

SEASONS

Next-level relationships honor God in every season of life.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 – For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

1. Singleness is a season to develop.

1 Corinthians 7:7-9, 32 – But I wish everyone were single, just as I am. Yet each person has a special gift from God, of one kind or another. So I say to those who aren't married and to widows—it's better to stay unmarried, just as I am. But if they can't control themselves, they should go ahead and marry. It's better to marry than to burn with lust. I want you to be free from the concerns of this life. An unmarried man can spend his time doing the Lord's work and thinking how to please him.

- Develop character.
Proverbs 22:1; Proverbs 10:9
- Develop community.
Hebrews 10:24–25; Ecclesiastes 4:9–10
- Develop contentment.
Philippians 4:11–13

2. Dating is a season to prioritize.

2 Corinthians 6:14 – Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness?

Matthew 7:17 – A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit.

- Prioritize character over chemistry.
Proverbs 5:3–4, 8–9; 2 Corinthians 6:14
- Prioritize community over isolation.
Acts 2:42–47; Proverbs 15:22
- Prioritize clarity over intimacy.
Amos 3:3; Song of Solomon 2:7

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3. Marriage is a season to unite.

Matthew 19:5 – This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

- Love unconditionally.
1 Corinthians 13:5; Ephesians 5:25
- Serve selflessly.
1 Corinthians 13:5; Ephesians 5:21
- Respect completely.
Romans 12:9–10; Ephesians 5:33

Coming soon:

1. **The Gospel-Shaped Marriage:** As Christians, the reality of the Gospel ought to impact every fiber of our being, including our marriages. Whether you are thinking about getting married one day or have been married for decades, join us as the class continues this Wednesday at 6:15 pm.
2. **Baptism Sunday:** Baptism is the first step of obedience upon placing your faith and trust in Jesus. If you're ready to take this next step and go public with your faith, sign up for baptism on Sunday, February 22: danriverchurch.org/baptism.
3. **Firefighter Breakfast:** One of our favorite outreach events of the year is almost here. Join us on Tuesday, February 24, as we serve those who serve our city.
4. **DNOW 2026:** DNOW is a high-energy weekend retreat where 6th–12th grade students gather for worship, Bible study, and activities. Join hundreds of students from our city for this life-changing weekend March 6–8. Register using the QR code.