

The Year(s) Of Following Jesus #206: Finding The Hope & Joy Of Jesus

December 13, 2025

*Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today*

December 13 & 14, 2025

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Welcome

Light of the World

Mary Did You Know

Lord's Supper Thought

Angels We Have Heard on High

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

#206 - Finding the Hope and Joy 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. 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). Ask if you need gluten free. 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)

- ➔ Ignite/Rev Christmas Party Monday
- ➔ Bible Study Wednesday online
- ➔ Thrive Thursday Christmas Party Thursday
- ➔ Angel Tree gifts due Sunday the 21st

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

Facebook: EagleRiverside

Riverside Happenings

Service Project(s) -

- **Angel Tree** - Take a tag and bring the gifts back by December 21st. See Janet.
- **Clothing Requests** - We have received numerous requests from members of our community for high-quality used clothing this Christmas. See board.

Christmas Eve Services - Join us for Christmas Eve Services on the 24th at 3, 4:15, and 5:30 pm. Bring a dessert to share.

Bible Study - Meeting online every other Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, led by Jake Belford. This is an opportunity to fill up your tank mid-week with Jesus! All are welcome. After 12/17, there will be a two-week break.

Riverside Potluck - January 11th, after the 2nd service. See Jon for details.

Ladies Craft Day - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, January 10th, 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

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



Riverside App - Did you know Riverside has its own app? Download here.



Feed the Teens: Sign up to make a meal or donate cash for pizza. See Aniela or Cassie for details.

Youth Group Christmas Parties: The youth group Christmas parties will be December 15th for Ignite/Rev and December 18th for Thrive. Each will have a gift exchange. Bring a \$10 gift or use one of ours.

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, December 15th, 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 18th, 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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1. **Hope is hard.**

- When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?”
John 5:6 NKJV
- Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again— my Savior and my God!
Psalm 42:11
- And his name will be the hope of all the world.” Matthew 12:21
NLT
- We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go. It’s an unbreakable spiritual lifeline, reaching past all appearances right to the very presence of God where Jesus, running on ahead of us, has taken up his permanent post as high priest for us, in the order of Melchizedek. Hebrews 6:19-20 The Message

2. **Joy can help.**

- My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
Psalm 121:2 NIV

- These rocks will be a sign for you. In the future, your children will ask you, ‘What do these rocks mean?’ You will tell them that the Lord stopped the water from flowing in the Jordan River. When the Holy Box of the Lord’s Agreement crossed the river, the water stopped flowing. These rocks will help the Israelites remember this forever.” Joshua 4:6-7 ERV
- You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Psalm 16:11 NIV
- This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

3. Embrace the And.

- Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30:5 NLT
- Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. John 16:20 NIV
- May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 NIV

Follow Through Step #206:

Name something you’re hoping for or something you’re grateful for. And to find something to be joyful in. If you can’t find something to be hopeful for, grateful for, or joyful in - ask Jesus for help.