

The Year Of Following Jesus #49 Reacting To The Light

December 2, 2022

*Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today*

December 3 & 4, 2022

I Am

Welcome

Who You Say I Am

O Come O Come

Lord's Supper Thought

Light of the World

Prayer

Communion

**Lesson: The Year of Following Jesus #49 -
Reacting to the Light - Aniela**



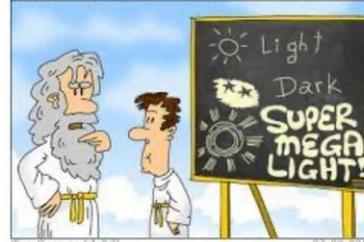
Good Stuff To Know

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.

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See Genesis 1:2-3
LET'S GO WITH JUST LIGHT AND DARK FOR NOW AND WE CAN ITERATE LATER AS NEEDED

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 (and don't forget to social distance). 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). 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)

- ➔ Ignite/Rev Movie Night Monday 6-8
- ➔ Alive Tuesday
- ➔ Thrive Thursday
- ➔ Craft Day Saturday - blanket making
- ➔ Angel tree

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 Service Project - We'll be helping families in the community again this year with the Angel Tree. Know a family who could use some help this Christmas? See Janet, Ed, or Aniela.

Christmas Eve Services - Join us for Christmas Eve services. The four service times are 2 pm; 3:15; 4:30 & 5:45pm. Bring a friend and some treats to share.

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

ARCH Blankets & Decorating - Two ways to help: Saturday @10, come make blankets at the church. Or, meet at the church Sunday, December 11th at 1:45pm to caravan to ARCH where we'll decorate.

Young Adult Group - ALIVE - Tuesdays @6, in the Shack. There will be food provided. We are working through the book of Matthew. Ages 18-30. Text the word "alive" to 907.312.2662 or see Cassie.

Thrive Winter Retreat - January 20-22, 2023 See Aniela for details.

Baptism - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism



Write to our missionaries- Sign a card hanging on the missions bulletin board or write a note. Please check out the communications pamphlet for word substitutions for security. Questions? Text Melissa:

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, December 5th, 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 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!

Following The Year Of ^Jesus #49 Experiencing The Nativity Reacting To The Light Of The World



*The people who walk in darkness will see a great light.
For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will
shine.*

—Isaiah 9:2 (NLT)

Different Reactions To The Light:

1. Turn That Light Out!

- *“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.
—Matthew 2:2-3 (NIV)*
- *He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”
—Matthew 2:8 (NIV)*
- *Herod, when he realized that the scholars had tricked him, flew into a rage. He commanded the murder of every little boy two years old and under who lived in Bethlehem and its surrounding hills. (He determined that age from information he’d*

gotten from the scholars.) That's when Jeremiah's revelation was fulfilled: A sound was heard in Ramah, weeping and much lament. Rachel weeping for her children, Rachel refusing all solace, Her children gone, dead and buried.

—Matthew 2:16-18 (MSG)

- *God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.*

—John 3:19-21 (NLT)

2. Oh! There's A Light?

- *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

—2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV)

- *Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified.*

—Luke 2:9 (NLT)

3. Leave It On!

- *The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.*

—Luke 1:26-30 (NIV)

- *Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let this thing you have said happen to me!" Then the angel went*

away.

—Luke 1:38 (ERV)

- *I'm bursting with God-news; I'm dancing the song of my Savior God. God took one good look at me, and look what happened— I'm the most fortunate woman on earth! What God has done for me will never be forgotten, the God whose very name is holy, set apart from all others. His mercy flows in wave after wave on those who are in awe before him.*

—Luke 1:46-50 (MSG)

- *In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

—John 1:4-5 (NIV)

- *"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."*

—John 9:3-5 (NIV)

- *Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.*

—Matthew 5: 14-16 (MSG)

Follow Through Step #49:

Be the light. Let His light shine through you on the people around you. Be a light-bearer, not a grinch.

Riverside Info Texting System

At Riverside we aren't terribly organized- in fact we're sort of the poster church for "disorganized religion". So we use a "text for information" system where how much info you get is controlled by you. You will never have someone call you without asking for a call. If you can't find the info you need or have more questions or need some help reach out to one of the pastors directly- if we don't answer try texting or emailing us and we may get your message sooner.

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For info on any of the following areas simply text the keyword to 907-312-2662. You'll get a text in return with a link to the info you asked for.

Frequently Asked Questions About Riverside- keyword= FAQs

Communion Info- keyword= Communion

New To Riverside? keyword= Guest

Want news and updates periodically? keyword= Loop

Want more info about following Jesus? keyword= Shine

Want info on baptism at Riverside? keyword= Baptism

Youth Programs At Riverside:

Want info on 4-5 grade programs? keyword= Ignite

Want info on 6-8 grade programs? keyword= Rev

Want info on high school programs? keyword= Thrive