

The Year Of Following Jesus

#102 The Wise Men

December 4, 2023

Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

December 9 & 10, 2023

This is Amazing Grace

Welcome

Rescue Story

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Lord's Supper Thought

Noel

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

#102 Wise Men Still Seek Him - 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
- ➔ 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.

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Facebook: EagleRiverside

Riverside Happenings

Christmas Eve Services - Join us for Christmas Eve services. The four service times are 2 pm; 3:15; 4:30 & 5:45pm. Bring a friend and some treats to share.

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 14th @6. Text Cassie for details.

Ladies Craft Day - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, January 13th, 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.

Baptism - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to 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.

Feed the Teens - Sign up to bring a meal for Thrive. Prepare meals for 10-15 people. Sign up for a Thursday on the bulletin board. See Aniela for details.

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, December 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, December 14th, 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 #102

Experiencing The Nativity: The Hope Of The Wise Men



After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

—Matthew 2:1-2 (NLT)

King Nebuchadnezzar—made [Daniel] chief over all the magicians, enchanters, astrologers, and fortune-tellers of Babylon.

—Daniel 5:11 (NLT)

After this period of sixty-two sets of seven, the Anointed One will be killed, appearing to have accomplished nothing, and a ruler will arise whose armies will destroy the city and the Temple.

—Daniel 9:26 (NLT)

The Magi Teach Me To...

1. ... Pursue The Truth.

- *After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have*

come to worship him.”

—Matthew 2:1-2 (NLT)

- *When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I'll listen. When you come looking for me, you'll find me. Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed.*

—Jeremiah 29:12-14 (NCV)

2. Follow God's Stars.

- *King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote: 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.'"*

—Matthew 2:3-6 (NLT)

- *Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!"*

—Matthew 2:7-8 (NLT)

- *After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!*

—Matthew 2:9-10 (NLT)

- *God's intent is that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known.*

—Ephesians 3:10 (NIV)

3. Be Transformed.

- *Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but be transformed into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

—Romans 12:2 (NLT)

- *They entered the house where the child and his mother, Mary, were, and they fell down before him and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

—Matthew 2:11 (NLT)

- *When it was time to leave, they went home another way.*

—Matthew 2:12 (NLT)

Follow Through Step: