

The Year(s) Of Following Jesus #172 Surprised By Hope

April 14, 2025



Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

April 19 & 20, 2025

Happy Day

Welcome

Lead Me to the Cross

Resurrecting

Oh Glorious Day

Lord's Supper Thought

Forever

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

#172 - Surprised by Hope - Pastor Ed



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 Monday
- Bible Study Wednesday
- Thrive Thursday

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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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.



Riverside Happenings

May Service Project: Help us help Fire Lake Preschool raise money for the Children's Lunchbox. This program helps children and families facing food insecurity to get the good food they need. See Janet or Corina 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, May 10th, 10 am-4 pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

Riverside Potluck - May 18th after the 2nd service. See Lenea.

Men's Fellowship: The next get-together is TBD. See Hank for details.

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: Each Thursday, the teens meet to have fellowship, learn about Jesus, and share a good meal. Want to help feed the teens? You can sign up to make a meal (10-15 people), donate cash for pizza, or donate money and another volunteer will do all the cooking. Best part - we do the dishes! See Aniela or Cassie for details.

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, April 21st, 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, April 24th, 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 #172**

Surprised By Hope: The Walk To Emmaus

We... can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.

—Hebrews 6:18-19 (NLT)

3 Observations On Hope:

1. Sometimes Hope Comes Late.

- *That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and began walking with them, but they were kept from recognizing him.*

—Luke 24:14-16 (NCV)

- *But we were hoping that he was the one who would redeem Israel.*

—Luke 24:21 (NCV)

2. Only Jesus Knows My Story.

- *He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"*

—Luke 24:25-26 (NLT)

- *Then starting with what Moses and all the prophets had said about him, Jesus began to explain everything that had been written about himself in the Scriptures.*

—Luke 24:27 (NCV)

3. Jesus' Story Brings Clarity To Mine.

- *As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!*

—Luke 24:30-31 (NLT)

- *They said to each other, “Didn’t our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?”*

—Luke 24:32 (NLT)

- *If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.*

—2 Timothy 2:13 (NIV)

- *I ask God... to make your eyes focused and clear, so you can see exactly what it is God is calling you to do.*

—Ephesians 1:18 (MES)

Follow Through Step:

Reflect on Emmaus Road evangelism and who it was that walked with you when you had a tough time seeing Jesus by your side. Who needs you to walk with them until they can see Jesus by their side?