

# The Year(s) Of Following Jesus #161 In The Yoke With Jesus

January 27, 2025

*Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today*

**February 1 & 2, 2025**

Who You Are To Me

**Welcome**

Not for a Moment

Gratitude

**Lord's Supper Thought**

Send Me

**Prayer**

**Communion**

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

**#160 - The Yoke of Jesus- 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.

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Thanks to Jacob Clyde  
"WELL I'VE YOKED UP MY OX", HE THOUGHT, "BUT I DON'T SEE HOW THAT'S GOING TO HELP WITH THE FARMIN'"

### 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 Group Saturday
- ➔ Potluck Sunday the 9th

#### 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

**Parents Night Out** - Friday, February 28th, from 6-8pm, Alive will host a parent's night out. Drop your kids off at the church and enjoy a night out. All donations will go towards the church's new roof fund. See Cassie for details.

**Bible Study** - Meeting Wednesdays 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.

**Community Group** - Alive is expanding to include our entire church family! Contact Cassie, and text 'alive' to 907-312-2662 for updates.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, February 8th, 10 am-4 pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Riverside Potluck** - February 9th 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 Abby at 415-225-2161.

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



**Service Project** Sponsor the teens' retreat. There's more info in the lobby. See Aniela or Cassie for details.

**Thrive Retreat** - Coming February 21-23. See Aniela or Cassie for details.

### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, February 10th, 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, February 6th, 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

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## Rest For Your Soul- The Yoke Of Jesus

In the  
**Yoke**  
with  
**Jesus**



*Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary*

*and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”*

—Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)

### **3 Realities About Rest**

#### **1. Everybody Needs It.**

- *Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*

—Matthew 11:28 (NLT)

- *I run in the path of your commands. For you have set my heart free.*

—Psalm 119:32 (WEB)

#### **2. For Jesus The Yoke Equals Rest.**

- *Take my yoke upon you and learn from me.*

—Matthew 11:29 (NLT)

- *We’ve finally figured it out. Our lives get in step with God and all others by letting him set the pace, not by proudly or anxiously trying to run the parade.*

—Romans 3:28 (MES)

- *Since the Lord is directing our steps, why try to understand everything that happens along the way?*

—Proverbs 20:24 (TLB)

#### **3. We Find Rest By Getting In The Yoke.**

- *Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.*

—Matthew 11:29-30 (NLT)

- *I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.*  
—John 15:5 (NLT)

- *I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God’s law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.*  
—Romans 7:21-25 (NLT)

- *On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. About noon, King Agrippa, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’*  
—Acts 26:12-14 (NIV)

- *God is kind, but he’s not soft. In kindness he takes us firmly by the hand and leads us into a radical life-change.*  
—Romans 2:4 (NLT)

## **Follow Through Step:**

**Spend some time this week reflecting on the yoke of Jesus. How does it equal rest in Jesus’ mind? And are you in it with Him?**