

“EVERYONE ALREADY KNOWS”

1 John 3:23-24 – And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us. Those who obey God’s commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.

“Christianity is a supernatural life characterized by a supernatural love.” – David Platt

1. Connects and cares for God’s family.

- **1 John 3:11-12, 14** – This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because Cain had been doing what was evil, and his brother had been doing what was righteous. If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead.

2. Expects and endures difficulty.

- **1 John 3:13** – So don’t be surprised, dear brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.

3. Makes generosity a habit.

- **1 John 3:16-17** – We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God’s love be in that person?

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4. Puts words into action.

- **1 John 3:18-19** – Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God.

5. Trusts in God and prays boldly.

- **1 John 3:20-22** – Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if we don’t feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence. And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him.

Coming soon:

- **Bus Driver Breakfast:** We will serve a free breakfast to all the bus drivers in our city this Tuesday, October 21. This is a great opportunity to bless those who bless our city. Sign up at danriverchurch.org/serve to serve at one of our favorite outreach events of the year.
- **The Life You’ve Always Wanted:** Join us this Wednesday, October 22, at 6:30 pm as we continue our study on the spiritual disciplines. This week, we’ll look at how to develop a stronger and more consistent prayer life and the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- **Baptism Sunday:** If you are ready to go public with your faith in Jesus Christ, sign up today for baptism on Sunday, October 26: danriverchurch.org/baptism.
- **Love Made Known:** Join us next Sunday, October 26, as we continue our series. Nathan Farley, a former DRC student who currently serves at a church in Dallas, Texas, will be our guest speaker. You don’t want to miss this special service.