

# The Year(s) Of Following Jesus

## #189 Jesus, Big Dreams & Open Doors

August 11, 2025

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

**August 16 & 17, 2025**

Blessed Be Your Name

**Welcome**

Egypt

See A Victory

**Lord's Supper Thought**

It Is Well

**Prayer**

**Communion**

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

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### 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)

- ➔ Bible Study off this week
- ➔ Thrive Thursday
- ➔ Food/Clothing Drive for Mirror Lake Middle School

### 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](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

Facebook: EagleRiverside

### Riverside Happenings

**Service Project** - Food and clothing drive to benefit the families of Mirror Lake Middle School. Bring nonperishable items to the church, and we'll get them to the Drive coordinator at the school.

**Teachers Needed:** Like kids? Riverside is in need of teachers for the weekend services. Help is needed in the middle school classroom. If you want to help, see Aniela for a background check.

**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.

**Community Group** - Alive is expanding to include our entire church family! Contact Cassie, and text 'alive' to 907-312-2662 for updates.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, September 13th, 10 am-4 pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Riverside Potluck** - September 14th after the 2nd service. See Jon for details.

**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, August 25th, 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, August 21st, 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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*Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should.*

*—Psalm 90:12 (TLB)*

## **Some Observations On Open Doors:**

### **1. Only God Can Open Doors Of Opportunity.**

- *Pray for us, that God will open doors for telling the mystery of Christ, even while I'm locked up in this jail. Pray that every time I open my mouth I'll be able to make Christ plain as day to them.*

*—Colossians 4:3 (MES)*

- *I have placed before you an open door that no one can close.*

*—Revelation 3:8 (CEV)*

### **2. But Only I Can Open The Door To My Heart.**

- *Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in.*

*—Revelation 3:20 (NLT)*

- *If the Son sets you free, you are truly free.*

*—John 8:36 (NLT)*

### **3. But Only God Can Open The Eyes Of My Heart.**

- *And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.*

—Luke 11:9-10 (NLT)

- *Call to me and I will answer you and show you great and unsearchable things you do not know.*

—Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

### **Follow Through Step:**

**Spend some time reflecting on open doors in your life.  
Have you ever asked God to open a door in your life?  
How long did you spend asking, seeking and knocking?  
Are you ready to pick a subject and ask God to  
open doors of opportunity for you?**