

The Year(s) Of Following Jesus #220 Setting My Thermostat To Joy

March 21, 2026

Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

March 21 & 22, 2026

Who You Are To Me

Welcome

Survivor

Still Waters (Psalm 23)

Lord's Supper Thought

Lord, I Need You

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

#219 - Setting My Thermostat to Joy - 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.



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. 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)

- ➔ Ignite/Rev Monday
- ➔ Bible Study Online Wednesday
- ➔ Thrive Retreat Friday at 5
- ➔ Caramel Corn Fundraiser next Sunday

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

Easter at Riverside -

Easter Services - Saturday, 4/4 at 6 pm, Sunday, 4/5 at 9:30 and 11 am.

Easter Egg Stuffing - We need lots of individually wrapped candy! Easter egg stuffing party Wednesday, 4/1 from 6-7 pm.

Easter Egg Hunt - Join us Saturday, 4/4, from 1-2 pm. Take pictures with the Easter bunny, hunt for eggs, and enjoy crafts and prizes. Help needed. See Abby.

Charitable Giving Receipts - End-of-year statements are available. Email Aniela.

Men's Breakfast - Third Saturday of each month. Saturday, April 18th. Show up at 8:30 if you want to help cook. Breakfast is at 9:00. See Pastor Ed for details.

Riverside Potluck - April 12th, at 12:15 pm. See Jon for details.

Bible Study - Meeting online every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, led by Jake Belford (660) 233-1099. This is an opportunity to fill up your tank mid-week with Jesus! All are welcome.

Ladies Craft Day - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, April 11th, 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. 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

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 for details.



Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, March 23rd, 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, April 2nd, 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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Setting My Thermostat To Joy?



choose
JOY

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)

How Do I Choose A Life Of Joy?

1. Focus On The Good Stuff.

- *Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse... Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.*

—Philippians 4:8-9 (MSG)

- *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*
- *This is the day the LORD has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it.*

—Psalm 118:24 (NIV)

2. Recognize The Power Of Joy.

- *All the people had been crying as they listened to the words of the Teachings. Nehemiah said, “Go and celebrate with a feast... and share gifts... with people who have nothing. This is a sacred day... Don’t be sad, because the joy of the LORD will make you strong.”*
—Nehemiah 8:10 (NCV)
- *The Son of Man came eating and drinking and enjoying life.*
—Matthew 11:18 (PhV)
- *I recommend having fun, because there is nothing better for people to do in this world than to eat, drink and enjoy life.*
—Ecclesiastes 8:15 (NLT)

3. Set My Internal Thermostat To Joy.

- *I will go to God (El Simchathgali) – the Source of all my joy.*
—Psalm 43:4 (NLT)
- *Spend the money on food for a big celebration. Buy cattle, sheep, goats, wine, beer, and if there are any other kinds of food that you want, buy those too.*
—Deuteronomy 14:26 (CEV)
- *I will celebrate before the Lord. I will become even more undignified than this.*
—2 Samuel 6:22 (NIV)
- *Fig trees may no longer bloom, or vineyards produce grapes; olive trees may be fruitless, and harvest time a failure; sheep pens may be empty, and cattle stalls vacant— (nevertheless) I will still celebrate because the LORD God saves me.*
—Habakkuk 3:17-18 (CEV)
- *I’ll make a list of God’s gracious dealings, all the*

things God has done that need praising.

—Isaiah 63:7 (MES)

Follow Through Step:

Spend some time reflecting on what it means to set your internal thermostat to joy. How would you begin scheduling for joy and budgeting for joy in your life?