

It does not insist on its own way → I will practice flexibility and consider others' need before my own.

It is not irritable or resentful → I will stay calm in frustration and let go of past offenses.

It does not rejoice at wrongdoing → I will not find pleasure in others' mistakes but will encourage what is right and good.

It rejoices with the truth → I will celebrate honesty and truth even when it's hard to hear.

Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things → I will remain faithful and hopeful even in hard times.

Love never ends → I will keep showing love no matter the season or circumstance.

HOW CAN WE BECOME LOVE (vv.8b-13)

Love is not just a command — Love is a person. vv4-8a

Love lasts because Christ is forever. vv8b-10

Maturity comes when Christ moves us beyond ourselves. v11

We become love by meeting the One who knows/loves us fully. v12

To abide in love is to abide in Christ. v13; John 15:9

Growing Notes

Icebreaker: What's the most common way people "flex" in our culture (on social media, at work, in relationships)? Have you ever caught yourself flexing something — trying to impress others?

What Love Isn't (vv1-3). Why does Paul say that without love, what we speak, know, do, or give means nothing? How do you recognize when your motives are loving (pleasing God) versus self-seeking (appeasing God)?

What Love Is (vv4-8a). Which description of love stands out most to you — and why? Where is it hardest for you personally to live out this kind of love (family, work, friendships, church)? What is the difference between charisma vs. character? What are the dangers of mistaking these two?

How Can We Become Love (vv.8b-13). What does it mean that love is not just a command but a Person? How does Christ's love for us help us grow in love? True change must happen on the level of habit (character). Spiritual disciplines don't transform our habits but put us in touch with the One who does. Explain. What are some things you can begin to do to grow in your experience of God's love for you? Pray.

CHURCH CALENDAR

2025

SEPT. 2	Faith-Family-Freedom – 6pm – Main Auditorium
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

****Please check out dbcc.com for more information and to register for events.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please register for classes that require Childcare

Check out our website for upcoming events @ dbcc.com

On Campus Bible Studies resume in September

Grief Share Class will resume in September

Foundations of Evangelism – begins in September (4 weeks)

DB Life – begins in September (8weeks)

DB Family Campout – September 19-21

WINGS – September 10 – Women's Worship and Prayer Night

Methods Class – begins Oct. (4 weeks)

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. 13/14

Holy Spirit, Holy Order

1 Cor. 14

Sept. 20/21

Death Isn't the End

1 Cor. 15

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

Weekly Giving Aug. 30/31
Budget \$28,500 – Actual \$23,911
DYTM : \$433

Church office hours: Mon-Thurs 9am - 3pm 602-374-4588

Sept.6/7
2025

Imperfect People
PERFECT GOD

Ray Davis

“Love is The Real Flex” (1Cor.13)

We live in a culture that loves to flex. But here's the truth: the greatest flex in life isn't power, money, or talent — it's love.

That's exactly what Paul is saying in 1 Corinthians 13. In a church full of people flexing their spiritual gifts — eloquent speaking, Biblical insight, mountain moving faith, sacrificial living — Paul cuts through all the noise and says: “You can have all the gifts, all the knowledge, all the success, but without love, it means nothing. So, let's walk through this chapter and see why love is the real flex.

WHAT LOVE ISN'T (vv.1-3)

It Isn't How Well You speak. v1

It Isn't How Much You know. v2a

It Isn't How Much You do. v2b

It Isn't How Much You give. v3

A Gospel transformed life is not a morally restrained will motivated by fear and/or pride (self-centeredness), but a supernaturally transformed heart motivated by love (God-centeredness).

Our approach to God is not to appease Him but to

Please Him.

Appease: I obey God to get His Approval/Blessing (Religion).

Please: I have His Approval/Blessing in Christ therefore I obey Him joyfully (Gospel).

WHAT LOVE IS (vv.4-8a)

“True character is revealed in the choices a person makes under pressure—the greater the pressure, the deeper the revelation, the truer the choice to the character's essential nature...As he chooses, he is.” John Ortberg (Steps)

Love is patient and kind → I will choose to wait calmly and treat others with gentleness.

Love does not envy or boast → I will celebrate others' successes instead of comparing or bragging.

It is not arrogant or rude → I will respect others with humility and kindness in my words and actions.