

The Gift Of Jesus

December 31, 2021

Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

January 2, 2022

Lay Me Down

Welcome

Good, Good Father

At Your Name

Not For a Moment

Lord's Supper Thought

Great Are You Lord

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Gift of Jesus - Aniela



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 & Sign up for retreat
- ➔ Ladies Craft Day Saturday
- ➔ January service project - blankets
- ➔ Angel Tree Thank You
- ➔ Bible in a year

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

January Service Project - We are gathering baby blankets for the Alaska Chapter of the National Down Syndrome Congress. New baby blankets, fleeces, and quilts are appreciated. See Becky for more details.

December Service Project - A big thank you for everyone who helped with the Angel Tree. Every single tag was taken and the family was blown away and so grateful. Way to go Riverside - being the hands and feet of Jesus!

Bible Study on YouVersion - Join us in a bible study starting January 1st. Download the YouVersion bible app, search for EagleRiverside, and then add us as a friend. Search for the plan, "The Bible Recap with Tara Leigh Cobble."

Ladies Craft Day - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, January 8th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

Youth Group New Times - New schedule for the new year for our two younger youth groups. Starting January 10th - 4th, 5th, and 6th graders meet to play games and have a devotional lesson from 5:30 - 6:30. 7th and 8th graders arrive at 6:30 and both groups will have pizza together. 4th-6th will leave at 7. The 7th & 8th graders will stay until 8 for games and a lesson.

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, January 10th 13th 5:30 - 8:00
 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 Tayler or Aniela.

Thursday, January 6th 6:00 - 8:00
 9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional.
 Questions? Like to help?
 See Liz & Kyle, Tayler, 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!

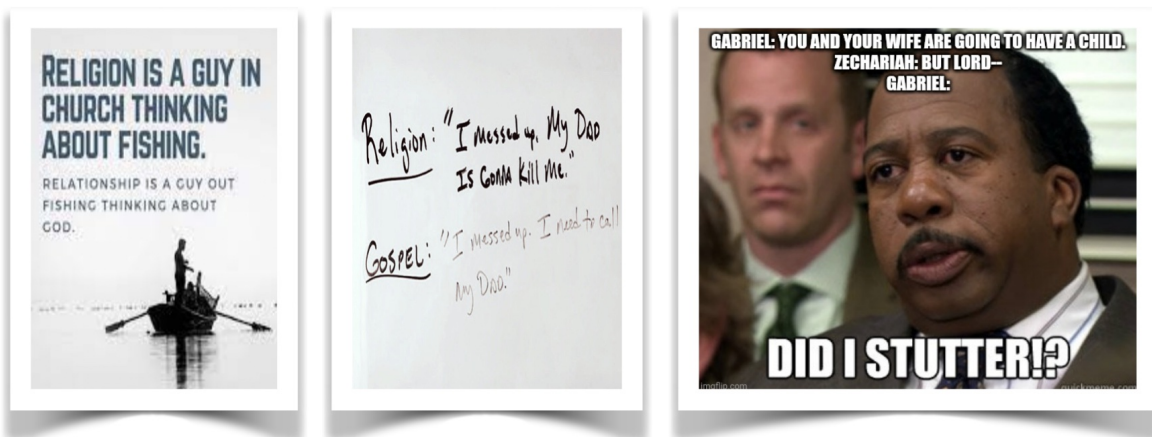
Surviving The Holidays #5

The Gift Of Jesus



1. Give God Your Heart.

- *Do your best to be the kind of person God will accept, and give yourself to him. Be a worker who has no reason to be ashamed of his work, one who applies the true teaching in the right way.*
—2 Timothy 2:15 (ERV)
- *I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings.*
—Hosea 6:6 (NLT)



- *There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.*
—John 1:6-7 (NIV)
- *Whatever you do [whatever your task may be], work from the soul [that is, put in your very best effort], as [something done] for the Lord and not for men.*
—Colossians 3:23 (Amplified Bible)

i. We Conect With Him.

ii. We Direct our lives towards Him.

iii. We Correct Ourselves.

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- *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice,*

holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

—Romans 12:1-2 (KJV)

- *So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.*

—Romans 12:1-2 (MSG)

2. Get The Gift Of Jesus.

- *For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*
—Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)
- *For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*
—John 3:16 (NIV)
- *This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son*

merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him.

—John 3:16 (MSG)

- *But God's free gift is not like Adam's sin. Many people died because of the sin of that one man. But the grace that people received from God was much greater. Many received God's gift of life by the grace of this other man, Jesus Christ.*

—Romans 5:15 (ERV)

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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For info on any of the following areas simply text the keyword to 907-312-266:2. 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