

The Year Of Following Jesus #62 Secret Generosity

March 4, 2023

*Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today*

March 4 & 5, 2023

Trust in You

Welcome

Blessed Be Your Name

Build My Life

Lord's Supper Thought

Waymaker

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus #62

Secret Generosity— 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.



MOST PEOPLE THOUGHT HE WAS A LITTLE TOO SHOWY

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 - bring a dish and a game, permission slip
- ➔ Alive Friday
- ➔ Ladies Craft Day Saturday
- ➔ Service Project: Food & Gas Cards

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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Website: www.EagleRiverside.com

Facebook: EagleRiverside

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.

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, March 13th, 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, March 9th, 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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Secret Agent Man/Woman

Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven.

—Matthew 6:1 (NLT)

But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

—Matthew 5:20 (NLT)

Don't follow their example. For they don't practice what they teach. They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.

Everything they do is for show.

—Matthew 23:3-5 (NLT)

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

—Matthew 5:48 (NLT)

What's Jesus Saying?

1. Jesus Assumes They Are Being Generous.

- *When you give to someone in need...*

—Matthew 6:1-2 (NLT)

- *Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do. There will always be some in the land who are poor. That is why I am commanding you to share freely with the poor and with other Israelites in need.*

—Deuteronomy 15:10-11 (NLT)

- *Jesus called his disciples over and said, “The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. All the others gave what they’ll never miss; she gave extravagantly.”*

—Mark 12:43-44 (MES)

2. Our Motives Matter.

- *When you give to someone in need, don’t do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get.*

—Matthew 6:2-4 (NLT)

- *You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, “These people honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me. Their worship is a farce.”*

—Matthew 15:7-9 (NLT)

- *Remember this— a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.”*

—2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NLT)

3. Don’t Toot Your Own Horn.

- *But when you give to someone in need, don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.*

Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

—Matthew 6:3-4 (NLT)

- *Remember that our Lord Jesus said, “More blessings come from giving than from receiving.”*

—Acts 20:35 (CEV)

Follow Through Step #62:

Reflect on whether you are being “extravagantly generous” in giving back to God.

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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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