's blueprint for the local church is perfect, but we as imperfect Christians often do and say things that lead to less than ideal situations. What causes problems or conflicts within the local church? As individuals we are going to have differences of opinions on a variety of different issues.

In matters of doctrine we must believe and practice the same things, there is no room for opinions in the matter of doctrine because it is given to us in Scripture—1 Cor.1:10. This is why it is so important that we understand those principles of establishing biblical authority. There are, however, matters that fall within the realm of opinion, and everyone has their own opinions—example, matters of expediency. But may we always remember that: In matters of doctrine—unity, In matters of opinion—liberty and In all things—love.

People are different levels of spiritual maturity and knowledge. People have different personalities. People often just misunderstand each other. Sometimes conflicts are caused because people do not do those things which will help us to avoid conflicts in the first place. In this lesson we are going to first discuss some biblical principles which will allow us to overcome conflicts which arise in the local church. Secondly, we are going to discuss some practical steps that will help us to avoid conflicts in the first place.

The Bible has much to say on this issue but I want us in this lesson to take a look at a specific biblical example that has much to teach us in the way resolving conflicts among church members. It is my prayer that if you are ever involved in a conflict within the church that you may gain some knowledge by reading this article and paying attention to the lesson.

Brian Mitchell

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: 62
Sunday AM: 144
Sunday PM: 76
Wednesday PM: 57
Contribution: \$4887
Budget: \$4464

Think on This...

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:7-8

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Grant Foltz: 04.11
Chloe Simmons: 04.11
Susan Seabaugh: 04.12
Betty Jones: 04.15
Braxtyn Walls: 04.15

Anniversary

Ron & Leslie Fehr: 04.10



Serving This Week

Announcements: Randy Seabaugh

SUNDAY

Greeters: David & Inger Selvig
Ushers: Justin Simmons/Leonard Fulbright
A/V: Greg Dowdy/Ephraim Rains
Lead Singing: Todd Newman
Head Lord's Table: Gary Miller
Scripture: Lance Kluesner
Prayers
AM: Brian Mitchell/Charlie Kluesner
PM: Nick Brown/Kevin Bolen

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Seth Spraggs
Devo: Brian Mitchell
Prayer: Phil Swiney

Elder Chair: David Selvig

Communion to Shut-Ins: Nick Brown

Worship Director: Ron Fehr

Daily Bible Reading

April 10: 1 Kings 10-12

April 11: 1 Kings 13-15

April 12: 1 Kings 16-18

April 13: 1 Kings 19-22

April 14: 2 Kings 1-3

April 15: 2 Kings 4-6

April 16: 2 Kings 7-9

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Contact the office with updates****

Cathy Brown
Thelma Brown
Donna Cox
Bill Dillman
Sandi Essner
Kelly & Trudy Garland
Newt & Kay Gilliland
Wayne Graham
Allen Hedge
Tim Hosey
Diana Ivanovich
Betty Jones

Carol Lincoln
David McDowell
Sid Naramore
Carolyn Neese
Lena Schweain
Susan Seabaugh
Steve Simmons
Sarah Singleton
Ethan Spraggs
Mike Turnbow
Lucky Vander
Chris Weaver

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:7-8

Remember in Prayer

- **Betty Welshans** is still recovering from her recent fall.
- **Kay Gilliland** is back at home and continuing to heal and recover. A sign up sheet is posted to help provide meals for Newt and Kay while she regains her strength.
- **David McDowell** had neck surgery last Friday and it went well. He moved to rehab at Chateau Girardeau on Wednesday and expects to be there for 4-6 weeks.
- **Bill Welshans** got a good report from his most recent doctor visit and is back at Chateau Girardeau (Room 301) for more rehab.
- Laura Naramore's twin sister, **Frances Byers** was able to return home from the hospital on Monday. She is on oxygen, but is feeling much better.
- Leslie Fehr's dad, **Wayne Graham**, remains on comfort care at his assisted living home in Memphis. Please continue to pray for the Graham & Fehr families during this time of uncertainty.
- The Green family has requested prayers for Kathy's niece, **Jolynna Glisan** who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She will begin chemo treatments on April 18.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Scott Spraggs and the family of his friend, **Roger Garza** who passed away last week after a long battle with cancer.

News & Notes

- Please sign up if you are interested in the concealed carry class scheduled for **May 7**. The cost is \$80 and you may see Shawn Myers or Troy Bryan for more information.
- There will be a wedding shower to honor Dallas Naramore's fiancé, Sarah Adams on **Sunday, May 15 at 2pm** in the fellowship room. Dallas and Sarah will be married on July 9 and they are registered at Target and Crate & Barrel.

Senior Saints Trip

A trip is being planned for "Senior Saints" for **June 24-26** to Branson, Missouri. We will be taking the church bus and can accommodate 15 counting our driver. Todd Newman has agreed to drive the bus for this trip. Anyone interested should see Larry Dowdy for more details, cost, and specific plans. Arrangements need to be completed by April 17 to ensure show tickets.

Thank you...

"I'd like to thank all the teachers, helpers and other volunteers who have made this year of Thursday School one of our best yet! I am thankful for each of you and the time and energy you give each week for our kiddos. Thank you for serving our community and the Lord in this ministry! Y'all are the BEST!"

Joy Kaye"