The Year of Following Jesus #251: Jesus Cleanses the Temple

October 21, 2026

Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

October 24 & 25, 2026

This Is Amazing Grace

Welcome

Ain't No Grave

Who You Say I Am

Lord's Supper Thought

Gratitude

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus #251 — Jesus Flips Some Tables — Pastor Ed

Riverside Community Church

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)

- **Harvest Festival Sunday**
- **Ignite/Rev Monday**
- **Bible Study Tuesday**
- **Small Group Wednesday**
- **Thrive Thursday**

Need To Talk?...
The church office is not staffed during the week, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly, you can call them or email them and set up an appointment.

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Website: www.EagleRiverside.com
Facebook: EagleRiverside

Riverside Happenings

October Service Project - The Harvest Festival will be at the church on October 25th from 3-5 pm. See the bulletin board or Abby.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month - This month, we honor our staff. Drop them a short note/email letting them know how much you appreciate what they do. It's been Riverside's custom to accept donations for a gift we give our pastors this time of year (we split it equally among them), but please don't feel obligated (a note goes farther than you can imagine). However, if you'd like to donate, you can do it online or put a donation in the box (make sure you choose the "Pastor Appreciation" fund).

Operation Christmas Child: Operation Christmas Child Eagle River drop-off location in Eagle River is looking for 1-2 people per night during collection week (Nov. 16-23). Please sign up or contact Abby (415) 225-2161.

Bible Study - Meeting online every Tuesday at 5:00 pm, led by Jake Belford (660) 233-1099. All are welcome.

Small Groups - Wednesday at 6 pm at the church. See Pastor Ed or Aniela.

Riverside Potluck - November 8th. Theme: Thanksgiving. See Jon for details.

Men's Breakfast - Third Saturday of each month. November 21st. Show up at 8:30 if you want to help cook. Breakfast is at 9:00. See Pastor Ed for details.

Ladies Craft Day - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, November 14th, 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. at the church. We will be preparing blankets for the ARCH house. Please bring scissors if you have them. Call Becky at 812-449-7004.

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, October 26th, 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 29th, 6:00 - 8:00
9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional. Questions? Like to help? See Tayler..

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

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Jesus Flips Some Tables

Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out all the people buying and selling animals for sacrifice. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!"

—Matthew 21:12-13 (NLT)

I will bring them to my holy mountain of Jerusalem and will fill them with joy in my house of prayer. I will accept their burnt offerings and sacrifices, because my Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations.

—Isaiah 56:7 (NLT)

- *Then his disciples remembered this prophecy from the Scriptures: "Passion for God's house will consume me."*

—John 2:17 (NLT)

The Evolution Of The Temple

1. The First Version: Eden.

- *Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made… In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

—Genesis 2:8-9 (NLT)

- *The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend (abad) and watch over (samar) it.*

—Genesis 2:15 (NLT)

Abad= to labor; to work; to serve; to make oneself a servant

Samar= keep; have charge over; guard; watch; protect

2. The Second Version: The <u>Tabernacle</u>.

- *Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'*

  —Exodus 19:4-6 (NLT)

- *Have the people of Israel build me a holy sanctuary so I can live among them. You must build this Tabernacle and its furnishings exactly according to the pattern I will show you.*

  —Exodus 25:8-9 (NLT)

- *They will also maintain (samar) all the furnishings of the sacred tent, serving (abad) in the Tabernacle on behalf of all the Israelites.*

  —Numbers 3:8 (NLT)

3. The Third Version: The <u>Temple</u>.

- *That day Gad came to David and said to him, "Go up and build an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite..." " So David paid him fifty pieces of silver for the threshing floor.*

  —2 Samuel 24:18-24 (NLT)

- *Then the Lord gave this message to Solomon: "Concerning this Temple you are building, if you keep all my decrees and regulations and obey all my commands, I will fulfill through you the promise I made to your father, David. I will live among the Israelites and will never abandon my people Israel."*

  —1 Kings 6:11-13 (NLT)

- *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 2:8-9 (NLT)

Follow Through Step:

Spend some time reflecting on Israel's responsibility when it came to being the people of God. They were supposed to keep the covenant– the 10 Commandments– and they failed horribly. What do you believe God is asking from you when it comes to being one of the people of God in this world today?