

# The Year(s) Of Following Jesus

## #204 The Parable Of The Great Banquet

November 29, 2025

*Welcome Home!*  
*Thanks for joining us today*

**November 29 & 30, 2025**

Behold

**Welcome**

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Noel

**Lord's Supper Thought**

Waymaker

**Prayer**

**Communion**

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

**#204 - Guess Who's Coming To Dinner — 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.



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## Riverside Happenings

### 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
- ➡ Angel Tree requests
- ➡ Christmas Decorating Planning Meeting Saturday @ 10 AM

#### 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

#### Service Project(s) -

- **Angel Tree** - If you'd like to help out a family in need this Christmas we've got an Angel Tree in the lobby with tags listing the needs we're trying to fill. Presents need to be back by December 21st at the latest.
- **Clothing Requests** - We have received numerous requests from members of our community for high-quality used clothing this Christmas. See board.

**Christmas Decorating Planning Meeting** - Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the church this year...Pastor Ed's begging paid off as this was the biggest turnout ever! If you like Christmas decorating and have some new ideas, we'd love to hear them! Please brainstorm with us at the church next Saturday, December 6th at 10 a.m. for our Christmas 2026 (and beyond) Riverside Decoration Refresh. If you have questions feel free to reach out to Annette at (907) 863-5427. Hope to see you there!

**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.

**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, December 1st, 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, December 4th, 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).

IGNITE

REV

THRIVE

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

# Following The Year(s) Of Jesus #204 The Parable Of The Great Banquet: Guess Who's Coming To Dinner



*One Sabbath day Jesus went to eat dinner in the home of a leader of the Pharisees, and the people were watching him closely.*

*—Luke 14:1 (NLT)*

## **Jesus' Teaching On Human Dignity:**

### **1. My Worth Is Not Based On Me.**

- *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

*—Genesis 1:27 (NLT)*

- *There was a man there whose arms and legs were swollen. Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in religious law, "Is it permitted in the law to heal people on the Sabbath day, or not?" When they refused to answer, Jesus touched the sick man and*

*healed him and sent him away.*

*—Luke 14:1-4 (NLT)*

- *Then he turned to them and said, “Which of you doesn’t work on the Sabbath? If your son or your cow falls into a pit, don’t you rush to get him out?” Again they could not answer.*

*—Luke 14:5-6 (NLT)*

## **2. How We Treat Others Matters To God.**

- *When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner were trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table, he gave them this advice: “When you are invited to a wedding feast, don’t sit in the seat of honor. What if someone who is more distinguished than you has also been invited? The host will come and say, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then you will be embarrassed, and you will have to take whatever seat is left at the foot of the table!*

*—Luke 14:7-9 (NLT)*

- *“Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table. Then when your host sees you, he will come and say, ‘Friend, we have a better place for you!’ Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”*

*—Luke 14:10-11 (NLT)*

## **3. Suffering Isn’t A Sign Of God’s Displeasure.**

- *Then he turned to his host. “When you put on a luncheon or a banquet,” he said, “don’t invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward. Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Then at the resurrection of the righteous, God will reward you for inviting those*

*who could not repay you.”*

*—Luke 14:12-13 (NLT)*

- *There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.*  
*—Galatians 3:28 (NLT)*

#### **4. Everybody's Welcome At Jesus' Table.**

- *Hearing this, a man sitting at the table with Jesus exclaimed, “What a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God!” Jesus replied with this story:*

*—Luke 14:15-16 (NLT)*

- *A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations. When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, ‘Come, the banquet is ready.’ But they all began making excuses. One said, ‘I have just bought a field and must inspect it. Please excuse me.’ Another said, ‘I have just bought five pairs of oxen, and I want to try them out. Please excuse me.’ Another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’*

*—Luke 14:16-20 (NLT)*

- *The servant returned and told his master what they had said. His master was furious and said, ‘Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and invite the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ After the servant had done this, he reported, ‘There is still room for more.’ So his master said, ‘Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.*

*—Luke 14:21-23 (NLT)*

#### **Follow Through Step:**

**Spend some time reflecting on what it means that all of us are invited to the great banquet. What does that mean?**

**How do you think one RSVPs for such a banquet? Have questions? Reach out to Pastor Ed.**