

# The Year Of Following Jesus #96 Let's Be Friends

October 24, 2023

*Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today*

**October 28 & 29, 2023**

Build Your Kingdom Here

**Welcome**

Hosanna in the Highest

At Your Name

**Lord's Supper Thought**

I Am Not Alone

**Prayer**

**Communion**

**Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus #96**

**Let's Be Friends - 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](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 (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)

➡ Thrive Thursday

➡ Pastor Appreciation Month

### Riverside Happenings

**Service Project(s)**- The October service project is Pastor Appreciation. Take a moment to drop a line or just say thank you to one of the many people who make Riverside Community Church the great place it is. The November service project is Operation Christmas Child. We will have the church wide stuffing party Sunday, November 19th with the boxes that people pack on their own due that day.

**Riverside Potluck** - Next potluck is January 14th after the 2nd service.

**Young Adults Group** - Alive is back Friday, November 17th from 6-8pm at the church. Text Cassie for details.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, November 11th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Warriors in Christ** - Meeting TBD. See Nate 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](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism)



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

**Thrive Retreat** - Save the date: February 23-25, 2024 for the Thrive winter retreat. See Aniela, Cassie, Tayler, or Kelly for details.

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

Facebook: EagleRiverside

### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, November 6th, 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, November 2nd, 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 #96**  
**Let's Be Friends**



*Love your neighbor the same as you love yourself.*

*—Matthew 19:19 (ERV)*

*After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.*

*—Luke 8:1-3 (NIV)*

## **Observations On Friendships:**

## 1. Observe (In A Non-Creepy Way).

- *Accept my teaching. Learn from me. I am gentle and humble in spirit. And you will be able to get some rest.*

—Matthew 11:29 (ERV)

- *They have plenty, and they gave only what they did not need. This woman is very poor, but she gave all she had. It was money she needed to live on.*

—Mark 12:44 (ERV)

## 2. Ask About Them.

- *In whatever you do, don't let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble, and honor others more than yourselves. Don't be interested only in your own life, but care about the lives of others too.*

—Philippians 2:3-4 (ERV)

## 3. Have Empathy.

- *Some friends are fun to be with, but a true friend can be better than a brother.*

—Proverbs 18:24 (ERV)

- *Two people are better than one. When two people work together, they get more work done. If one person falls, the other person can reach out to help. But those who are alone when they fall have no one to help them.*

—Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (ERV)

- *When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."*

—Luke 5:20 (NIV)

- *Jesus said, "Mary." Turning to face him, she said in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" meaning "Teacher! Jesus said, "Don't cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them, 'I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and*

*your God.” Mary Magdalene went, telling the news to the disciples: “I saw the Master!” And she told them everything he said to her.*

*—Luke 20:16-18 (MSG)*

#### **4. Be Friendly.**

- *What you should want most is God’s kingdom and doing what he wants you to do. Then he will give you all these other things you need.*

*—Matthew 6:33 (ERV)*

- *So encourage each other and help each other grow stronger in faith, just as you are already doing.*

*—1 Thessalonians 5:11 (ERV)*

### **Follow Through Step:**

**Brainstorm places where you can meet people while working together, like a volunteer group or a sports team. Try one new thing this week.**