

The Year Of Following Jesus #92 A Lamp & 2 Kinds Of Seeds

September 25, 2023

Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

September 30 & October 1, 2023

Lay Me Down

Welcome

Good Good Father

Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

Lord's Supper Thought

I Surrender

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus #92

A Lamp & Two Kinds of Seeds — 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.



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
- Service project: Bring Candy for the Harvest Festival
- Sunday the 8th: Potluck!

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

Service Project(s)- Our September service project is Learning with Laughter, a Christian program bringing education to children in Liberia. Donations can be made for school supplies and food all year long. The October service project is the Harvest Festival 10/22 from 2-4pm. We need lots of candy!

Riverside Potluck - Next potluck October 8th after the 2nd service. Bring a dish to share.

Young Adults Group - Alive is back online with a Bible add devotional. Text Cassie for details.

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

Warriors in Christ - Meeting October 16th. See Nate for details.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, October 21st. Show up at 8:30 if you want to help cook. Breakfast is at 9:00. See Hank for details.

Men's Prayer Group - Currently discussing "Praying in God's Word." Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.



Baptism - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism

Write to our missionaries- See the bulletin board for more info. Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, October 9th, 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, October 5th, 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 #92
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Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom.

—Matthew 4:23 (NLT)

Jesus used many similar stories and illustrations to teach the people as much as they could understand. In fact, in his public ministry he never taught without using parables; but afterward, when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

—Mark 4:33-34 (NLT)

These Parables Teach Us That...

1. The Kingdom Is Meant To Be Revealed.

- *Then Jesus asked them, "Would anyone light a lamp and then put it under a basket or under a bed? Of*

course not! A lamp is placed on a stand, where its light will shine. For everything that is hidden will eventually be brought into the open, and every secret will be brought to light. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”

—Mark 4:21-23 (NLT)

- *The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

—Colossians 1:26-27 (NLT)

- *You are the light of the world— like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.*

—Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)

- *Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand. Then he added, “Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given—and you will receive even more. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.”*

—Mark 4:24-25 (NLT)

2. Growth Is God’s Department.

- *Jesus also said, “The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, while he’s asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. The earth produces the crops on its own.*

First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come.”

—Mark 4:26-29 (NLT)

- *Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow.*

—1 Corinthians 3:5-6 (NLT)

- *Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong... May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.*

—Ephesians 3:17-19 (NLT)

3. The Importance Of The Kingdom.

- *Jesus said, “How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade.”*

—Mark 4:30 (NLT)

- *I saw a large tree in the middle of the earth. The tree grew very tall and strong, reaching high into the heavens for all the world to see. It had fresh green leaves, and it was loaded with fruit for all to eat. Wild animals lived in its shade, and birds nested in its branches. All the world was fed from this tree.*

—Daniel 4:10-12 (NLT)

- *The hour has come for the Son of Man to be*

glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

—John 12:23-24 (NIV)

Follow Through Step:

**Spend some time reflecting on how good of a listener you are. How brightly you're shining. **