# The Year Of Following Jesus #23

June 3, 2022

# Welcome Home! Thanks for joining us today

June 4 &5, 2022

House of the Lord

### Welcome

How Great Thou Art 10,000 Reasons Cornerstone

Lord's Supper Thought

Be Unto Your Name

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year of Following Jesus #23 - Who is This 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, 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.



MOMMY, DID THE SUN SMITE US BY DAY?

#### 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

### This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ⇒ Summer Youth Help Sign Up
- **→** Thrive Thursday
- **⇒** Fathers Day Pictures
- **⇒** Hiking Group
- → VBS Sign Up

### 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.

Ed - 907.306.2823, ednjude@gmail.com

Aniela - 907.748.1556, anielawhah@gmail.com

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Tayler (youth intern) - 907.230.3242, tgongliewski8@yahoo.com

Website: www.EagleRiverside.com

### **Riverside Happenings**

Ladies Craft Day - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, June 11th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Hiking Group** - Did you know Riverside has a Facebook hiking group? We hope to post a hike twice a month. Search for "Riverside Eagle River Hiking." Text Melissa with questions: 907-632-5499.

Fathers Day Pictures - Let's celebrate the Dads of Riverside! Email three photos for the slideshow to <a href="mailto:eagleriverside@gmail.com">eagleriverside@gmail.com</a> and write "Fathers Day 2022" in the subject line. Please submit your photos by June 17th at 9pm.

Summer Ignite/Rev Volunteers Needed - The 4th-8th grade youth group needs adult helpers. Events will be scheduled one per month, based on volunteer availability. Please sign up in the lobby and include your #.

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

VBS Sign Ups - June 13-16 from 6:30-8pm. See Janet or Aniela.

**JAM Camp Registration** - JAM Camp is July 10-14. Registration is open online at <a href="https://www.lavernegriffincamp.org/camps">https://www.lavernegriffincamp.org/camps</a> This camp is an annual tradition for Riverside students entering 5th-12th grade.

Write to our missionaries- There is a mailbox hanging under the missions bulletin board in the greeting area. Please pick up a communications pamphlet prior to writing a letter, then place letters unsealed (we have to review them for security phrasing) in the mailbox. If you have any questions, please text Melissa: 9076325499

### **Upcoming Youth Events**

Monday, Date TBD, 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 Tayler or Aniela.

Thursday, June 8th, 6:00 - 8:00 9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional. Questions? Like to help?

See Liz & Kyle, Tayler, or 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!

THRÍFE

# The Year Of Jesus #23 Jesus' Backstory: Who S This Guy?

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

-Matthew 16:13-15 (NLT)

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. This includes you who were once far away from God.

—*Colossians 1:15-21 (NLT)* 

# Who Is This Guy?

# 1. He Is God Himself.

- Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.
   —Colossians 1:15 (NLT)
- In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God.

—John 1:1-2 (NLT)

- You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

  —Philippians 2:5-7 (NLT)
- Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work

through me. Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me.

—John 14:8-11 (NLT)

### 2. He Is The Creator.

• He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything... Everything was created through him and for him.

—*Colossians 1:16-17 (NLT)* 

• God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

—John 1:3-5 (NLT)

### 3. He Is The Sustainer.

• He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.

-Colossians 1:17 (NLT)

• Through the Son [God] created the universe. The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command.

—*Hebrews 1:2-3 (NLT)* 

# 4. He Is The Lord.

• When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

—Philippians 2:7-11 (NLT)

- Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.
   —Colossians 1:18 (NLT)
- This includes you who were once far away from God.

-Colossians 1:21 (NLT)

Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

—Matthew 16:15 (NLT)

# Follow Through Step #23:

Reflect on Who you say that Jesus is to you. Then reflect on whether Who you say Jesus is shows up in how you live your life.

# **Riverside Info Texting System**

At Riverside we aren't terribly organized- in fact we're sort of the poster church for "disorganized religion". So we use a "text for information" system where how much info you get is controlled by you. You will never have someone call you without asking for a call. If you can't find the info you need or have more questions or need some help reach out to one of the pastors directly- if we don't answer try texting or emailing us and we may get your message sooner.

Pastor Ed - 907.306.2823, ednjude@gmail.com Aniela (kids/teens ministries) - 907.748.1556, anielawhah@gmail.com Nate (worship ministry)- 907.360.4825 nrsandback@gmail.com Tayler Gongliewski (youth intern) - 907.230.3242 tgongliewski8@yahoo.com

For info on any of the following areas simply text the keyword to 907-312-2662. You'll get a text in return with a link to the info you asked for.

Frequently Asked Questions About Riverside- keyword= FAQS Communion Info- keyword= Communion

New To Riverside? keyword= Guest
Want news and updates periodically? keyword= Loop
Want more info about following Jesus? keyword= Shine
Want info on baptism at Riverside? keyword= Baptism
Youth Programs At Riverside:

Want info on 4-5 grade programs? keyword= Ignite Want info on 6-8 grade programs? keyword= Rev Want info on high school programs? keyword= Thrive