

# The Year Of Following Jesus #15: A Garden, A Cup & A Cross

April 8, 2022

Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today

April 9 & 10, 2022

This is Amazing Grace

Welcome

I Am

Our God

Lord's Supper Thought

Build My Life

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year of Following Jesus #15 -  
A Garden, A Cup, and A Cross - Pastor Ed



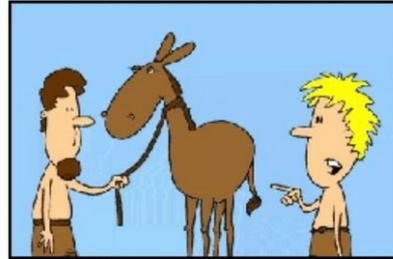
## Good Stuff To Know

**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](http://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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BUT I DO ASK THAT YOU RETURN IT WITH A  
FULL STOMACH

## 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](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### This Week At Riverside

*(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)*

- ➔ Egg Stuffing Wednesday
- ➔ Thrive Thursday
- ➔ Easter egg hunt Saturday
- ➔ Easter Services

### 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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**Softball Team** - Join the Riverside Black Sheep in a coed softball team this summer. Players 15 and older. No skills required. Got skills? Great! We need a coach, too! Games will be Monday nights. See Ed or Aniela if you want to organize the team.

**Baptism** - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to [www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism) and we'll get you sorted out.



**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, May 14th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Impact Alaska** - Riverside will be joining churches from around Alaska on May 22nd to leave the 4 walls of our church and go out into the community to share the love and grace of Jesus in practical ways. We will be cancelling our weekend services that weekend. There will be much more info coming soon...

**VBS Save the Date** - June 13-16 from 6:30-8pm. Volunteer and registration info coming soon. See Janet or Aniela.

**JAM Camp Registration** - JAM Camp is July 10-14. Registration is open online at <https://www.lavernegriffincamp.org/camps> This camp is an annual tradition for Riverside students entering 5th-12th grade. The cost is \$225 per student. Scholarships are available. See Ed or Aniela.

### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, April 18th, 6:00 - 7:30**

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine on Monday nights at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional. For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help? See Taylor or Aniela.



**Thursday, April 14th 6:00 - 8:00**

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional. Questions? Like to help? See Liz & Kyle, Taylor, or 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!

## Easter 2022

**April Service Project** - Bring LOTS of CANDY for our Easter egg hunt.

**Egg Stuffing Party - Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30pm** - Come help stuff the eggs at church. It's a great way to serve and get to know people.

**Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 16th from 12:30-2pm.** Candy, prizes and free pictures with the Easter Bunny. This is one of our biggest outreaches to the community. Lots of help will be needed: "hide" the eggs, give away prizes and assist the Easter Bunny, as well as making everyone feel welcome, plus help cleaning up afterward. Questions: See Pastor Ed or Aniela.

**Easter Services - Easter is Sunday, April 17th.** We will offer Easter Services Saturday, April 16th at 6pm, as well as Sunday at 8:30am, 10am and 11:30am. Invite a friend! Want to help with parking, serving communion or ushering? See Pastor Ed.

# Following The Year Of <sup>^</sup>Jesus #15

## A Garden, A Cup & A Cross

*As the time drew near for him to ascend to heaven, Jesus resolutely turned His face toward Jerusalem.*

—Luke 9:51 (ESV)

### Lessons From Jesus' Final Night:

#### 1. The Great Rescue.

- *And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."*

—Genesis 3:15 (NLT)

- *God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners... Now he will save us from all of God's wrath to come. And since, when we were his enemies, we were brought back to God by the death of his Son, what blessings he must have for us now that we are his friends and he is living within us!*

—Romans 3:8-10 (TLB)

#### 2. The Shocking Cost Of Our Rescue.

- *He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he became deeply troubled and distressed. He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."*

—Mark 14:33-34 (NLT)

#### 3. The Courage Of The Rescuer.

- *“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” ...And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.*  
—Luke 22:42-44 (NLT)
- *Your cup is filled to the brim with distress and desolation... You will drain that cup of terror to the very bottom.*  
—Ezekiel 23:33-34 (NLT)

#### **4. The Beauty Of God’s Plan.**

- *God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip.*  
—Acts 2:23-24 (NLT)

##### **i. The Problem = Sin.**

- *All have sinned; all fall short of God’s glorious standard... and all need to be made right with God.*  
—Romans 3:23-24 (NLT)

##### **ii. The Problem = Sin’s Cost.**

- *The wages of sin is death.*  
—Romans 6:23 (NLT)
- *Without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins.*  
—Hebrews 9:22 (NLT)

##### **iii. God’s Solution = Jesus & The Cross.**

- *He canceled the debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow. He took away that record with its rules and nailed it to the cross. God stripped the*

*spiritual rulers and powers of their authority. With the cross, he won the victory and showed the world that they were powerless.*

—Colossians 2:14-15 (NCV)

- *See, I have taken the terrible cup from your hands. You will drink no more of my fury.*  
—Isaiah 51:22 (NLT)
- *He personally carried the load of our sins in his own body when he died on the cross so that we can be finished with sin and live a good life from now on. For his wounds have healed ours!*  
—1 Peter 2:24 (TLB)
- *He said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*  
—John 19:30 (NLT)
- *So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.*  
—Romans 8:1 (NLT)

## **Follow Through Step #15:**

**Watch one of the "Jesus" movies- Son Of God; The Passion (NOT for the faint of heart); The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe; Risen; etc...**

## **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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**Nate (worship ministry)- 907.360.4825**

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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