

The Year(s) Of Following Jesus #207 The Hope Of The Wise Men

December 19, 2025

*Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today*

December 20 & 21, 2025

It's Christmas

Welcome

Behold

He Shall Reign Forever More

O Holy Night

Lord's Supper Thought

Behold Him

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

#207 - The Hope of Wise Men- 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.



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)

- ⇒ Angel Tree gifts due Sunday the 21st
- ⇒ Christmas Eve services @3, 4:15, 5:30
- ⇒ Parking helpers needed
- ⇒ No services 12/27&28

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) -

- **Angel Tree** - Take a tag and bring the gifts back by December 21st. See Janet.
- **Clothing Requests** - We have received numerous requests from members of our community for high-quality used clothing this Christmas. See board.

Christmas Eve Services - Join us for Christmas Eve Services on the 24th at 3, 4:15, and 5:30 pm. Bring a dessert to share.

Bible Study - Meeting online every other Wednesday 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. There will be a two-week break until 1/7.

Riverside Potluck - January 11th, after the 2nd service. See Jon for details.

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

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.

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



Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, January 12th, 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, January 8th, 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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The Hope Of The Wise Men

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem.

—Matthew 2:1 (NLT)

King Nebuchadnezzar—made [Daniel] chief over all the magicians, enchanters, astrologers, and fortune-tellers of Babylon.

—Daniel 5:11 (NLT)

The Magi Teach Me To...

1. ... Pursue The Truth.

- *After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem asking, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”*

—Matthew 2:1-2 (NLT)

- *When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I’ll listen. When you come looking for me, you’ll find me. Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I’ll*

make sure you won't be disappointed.

—Jeremiah 29:12-14 (NCV)

2. Look For God's Stars.

- *King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote: 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.'"*

—Matthew 2:3-6 (NLT)

- *Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets of seven will pass from the time the command is given to rebuild Jerusalem until a ruler— the Anointed One— comes... After this period of sixty-two sets of seven, the Anointed One will be killed, appearing to have accomplished nothing.*

—Daniel 9:25-26 (NLT)

- *Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!"*

—Matthew 2:7-8 (NLT)

- *After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!*

—Matthew 2:9-10 (NLT)

3. Be Transformed.

- *Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but be transformed into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

—Romans 12:2 (NLT)

- *They entered the house where the child and his mother, Mary, were, and they fell down before him and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

—Matthew 2:11 (NLT)

- *When it was time to leave, they went home another way.*

—Matthew 2:12 (NLT)

Follow Through Step:

Go home “another way” today than you normally would take. Spend some time reflecting on whether you are still pursuing the truth, looking for God’ stars and letting Jesus transform you.