Colossians 2:1-10 – I want you to know how much I have agonized for you and for the church at Laodicea, and for many other believers who have never met me personally. I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself. In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I am telling you this so no one will deceive you with well-crafted arguments. For though I am far away from you, my heart is with you. And I rejoice that you are living as you should and that your faith in Christ is strong. And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

It's time for the <u>church</u> to <u>change</u> its culture instead of being <u>changed</u> by its culture.

1. United in love.

• "A wall with loose bricks is not good. The bricks must be cemented together." – Corrie Ten Boom

2. Confident in truth.

 John 8:44b – He [the devil] has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

3. Firm in faith.

 "If our faith isn't rooted in the Bible, it will wither like a plant pulled out of the soil." – Billy Graham

4. Overflowing in thanks.

 "If there was ever a secret for unleashing God's powerful peace in a situation, it's developing a heart of true thanksgiving." – Lysa Terkeurst

5. Complete in Christ.

• "The gospel message does not center in a philosophy, a doctrine, or a religious system. It centers in Jesus Christ, the Son of God." – Warren W. Wiersbe

Coming Soon:

- 1. **Honduras 2024**: Please join us in praying for our team members, donating items to the collection bin on Main Street, and making a financial gift to our village.
- Drive-In Movie Night: Join us for refreshments and a movie on Friday, May 31st. The parking lot opens at 8pm.
- Kids' Super Week: All-the-Days: Each day will be themed for a different holiday—Valentine's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Register at <u>danriverchurch.org/super</u> today.
- 4. **DRC Serve Teams**: As summer is about to kick off, all of our DRC Serve Teams are looking for people to join their team. Stop by the Connect Center or fill out a connect card to find out more information about the team that interests you.