The Year(s) of Following Jesus #253: You Are Invited

November 7, 2026

Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

November 7 & 8, 2026

I'll Fly Away

Welcome

Survivor

Such An Awesome God

Lord's Supper Thought

It Is Well

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus #253 —You Are Invited — Aniela

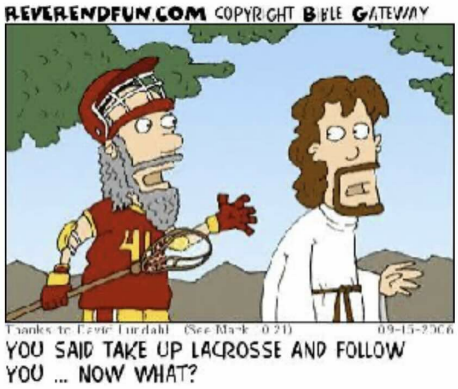
Riverside
Community Church

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)

- ➡ **Potluck Sunday**
- ➡ **Ignite/Rev Monday**
- ➡ **Bible Study Tuesday**
- ➡**Small Group Wednesday**
- ➡ **Thrive Thursday**
- ➡ **Ladies Craft Day Saturday**

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

Angel Tree - It's time to prepare for the holiday Angel Tree! Do you or a family you know need a little help this Christmas? Riverside would love to help with gifts for kids and teens. There are forms to fill out on the information board in the back. If you have any questions, see Janet or text her at 907-229-0769.

Operation Christmas Child: The Riverside shoebox stuffing party will take place November 15th at 2:30 pm. The drop-off location in Eagle River needs 1-2 people per night (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.

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.

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.

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.

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, November 9th, 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 12th, 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

The Year(s) Of ^Jesus #253

You Are Invited



1. Live with a <u>purpose</u>.

> **"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."*
>
> *—Matthew 4:19 (NIV)*

> *You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.*
>
> *—John 15:16 (NIV)*

> **"Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can't bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can't bear fruit unless you are joined with me.*

—John 15:4 (The Message)

** But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!*

—Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

2. Choose <u>God</u> first.

But Jesus told him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

—Matthew 8:22 (NIV)

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

—Matthew 9:9 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

—Matthew 19:21 (NIV)

3. Come <u>as you are</u>.

**Jesus answered, "Healthy people don't need a doctor, but sick people do. I didn't come to invite good people to turn to God. I came to invite sinners."*

—Luke 5:31-32 (ERV)

With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

—Mark 15:37-38 (NIV)

But God clearly shows and proves His own love for us, by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

—Romans 5:8 (AMP)

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in

darkness, but will have the light of life."

—John 8:12

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

—John 10:27 (NIV)

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

—Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life[f] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

—Matthew 16:24-27 (NIV)

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

—John 13:35 (NIV)

Follow Through Step:

Pray on those words, "follow me." Think about what that invitation means in your own life - and consider extending that invitation to someone else.

Notes