

# The Year Of Following Jesus #131 Ephaphtha!

June 24, 2024

Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today

June 29 & 30, 2024

I Am

Welcome

Hosanna in the Highest

One Thing Remains

Lord's Supper Thought

The Heart of Worship

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

#131 - Jesus Heals a Deaf Guy - 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.



### 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 (and don't forget to social distance). 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). 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)

► Ignite/Rev Monday

► Service project: Women's Transitional Housing

#### 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](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

Facebook: EagleRiverside

### Riverside Happenings

**Riverside Service Project-** Items for Women's Shelter/Transitional housing:  
Cleaning supplies- toilet bowl cleaner, sponges, dish soap, all purpose cleaner.  
Food - canned goods. Chili, soup, box milk, dried fruit, nuts, peanut butter etc  
Other - Tupperware, silverware, pillows

**Young Adults Group** - We will be meeting Fridays. Next date TBD. Text Cassie.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, July 13th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Riverside Potluck** - July 14th 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.

**VBS - Save the Dates** - VBS will be held August 5-8 from 6:00 - 7:30pm. Sign up your kids and/or sign up to help out. See Janet, Tayler, or Aniela for details.

**Riverside App** - Did you know Riverside has its own app? You can watch LiveStreams, watch/listen to previous lessons, read daily reflections and download this bulletin and the lesson notes (among other things). Scan the QR code to download the app.



### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, July 1st, 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.



**THRIVE**

**Thursday, July 11th, 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 #131**

**Ephaphtha: Jesus Heals A Deaf Guy**



*Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.*

—Mark 7:31-32 (NIV)

## **How Does Jesus Relate To Us?**

### **1. Individually.**

- *Jesus led him away from the crowd so they could be alone.*

—Mark 7:33 (NLT)

*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 2:2 (MSG)

## **2. Intellectually.**

- *After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue.*

—Mark 7:33 (NIV)

- *If the man spits on you, you must wash your clothes and bathe yourself in water, and you will remain unclean until evening.*

—Leviticus 15:8 (NLT)

## **3. Emotionally.**

- Looking up to heaven, he sighed. Mark 7:34 (NLT)

- *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

—John 1:14 (NIV)

- *I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!"*

—Revelation 21:3-5 (NLT)

## **4. With Empathy.**

- *Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be opened!" Instantly the man could hear perfectly, and his tongue was freed so he could speak plainly!*

—Mark 7:34-35 (NLT)

- *Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you.” Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.*

—Isaiah 35:4-5 (NIV)

### **Follow Through Step:**

**Spend some time reflecting on what Jesus had to go through so that you could be made whole.**