

# The Year(s) Of Following Jesus #228 Grad Weekend: Keys To A Successful Life

May 15, 2026

Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today

May 16 & 17, 2026

Counting Every Blessing

Welcome

Come to the River

Praise You in This Storm

Lord's Supper Thought

I Am Not Alone

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

#227 - God's Keys to Success in Life - 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.



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

### This Week At Riverside

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

- ➔ Potluck Sunday the 17th - BBQ theme
- ➔ Youth Group Clean-Up Day Monday
- ➔ Bible Study Online Wednesday
- ➔ Thrive Thursday - hiking

#### 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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### Riverside Happenings

**Riverside Potluck** - May 17th, at 12:15 pm. BBQ theme. See Jon for details.

**Clean Up Day:** Riverside's youth groups will join together on May 18th for a community clean-up day. Permission slips needed. See Cassie or Aniela.

**Summer Schedule:** Riverside's service schedule will change for the summer. For June, July, and August, there will be no Saturday night services. See Pastor Ed.

**Bible Study** - Meeting online every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, led by Jake Belford (660) 233-1099. All are welcome.

**Small Groups** - Will start up soon, based on interest. See the flyer in the back.

**Roof Fundraiser** - We're planning a church yard sale fundraiser for the roof fund on May 29 & 30 and are looking for volunteers to help make it a success! If you're interested in helping with organizing donations, pricing items, setup, or working the sale, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. And don't forget to start setting aside your gently used items to donate for the yard sale—more details to come!

**Men's Breakfast** - Third Saturday of each month. Saturday, June 20th. Show up at 8:30 if you want to help cook. Breakfast is at 9:00. See Pastor Ed for details.

**Save the Date** - Riverside's VBS will be July 20-23. See Abby or Tayler.

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



### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, May 18th, 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, May 21st, 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(s) Of ^ Jesus #226**  
**Graduate Weekend 2026**  
**God's Keys To Success In Life**



*Remember the Lord your God. He is the one who gives you power to be successful.*

*—Deuteronomy 8:18 (NLT)*

## **Recurring Graduation Themes In The Bible:**

### **1. Commitment.**

- *Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life.*

*—Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NLT)*

- *The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.*

*—2 Chronicles 12:9 (NLT)*

### **2. Courage.**

- *For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.*

—2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

- *Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous... This is my command — be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*

—Joshua 1:6-9 (NLT)

### **3. Humility.**

- *Happy are those who don't listen to the wicked, who don't go where sinners go, who don't do what evil people do. They love the Lord's teachings, and they think about those teachings day and night. They are strong, like a tree planted by a river. The tree produces fruit in season, and its leaves don't die. Everything they do will succeed.*

—Psalm 1:1-3 (NCV)

- *God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.*

—James 4:6 (NLT)

- *Do you understand what I was doing? You call me 'Master' and 'Lord,' and you do well to say it, for it is true. And since I, the Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow: do as I have done to you.*

—John 13:12-14 (NLT)

- *You know these things— now do them! That is the path of blessing.*

—John 13:15 (NLT)

### **Follow Through Step:**

**Face the future with strength, courage, integrity, humility &**

**commitment and find the path of blessing.**