

# The Year(s) Of Following Jesus

## #181 The Prodigal Family

June 16, 2025

Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today

June 21 & 22, 2025

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Welcome

Not for a Moment

Goodness of God

Lord's Supper Thought

Way Maker

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

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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](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 Tuesday
- ➡ Thrive Thursday
- ➡ Men's Fellowship Saturday @8

#### 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

**Men's Fellowship:** Saturday, June 28th from 8 am-10 am. Join us for pastries, fruit, and fellowship. See Hank for details.

**Teachers Needed:** Like kids? Riverside is in need of teachers for the weekend services. If you want to help, see Aniela for a background check.

**JAM Camp** - Sponsor a Riverside Youth to attend. Camp costs \$250

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

**Bible Study** - Meeting Tuesdays 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, July 12th, 10 am-4 pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Riverside Potluck** - July 13th after the 2nd service. Bring a side dish.

**Baptism** - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to [www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism](http://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.

### Upcoming Youth Events

#### Monday, June 30th, 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, June 26th, 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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### The Prodigal Family?

Prodigal= To wastefully or recklessly squander a precious resource

*Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people— even eating with them!*

—Luke 15:1-2 (NLT)

*There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.*

—Luke 15:11-12 (NIV)

**What's Jesus Getting At?**

## **1. It's Never Too Late To Come Home.**

- *Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working...*

—Luke 15:28 (NLT)

## **2. Self Righteousness Will Kill Your Relationship With The Father.**

- *Jesus told a story to some people who thought they were better than others and who looked down on everyone else...*

—Luke 18:9 (CEV)

- *I tell you the truth, corrupt tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom of God before you do.*

—Matthew 21:31 (NLT)

- *Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on. 'Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.' "The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in.*

—Luke 15:25-28 (NLT)

## **3. It's Never Too Late To Come Home.**

- *So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends.'*

—Luke 15:28-29 (NIV)

- *Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!*

—Luke 15:30 (NLT)

#### **4. Everybody's Welcome, Nobody's Perfect & Anything's Possible.**

- *"His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!'"*

—Luke 15:31-32 (NLT)

#### **Follow Through Step:**

**Spend some time reflecting on what it means that it's never too late to come home- for you and for the prodigals who really bug you.**