

# The Year(s) Of Following Jesus #153 All I Want For Christmas Is You!

December 2, 2024

*Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today*

**December 7 & 8, 2024**

For Unto Us, a Child is Born/Open the Eyes of My Heart

**Welcome**

Behold

Noel

**Lord's Supper Thought**

Waymaker

**Prayer**

**Communion**

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

**#153 - All I Want for Christmas is You - 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. 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](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ➔ Bible Study Wednesday
- ➔ Thrive Thursday
- ➔ Ladies Craft Day Saturday
- ➔ Service project - Angel Tree

#### 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

**Service Project-** The angel tree is ready with tags- please return unwrapped items by December 15 so we can have time to deliver before Christmas. Gift receipts with wearable items are appreciated. See Janet for details.

**Christmas Eve Services** -Will be held at 2pm, 3:15, 4:30, and 5:45 on the 24th.

**Bible Study** - Meeting Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm, led by Jake Belford. This is an opportunity to fill up your tank mid week with Jesus! All are welcome, no experience required.

**Community Group** - Alive is expanding to include our entire church family! Our goal is to encourage fellowship among believers, teach each other new skills, and enjoy life together! Contact Cassie, and text 'alive' to 907-312-2662 for updates.

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

**Riverside Potluck** - January 12th after the 2nd service. See Lenea.

**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.

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

**Time To Winterize** - The sn\*w is coming. If you've never winterized your home before there are tips you can find on the Riverside website or FB page.



### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, December 16th, 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 12th, 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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**All I Want For Christmas Is You**



**I don't want a lot for Christmas~ There is just one thing I need**

**I don't care about the presents ~ Underneath the Christmas tree**

**I just want you for my own ~ More than you could ever know**

# Make my wish come true ~ All I want for Christmas is you

## 1. Give God Your Heart.

- *Do your best to be the kind of person God will accept, and give yourself to him. Be a worker who has no reason to be ashamed of his work, one who applies the true teaching in the right way.*  
—2 Timothy 2:15 (ERV)

### a. God Wants Relationship

- *I want you to show love, not offer sacrifices. I want you to know me more than I want burnt offerings.*  
—Hosea 6:6 (NLT)

### b. Be Cheerful.

- *Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life. Let your joy overflow! And let gentleness be seen in every relationship, for our Lord is ever near.*  
—Philippians 4:4-7 (TPT)

### c. We Can Love.

- *By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*  
—John 13:35 (NIV)

## 2. Get The Gift Of Jesus.

- *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*  
—John 3:16 (NIV)
- *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*  
—Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

- *But God's free gift is not like Adam's sin. Many people died because of the sin of that one man. But the grace that people received from God was much greater. Many received God's gift of life by the grace of this other man, Jesus Christ.*

—Romans 5:15 (ERV)

- *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

—James 1:17 (NIV)

#### **a. We Get His Plan For Our Life.**

- *For I know the plans I have for you, " declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

—Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

#### **b. We Get Talents To Use For His Works.**

- *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

—1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

#### **c. Help In Times Of Trouble.**

- *I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you— the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*

—Psalm 121:1-8 (NIV)

### **3. We Forget About The Real Gift.**

**a. Remember To Read.**

- *Remember my words with your whole being. Write them down and tie them to your hands as a sign; tie them on your foreheads to remind you.*

—Deuteronomy 11:18-19 (NCV)

**b. Remember To Pray.**

- *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

**c. Remember To Connect With People.**

- *God is present when two or three gather in his name.*

—Matthew 18:20 (NLT)

**Follow Through Step:**

**Spend some time reflecting on your gifts, the ones you've received and the ones God wants you to share with Him & others.**