• It is not predicting the future (though it can be), but primarily forth-telling God's <a href="https://example.com/heart_name="https://example.com/heart_nam

Why is it important?

- **Builds up** the whole church for growth and mission. (v4-5, 31)
- Brings **clarity** and **conviction** to unbelievers. (v24-25)

How do we receive it?

- Cultivate intimacy with God—prophecy flows from His heart.
- **Earnestly** desire and pray for this gift. (v1, 39)
- **Practice** listening prayer and Scripture meditation. (v30)

How do we use it?

- Share in <u>love</u> and <u>humility</u> (v1, 29).
- Submit words to biblical <u>testing</u> and discernment (v29, 32;
 1 Thess. 5:20-21).

The Common Thread: <u>Love</u> is the Loudest Voice!

1 Corinthians 13:1-13, 14:1

Growing Notes

<u>Ice breaker:</u> Share a time when it was really hard for you to hear someone because of background noise or distractions. How did that feel and relate to hearing God's voice? Read 1Cor. 14 and review the sermon notes.

<u>Gift of Tongues:</u> From the passage and sermon, how would you describe the gift of tongues in your own words? Why is the gift of tongues important for a believer's personal spiritual growth? How can we create space in our lives to pray and worship in the Spirit (even if we don't have the gift)?

<u>Gift of Prophecy:</u> From 1 Corinthians 14:3, what is the goal of prophecy? How could prophecy bring encouragement and clarity to a church community today? Why is it important to test prophetic words (1 Thess. 5:20-21)?

Application & Personal Reflection: What "noise" in your life makes it hard to hear God's voice? What practical steps can you take to quiet that noise this week? Pray for a deeper sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's voice. Ask God to stir up spiritual gifts in your group and church. Pray for courage and humility to use gifts in love and order, building up the body of Christ.

CHURCH CALENDAR

2025

| SEPT. 2 | Faith-Family-Freedom – 6pm – Main Auditorium |
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| SEPT. 4 | Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall |
| SEPT. 5 | Celebrate Recovery – 6pm – Anomaly Room |
| | Young Adults – 6:30pm – Family Room |
| SEPT. 6 | Foundations for Evangelism – 3:30pm - Anomaly Room |
| | Anomaly – Dark Room – 6pm – Anomaly Room |
| SEPT. 9 | DB Life – 6:30pm – Anomaly Room |
| SEPT.10 | WINGS- Women's Worship & Prayer Night 6:30pm |
| SEPT.11 | Grief Share – 7pm – Family Room |
| | Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall |
| SEPT.12 | Parent's Night Out – 5pm |
| | Celebrate Recovery – 6pm – Anomaly Room |
| SEPT.13 | Foundations for Evangelism – 3:30pm - Anomaly Room |
| | Anomaly – Dark Room – 6pm – Anomaly Room |
| SEPT.14 | DB Leadership Meeting – 9am – Anomaly Room |
| SEPT.16 | DB Life – 6:30pm – Anomaly Room |
| SEPT.18 | Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall |
| | Grief Share – 7pm – Family Room |
| SEPT.19 | Celebrate Recovery – 6pm – Anomaly Room |
| | Young Adults – 6:30 – Family Room |
| SEPT.20 | Foundations for Evangelism – 3:30pm - Anomaly Room |
| | Anomaly – Dark Room – 6pm – Anomaly Room |
| SEPT.22 | Season of Care Support Group – 6:30pm – Family Room |
| SEPT.23 | DB Life – 6:30pm – Anomaly Room |
| SEPT.25 | Signs of Freedom – 6:30pm – Community Hall |
| _ | Grief Share – 7pm – Family Room |
| SEPT.26 | Celebrate Recovery – 6pm – Anomaly Room |
| SEPT.27 | Foundations for Evangelism – 3:30pm - Anomaly Room |
| SEPT.30 | DB Life – 6:30pm – Anomaly Room |
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The DBCafe is open 45 minutes before each service

Please register for classes that require Childcare

H Check out our website for upcoming events @ dbcc.com

Upcoming Events in Oct.

Methods Class – begins Oct.2 (4 weeks) Linger – Oct. 8 Baptism Weekend – Oct. 18/19

Fall Festival - Oct. 29

DO YOU NEED PRAYER?

- >Elders/Pastors available after every service to pray with you.
- >Call the church office to be added to the prayer chain.
- >Sunday night prayer meeting 6pm, in the lobby
- >Elders meeting 3rd Wed. monthly, Elders available for prayer and anointing.

James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

Imperfect People – PERFECT GOD - 1st Corinthians

Sept. 20/21 Death Isn't the End 1 Cor. 15 Sept. 27/28 Final Words from a Spiritual Father 1 Cor. 16

Thank you for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.

Weekly Giving Sept.6/7
Budget \$28,500 – Actual \$37,628
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Imperfect People

Ray Davis

PERFECT GOD

"Heaven Speaks in a Noisy World" (1Cor.14:1-40)

In 1 Corinthians 14, Paul shows us that God hasn't gone silent. He gives His Spirit, with gifts like tongues and prophecy, to cut through the noise so His people can hear His heart loud and clear. But all things must be motivated by love (v1) and be done decently and in order (v40) because God is not a God of confusion but of peace (v33).

The Gift of Tongues: Heaven's Language for Prayer and Praise 1 Corinthians 14:2, 4, 14-15

What is it?

- Speaking in a language <u>unknown</u> to the speaker, by the Spirit, directed primarily to God. (v2, 18)
- It's a personal prayer language that <u>builds up</u> the individual believer.
 (v4)

Why is it important?

- Strengthens your spirit and <u>deepens intimacy</u> with God.
- Helps when words fail—Spirit intercedes <u>through you</u>.
 (v2, 14; Jude 1:20; Rom.8:26)

How do we receive it?

- Earnestly <u>desire</u> spiritual gifts (v1) and ask the Father in faith. (Luke 11:13; Acts 19:6).
- <u>Surrender</u> your voice and yield to the Spirit's prompting. (v27-28, 32-33)
- Every believer may or may not have the gift of tongues (debated) but every believer <u>can be filled</u> with the Holy Spirit. (Eph.5:18)

How do we use it?

- **<u>Privately</u>**: For prayer, worship, and personal spiritual edification.
- <u>Publicly</u>: Only with interpretation to edify the church. (v27-28)

The Gift of Prophecy: Heaven's Message for the Church

1 Corinthians 14:3-5, 31 (Greater Things (series): In our Church)

What is it?

Speaking a Spirit-inspired message from God to <u>strengthen</u>
 <u>encourage</u>, and <u>comfort</u> others. (v3)