

# The Year(s) Of Following Jesus #202 The Door Is Narrow But It's Wide Open

November 11, 2025

*Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today*

**November 15 & 16, 2025**

Counting Every Blessing

**Welcome**

Resurrecting

Such An Awesome God

**Lord's Supper Thought**

Gratitude

**Prayer**

**Communion**

**Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus**

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— 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](http://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.



### 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](http://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 - Friendsgiving
- ➔ Angel Tree requests

#### 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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Facebook: EagleRiverside

### Riverside Happenings

#### Service Project(s) -

- **Operation Christmas Child.** Save the date for the Shoebox Stuffing Party, Sunday, November 23rd, at 2:00 p.m. See Abby for supply needs.
- **Angel Tree** - Do you or someone you know need help this Christmas? See Janet.

**Thrive Friendsgiving** - Thrive: Bring a dish to share this Thursday. Make it a dish that starts with the first letter of your first name. See Aniela for details.

**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.

**Riverside Potluck** - January 11th, after the 2nd service. We'll bring the turkey - you bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. See Jon for details.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, December 13th, 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Decorate the Church** - Join us to decorate the church for Christmas, Saturday, November 29th at 10am. No experience needed. Questions? See Ed.

**Baptism** - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to [www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism)

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

**Feed the Teens:** Sign up to make a meal or donate cash for pizza. See Aniela or Cassie for details.



### Upcoming Youth Events

#### Monday, November 17th, 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, November 20th, 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!

Following

# The Year(s) Of ^Jesus #202

## The Door Is Narrow, But It's Wide Open



# The Narrow Door

*Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he went, always pressing on toward Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He replied, "Work hard to enter the narrow door to God's Kingdom, for many will try to enter but will fail."*

*—Luke 13:22-24 (NLT)*

*Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.*

*—James 3:1 (NLT)*

## **What's The Deal With The Narrow Door?**

### **1. It's Not Narrow Because God Is Stingy.**

*\* He replied, "Work hard to enter the narrow door to God's Kingdom, for many will try to enter but will fail." When the master of the house has locked the door, it will be too late. You will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Lord, open the door for us!' But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from.'*

*—Luke 13:25 (NLT)*

- *So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.*

*—1 Corinthians 13:3 (MSG)*



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I am utterly convinced that God will have all kinds of grace if we got the theology wrong. I'm not entirely sure about how God will take it if we got the loving other people, seeking justice, and choosing mercy part of life wrong.

- *Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.*

—Matthew 16:24-25 (NLT)

### **Follow Through Step:**

**Spend some time reflecting on what you believe about the concept of hell. Who goes there? What happens to them and for how long? If you'd like to do a deep dive into this subject maybe start out by watching the movie, Hell And Mr. Fudge (available on Amazon Prime) to see how complex these questions really are.**