

# The Year Of Following Jesus #100 Experiencing The Nativity: The Courage Of Joseph

November 20, 2023

*Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today*

**November 25 & 26, 2023**

Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven

**Welcome**

Holy Forever

Even If

**Lord's Supper Thought**

I Speak Jesus

**Prayer**

**Communion**

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

**#100 God's Confusing, Amazing, and Frustrating**

**Grace - 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 (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
- ➔ Alive Friday
- ➔ Angel tree families
- ➔ Food drive

#### 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.

Ed - 907.306.2823, [ednjude@gmail.com](mailto:ednjude@gmail.com)

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Website: [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

Facebook: EagleRiverside

### Riverside Happenings

**Riverside Service Project(s)** - Angel Tree: Know a family who could use some help this Christmas? See Janet. Also, the Holidays are a tough time for many. We'll be gathering non-perishable food supplies for our Riverside families.

**Young Adults Group** - Alive is Friday, December 1st @6. Text Cassie for details.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, December 9th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

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

**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**- 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.

### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, December 4th, 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 30th, 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!

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*This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*

*When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.*

*—Matthew 1:18-25 (NLT)*

### **3 Kinds Of Courage:**

#### **1. Moral Courage- He Was A Good Man.**

- *Joseph her husband was a righteous man.*  
—Matthew 1:19 (NIV)
- *The LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.*  
—Micah 6:8 (NLT)

## **2. Relational Courage- He Was A Noble Man.**

- *Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.*  
—Matthew 1:19 (NIV)
- *The LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.*  
—Micah 6:8 (NLT)
- *There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you.*  
—James 2:13 (NLT)

## **3. Spiritual Courage- He Was A Humble Man.**

- *As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."*  
—Matthew 1:20-21 (NLT)
- *When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord commanded. He brought Mary home to be his wife, but she remained a virgin until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.*  
—Matthew 1:24-25 (NLT)

- *The LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.*

—Micah 6:8 (NLT)

## **Follow Through Step:**

**Spend some time reflecting on these 3 kinds of courage (moral, relational & spiritual) and how well you are doing at being courageous in each of these areas.**