

The Year Of Following Jesus #89 Cultivating Kingdom Hearts

September 8, 2023

Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

September 9 & 10, 2023

Blessed Be Your Name

Welcome

Reckless Love

I Speak Jesus

Lord's Supper Thought

Yet

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus #89

The Parable of the Sower & The Seeds:

Cultivating Kingdom Hearts — 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 (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)

- ➡ Ignite/Rev Monday
- ➡ Alive bible app Monday
- ➡ Thrive Thursday
- ➡ Potluck Sunday the 10th - soup/chili
- ➡ Service project: Learning with Laughter

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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Riverside Happenings

Service Project - Our September service project is Learning with Laughter, a Christian program bringing education to children in Liberia. \$125 will sponsor one student per school year. Our goal is to sponsor 25 kids in September, but donations can be made for school supplies and food all year long.

Young Adults Group - Alive is back online with a Bible add devotional starting Monday. Text Cassie for details.

Riverside Potluck - Next potluck September 10th after the 2nd service. Bring a dish to share.

Warriors in Christ - Meeting September 18th. See Nate for details.

Ladies Craft Day - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, October 14th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

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

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



Write to our missionaries- See the bulletin board for more info. Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.

Upcoming Youth Events

Monday, September 11th, 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, September 14th, 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!

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Later that same day Jesus left the house and sat beside the lake. A large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat there and taught as the people stood on the shore. He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one:

—Matthew 13:1-3 (NLT)

Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died. Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."

—Matthew 13:2-9 (NLT)

This Parable Teaches Us That...

1. Jesus' Kingdom Is For Listeners.

- *Anyone with ears to hear should listen and*

understand.

—Matthew 13:9 (NLT)

- *Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!*

—Matthew 11:15 (NLT)

- *Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.*

—Revelation 3:6 (NLT)

- *This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says, 'When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend. For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes—so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.' "But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear."*

—Matthew 13:15-16 (NLT)

- *The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.*

—2 Chronicles 16:9 (NLT)

2. The Heart Of The Matter Is A Matter Of The *Heart.*

- *Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*

—Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

- *May your kingdom come and your will be done, here on earth as it is in heaven.*

—Matthew 6:10 (NLT)

- *Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.*

—Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)

Follow Through Step:

Spend some time reflecting on what “let Your Kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven” means in your own life. How does it relate to “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take?