

"THAT'S DIFFERENT"

Relationships make life better, not easier.

Great relationships start with me.

Ephesians 4:17-24 – With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him. They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity. But that isn't what you learned about Christ. Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

Be Different:

1. Be different in your thinking.

- **Romans 12:2** – Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.
- **Mark 10:45** – For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.
- If **God** is not enough, then **no one** will be.

2. Be different in your heart.

- **Proverbs 4:23-27** – Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Avoid all perverse talk; stay away from corrupt speech. Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.

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- Find the **joy**.
- Turn from **sin**.
- Care about **people**.

3. Be different in your **habits**.

- **Colossians 3:12** – Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.
- “Christ is the reward for whom it’s worth building and breaking every habit necessary to obtain.” – Jon Bloom

Coming Soon:

1. **Game Day Sunday:** Join us next week for a special Game Day Sunday. We invite you to wear your favorite sports team’s jersey as we continue our series, “It’s Not You, It’s Me.”
2. **Date Night:** If you’re married or engaged, join us for dinner, fun, and a guest speaker on February 16th 6-9pm. This free event is less than two weeks away, so stop by the Connect Center or visit our Facebook page to sign up today.
3. **DNow 2024:** One of the most exciting weekends of the year is just around the corner for our 6th-12th grade students. The date is March 1st-3rd. The theme is Kingdom Life. Cost: \$40. For more details and to sign up, email Madison.sharber@danriverchurch.org.
4. **Behold & Become Women’s Conference:** Join hundreds of women for the 2024 city-wide women’s conference March 22nd-23rd. For more details and to sign up, visit mhbchurch.com/behold-and-become.