

“NO MORE LIES”

1 John 1:1-10 – We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy. This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

Life can be full of joy when you ...

1. Recieve the truth of God.

- **John 1:4-5** – The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.
- We cannot live right if we do not believe right.

2. Connect with followers of God.

- **Acts 2:42, 47** – All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer ... all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

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- Following Jesus is a **personal** decision but should never be done **privately**.

3. **Confess** your **sins** to God.

- **Psalm 32:5** – Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, “I will confess my rebellion to the LORD.” And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone.
- We cannot be made **clean** until we are willing to **come clean**.

Coming soon:

1. **Date Night:** Register today to join us on Friday, September 19, from 6-9 pm: a night filled with fun, laughter, and insight on how we can have marriages that honor Christ and each other.
2. **Baptisms:** Baptism is the first step of obedience after making the decision to place your faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Salvation is a personal decision but should never be private. Our next baptisms will be on Sunday, September 28. Sign up today at danriverchurch.org/baptism.
3. **Fall Block Party:** Don't miss this exciting (and free!) community-wide kickoff to fall on October 3 starting at 6 pm. There's something for everyone: bounce houses, inflatable axe throwing, crafts, carnival games, and food, ending with a drive-in movie, Cars. Sign up to volunteer today.
4. **Connect Class:** Interested in finding out more about DRC and how you can connect to what's going on? Join us for our next Connect Class on Sunday, October 5 during the 9:15 am service. Sign up at the Connect Center today.