

The Year(s) Of Following Jesus #176 What's The Deal With Unanswered Prayers?

May 12, 2025

*Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today*

May 17 & 18, 2025

Build Your Kingdom Here

Welcome

Counting Every Blessing

Lord, I Need You

Lord's Supper Thought

I Am Not Alone

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

#176 - Bloom Where You're Planted - 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. 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
- ⇒ Potluck Sunday

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

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.

Kids Moving Up: As the school year comes to a close, we move the kids up to the next age classroom. Starting next weekend - kids graduating kindergarten move to the 1st-3rd classroom. Kids finishing 3rd grade move to the Shack and can start attending youth group. Graduating 8th graders can start attending Thrive as of this week.

Save the date for VBS - July 7-10. Wanna help? See Janet or Aniela.

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, June 14th, 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.



Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, May 19th, 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, May 22nd, 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!



Why won't God answer my prayer?

Am I doing something wrong?

Following **The Year(s) Of ^Jesus #176**

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I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works... You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it... Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

—John 14:12-14 (NLT)

4 Kinds Of Unanswered Prayers:

1. No.

- *Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "No. But I am with you; that is all you need. My power shows up best in weak people." Now I am glad to boast about how weak I am; I am glad to be a living demonstration of Christ's power, instead of showing off my own power and abilities... for when I am weak, then I am strong.*

—2 Corinthians 12:8-10 (TLB)

- *She said, "Promise that one of my sons will sit at your right side and the other will sit at your left side in your kingdom." But Jesus said, "You don't understand what you are asking."*

—Matthew 20:21-22 (NCV)

2. Slow.

- *These things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be*

delayed.

—Habakuk 2:3 (NLT)

- *But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake.*

—2 Peter 3:8-9 (NLT)

3. Grow.

- *Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion. But those who wait on the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.*

—Isaiah 40:30-31 (NLT)

4. I Don't Know.

- *He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."*

—Matthew 26:39 (NLT)

Follow Through Step:

Reflect on your own unanswered prayers. Why do you think God didn't give you what you were asking for? And remember, "I don't know" is a perfectly acceptable answer.