

The Year(s) Of Following Jesus

#196 The God Of Second Chances

October 1, 2025

Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

October 4 & 5, 2025

This is Amazing Grace

Welcome

Praise You in this Storm

I Speak Jesus

Lord's Supper Thought

Gratitude

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

#196 - The God of Second Chances - Pastor Ed



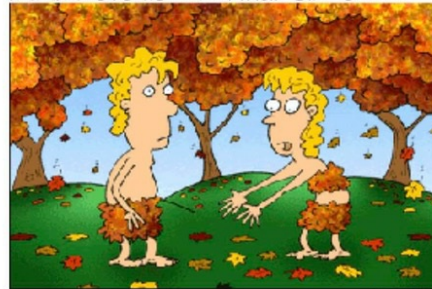
Good Stuff To Know

Riverside Services Online- If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering- We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to www.EagleRiverside.com, click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

FAQs - Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.

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WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?

First Time Visitors

The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place. You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Ask if you need gluten free. Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.
www.EagleRiverside.com

This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ⇒ Ignite/Rev Monday
- ⇒ Bible Study Wednesday
- ⇒ Thrive Thursday
- ⇒ Ladies Craft Day Saturday
- ⇒ Potluck Sunday the 12th

Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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Website: www.EagleRiverside.com

Facebook: EagleRiverside

Riverside Happenings

Service Project - The Harvest Festival - October 26th from 3-5pm. We need lots of candy and helpers. See Abby for details.

Pastor Appreciation - October is pastor appreciation month. Take a moment to drop a line or just say thank you to one of the many people who make Riverside Community Church the great place it is. If you'd like to donate towards a gift for the ministers at Riverside you can do that online or drop your donation in one of the boxes (just make sure to note what it's for).

Bible Study - Meeting Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, led by Jake Belford. This is an opportunity to fill up your tank mid-week with Jesus! All are welcome.

Ladies Craft Day - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, October 11th, 10 am-4 pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

Riverside Potluck - October 12th, after the 2nd service. Chili cookoff! Compete for the best traditional and Non-traditional chili. Don't want to bring chili? Bring some toppings/sides: cheese, onions, or cornbread. See Jon for details.

Time To Winterize - The sn*w is coming. If you've never winterized your home before there are tips you can find on the Riverside website or FB page.

Baptism - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism

Riverside App - Did you know Riverside has its own app? Download here.



Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, October 6th, 6:00 - 7:30

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional. For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help? See Cassie.



Thursday, October 9th, 6:00 - 8:00

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional. Questions? Like to help? See Aniela.



To get updates, text the following to 907.312.2662:

"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

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About this time Jesus was informed that Pilate had murdered some people from Galilee as they were offering sacrifices at the Temple.

—Luke 13:1 (NLT)

What Does Jesus Say About Tragedies?

1. Tragedy Isn't About Blame.

- *“Do you think those Galileans were worse sinners than all the other people from Galilee?” Jesus asked. “Is that why they suffered? Not at all!”*

—Luke 13:2 (NLT)

- *And what about the eighteen people who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them? Were they the worst sinners in Jerusalem? No!”*

—Luke 13:4 (NLT)

- *I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.*

—John 16:33 (NLT)

2. Tragedy Is About Introspection.

- *Jesus said, “You’re asking the wrong question. You’re looking for someone to blame. There is no such cause- effect here. Look instead for what God can do.”*

—John 9:3 (MES)

- *Is that why they suffered? Not at all! And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God.*

—John 13:3 (NLT)

3. God Gives Second Chances.

- *Then Jesus told this story: “A man planted a fig tree in his garden and came again and again to see if*

there was any fruit on it, but he was always disappointed. Finally, he said to his gardener, 'I've waited three years, and there hasn't been a single fig! Cut it down. It's just taking up space in the garden.'

—Luke 13:6-7 (NLT)

- *"The gardener answered, 'Sir, give it one more chance. Leave it another year, and I'll give it special attention and plenty of fertilizer. 9 If we get figs next year, fine. If not, then you can cut it down.'"*

—Luke 13:8-9 (NLT)

- *Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time.*

—Jonah 3:1 (ESV)

- *When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"*

—Genesis 3:8-9 (NLT)

Follow Through Step:

Spend some time reflecting on where you are right now. Are you going the right direction on the right path? And if not, are you ready to "repent"?