

# Neshaminy Valley Baptist Church

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March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

## *A Divided Church*

- March 8, Sun** **Birthday: Cassidy Nichols**  
Psalm 146:9 “The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.”
- March 9, Mon** **Pray that Christians would be loyal to the Gospel**  
I Cor. 3: 1-8 *What a reprimand! Christians can act in the flesh – evidence is in how they participate in tribalism and loyalty to a person / group. Such people according to Paul are not “spiritual”*
- March 10, Tues** **Pray that Christians would be loyal to the Kingdom of God**  
I Cor. 3: 9-17 *An example of a building is the visual – Jesus Christ is the foundation and we build on it; we are God’s field and building (vs 9). There are 2 kinds of materials for this building – what survives the fire will receive a reward while that which was built with wood, hay and straw destroyed. Will your work survive the fire?*
- March 11, Wed** **Birthday: Amanda Aquilone**  
I Cor. 3: 18-23 *We should be humble and not boast in men. The one who thinks he is smart, deceives himself.*
- March 12, Thur** **Pray that Christians would abhor divisiveness**  
I Cor. 4: 1-7 *Using himself as an example, Paul warns of Christians judging others. Even though Paul can’t find any sin/fault in himself, he states that it doesn’t mean much ... God is the one that judges. Paul warns against comparing yourself to others ... or others*
- March 13, Fri** **Birthday: Philip Coccia**  
I Cor. 4: 8-14 *Another admonishment! From a worldly perspective, these Christians were rich, strong, etc.; in contrast Paul and his workers were ‘fools for Christ’s sake’, poor, slandered, etc. Notice how they respond – “we bless ... endure ... entreat” (vs 13)*
- March 14, Sat** **Pray that Christians would be ‘peacemakers’ (Matt 5: 9)**  
I Cor. 4: 15-21 *Paul challenges the posture of these big shots – they are (worldly) “guides” but what’s lacking is “fathers” (vs 15). Paul challenges them by telling them that he was coming to find out – not their talk, but whether there was any (spiritual) power.*
- Mar 15, Sun**  
Psalm 147

I Cor. 1 & 2

The Battle from Within

Intro:

1. The Problem – a \_\_\_\_\_ Church
    - a) Was fragmented around \_\_\_\_\_ (1:12)
    - b) Denies the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (1: 13)
    - c) Rooted in \_\_\_\_\_ viewpoints and \_\_\_\_\_ (1: 18-31)  
*A new divisiveness in our churches ...*
  2. The Problem – it’s \_\_\_\_\_
    - a) God \_\_\_\_\_ division (Prov. 6: 16-19)
    - b) Division originates from the “\_\_\_\_\_” (Gal. 5: 19-21, 3: 1-4)
    - c) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for unity (John 17: 20-23)  
Note: Unity in the Body is a \_\_\_\_\_ value
    - d) God \_\_\_\_\_ us to \_\_\_\_\_ unity (Eph. 4: 1-6)
  3. The Problem – solved in the \_\_\_\_\_  
*The solution is theological ... a different mindset, value, source*  
The Cross
    - a) \_\_\_\_\_ human \_\_\_\_\_ (1: 18-29)
    - b) \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (1: 30-31)
    - c) ushers in the \_\_\_\_\_ work (2: 10-16)
- Conclusion: *allegiance to a person or ideology, be it religious or political ... is counter Gospel, against Christ, and does not reflect the loyalty required in the Kingdom of God.*



*If you are visiting with us for the first time, we want to warmly welcome you! Please fill out the visitor's card and put it in the offering plate. Thank you!*

**Readings and Study:** we start to study the Letter to the church in Corinth. It's Paul's corrective letter to a divided and morally compromised church. He confronts disunity, immorality, misuse of spiritual gifts, and confusion about worship and the resurrection. His purpose is to re-center the church on Christ crucified and risen, calling them to holiness, unity, and love.

**Potluck & Grand Prix** (Mar 14, Sat) – we are planning on a church family fun night of food, fellowship, and car racing! Please mark it on your calendar; more details to follow; questions – Michelle Corbett

**Bethanna & Food Drive:** March is our food drive month – so please bring in what you can donate. Questions – see Michelle Corbett

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> Carnival** – Volunteers needed

**This Week**

Sunday	9:00	am	Sunday School & ABF
	10:00	am	WORSHIP
	7:00	pm	Youth Group
Tuesday	10:00	am	Ladies Bible Study (Goetz' Home)
	6:30 & 7:30	pm	Karate for Christ
	7:00	pm	Small Group (Corbetts, Kueblers)
Wednesday	7:00	pm	Women's AA mtg
Friday	6:45-8:15	pm	AWANA

Dates To Remember

Mar 14 <sup>th</sup> (Sat)	4:00	pm	Church Grand Prix & Supper
Mar 28 <sup>th</sup> (Sat)	3-5:00	pm	"Our Special" Dance Night
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Sat)	11-2:00	pm	Carnival for Families affected by Disabilities

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