

# The Year Of Following Jesus

## #75 The Two Roads

June 3, 2023

*Welcome Home!*  
*Thanks for joining us today*

**June 3 & 4, 2023**

Better is One Day

**Welcome**

Mighty to Save

Reckless Love

**Lord's Supper Thought**

Great Are You Lord

**Prayer**

**Communion**

**Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus #75**

**The Strait and Narrow Way — 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 & Thrive Thursday
- ➡ Ladies Craft Day Saturday
- ➡ Potluck Sunday 6/11
- ➡ Service Projects: diaper drive & Sponsor a JAM Camper
- ➡ Adopt a flower barrel

### 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

**Riverside Service Project** - Bring diapers and wipes of any size until June 20th. See Janet for details.

**Riverside Potluck** - Sign up to bring a dish for 6/11 potluck after the 2nd service.

**Adopt a flower barrel** - Brighten up the church by planting and tending to a flower barrel all summer. See Ed for details.

**Moving on Up** - Kiddos who just finished 3rd grade move to the Shack and can also start coming to Ignite/Rev. Those who just finished 8th grade can start going to Thrive. See Aniela or Cassie for details.

**Warriors in Christ** - Meets every other Monday at 6pm. See Nate for details.

**Men's Prayer Group** - Currently discussing "Praying in God's Word." Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.

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

**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** - See the bulletin board for more info.

**JAM Camp** - July 9-13. Registration is open now for those entering 5th-12th grade. Cost is \$250/camper. Scholarships are available. See Ed, Janet or Aniela if you need a scholarship or would like to donate to the scholarship fund.

### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, June 5th, 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 8th, 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 #75***  
***The Strait & Narrow Way***



*Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.*

—Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

## **What Is Jesus Saying?**

### **1. The Wide Road Feels Natural.**

- *When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

—Romans 6:20-23 (NLT)

- *I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in Christ. I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, for you are still controlled by your*

*sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature?*

*—1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (NLT)*

- *When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do... When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites...*

*—Matthew 6:1-5 (NLT)*

## **2. The Narrow Road Is Counter-Intuitive.**

- *If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?*

*—Matthew 16:24-26 (NLT)*

- *Enter through the (strait) gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But (strait) is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.*

*—Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)*

- *I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free.*

*—Psalm 119:32 (NIV)*

- *Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed... he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. That will shoot*

*adrenaline into your souls!*

*—Hebrews 12:2-3 (MES)*

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- *Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes will enter the kingdom of God before you do.*

*—Matthew 21:31 (NLT)*

## **Follow Through Step:**

**Reflect on whether you are walking the narrow road or the wide road.**