

The Year(s) Of Following Jesus #60 Small Words HUGE Impact

February 18, 2023

*Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today*

February 18 & 19, 2023

King of Heaven

Welcome

Our God

Your Great Name

Lord's Supper Thought

How Great is Our God

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus #60

- Small Words... HUGE Impact — 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 (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)

- ➔ Thrive Thursday
- ➔ Alive Friday
- ➔ Service Project: Food & Gas Cards

Riverside Happenings

Riverside Service Project -Please bring in non-perishable food items and/or gas cards. Our community is in dire need. See Janet for details.

Charitable Giving Statements - For an end of the year 2022 statement of your charitable giving to Riverside, email Aniela at anielawah@gmail.com

Young Adult Group - ALIVE - Fridays @6:30, in the Shack. Bring a dish to pass or share what we have. Ages 18-30. Text "alive" to 907.312.2662 or see Cassie.

Warriors in Christ - A new small group meeting every other Mondays at 6pm. Next group is March 6th. See Nate.

Men's Prayer Group - Currently going through Psalm 119. Meeting via zoom but plan to meet in person periodically. Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.

Ladies Craft Day - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, March 11th, 10am-4pm 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



Write to our missionaries- Please check out the communications pamphlet for word substitutions for security. Questions? Text Melissa: 907.632.5499

JAM Camp - July 9-13. Registration is open now for those entering 5th-12th grade. Cost is \$250/camper. Scholarships are available. See Ed or Aniela if you need a scholarship or would like to donate to the scholarship fund.

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.

Ed - 907.306.2823, ednjude@gmail.com

Aniela - 907.748.1556, anielawah@gmail.com

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Cassie - 907.360.2996, cassiemaylinn@yahoo.com

Website: www.EagleRiverside.com

Facebook: EagleRiverside

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, February 27th, 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.



THRIVE

Thursday, February 23rd, 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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You have also heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not break your vows; you must carry out the vows you make to the Lord.' But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, 'By heaven!' because heaven is God's throne. And do not say, 'By the earth!' because the earth is his footstool. And do not say, 'By Jerusalem!' for Jerusalem is the city of the great King. Do not even say, 'By my head!' for you can't turn one hair white or black. Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't.' Anything beyond this is from the evil one.

—Matthew 5:33-37 (NLT)

What's Jesus Saying?

1. Don't Lie.

- *Say just a simple 'Yes, I will' or 'No, I won't.' Your word is enough. To strengthen your promise with a vow shows that something is wrong.*

—Matthew 5:37 (TLB)

- *Instead, we will lovingly follow the truth at all times—speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly—and so become more and more in every way like Christ.*

—Ephesians 4:15 (TLB)

- *Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.*
—Proverbs 10:9 (NIV)

2. Don't Mislead.

- *But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, 'By heaven!' because heaven is God's throne. And do not say, 'By the earth!' because the earth is his footstool.*
—Matthew 5:34-35 (NLT)
- *Blind guides! What sorrow awaits you! For you say that it means nothing to swear 'by God's Temple,' but that it is binding to swear 'by the gold in the Temple.' Blind fools! Which is more important—the gold or the Temple that makes the gold sacred? And you say that to swear 'by the altar' is not binding, but to swear 'by the gifts on the altar' is binding. How blind! For which is more important—the gift on the altar or the altar that makes the gift sacred?*
—Matthew 23:16-20 (NLT)
- *The ways of right-living people glow with light; the longer they live, the brighter they shine. But the road of wrongdoing gets darker and darker—travelers can't see a thing; they fall flat on their faces.*
—Proverbs 4:18-19 (MES)

3. Don't Complicate Faith.

- *Follow me and be my disciple.*
—Matthew 9:9 (NLT)
- *Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.*
—Matthew 23:13 (NIV)

- *Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”*

—Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)

Follow Through Step #60:

Reflect this week on what the most loving thing to do might be in whatever situations you’re facing. And then do you best to follow through.