

The Year Of Following Jesus #91 Wheat & Weeds

September 18, 2023

Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

September 23 & 24, 2023

Build Your Kingdom Here

Welcome

Not for a Moment

Goodness of God

Lord's Supper Thought

Grace Like Rain

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus #91

The Wheat and the Weeds — 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
- » Thrive Thursday
- » 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. Text Cassie for details.

Riverside Potluck - Next potluck October 8th after the 2nd service. Bring a dish to share.

Warriors in Christ - Meeting October 16th. 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 25th, 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 28th, 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 Wheat & The Weeds



Here is another story Jesus told: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew. "The farmer's workers went to him and said, 'Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?' "An enemy has done this!' the farmer exclaimed. "'Should we pull out the weeds?' they asked. "'No,' he replied, 'you'll uproot the wheat if you do. Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.'"

—Matthew 13:24-30 (NLT)

This Parable Teaches Us That...

1. It's All About The Kingdom— Again.

- *The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field.*

—Matthew 13:24 (NLT)

- *Jesus went into the house. His disciples said, "Please explain to us the story of the weeds*

in the field.” Jesus replied, “The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed. The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom.”

—Matthew 13:36-38 (NLT)

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

—Matthew 13:43 (NLT)

2. There's More Than One Kingdom.

- *But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew.*

—Matthew 13:25-26 (NLT)

- *The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one. The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil.”*

—Matthew 13:38-39 (NLT)

- *He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.*

—Colossians 1:13-14 (NLT)

3. We Are Not The Judge/Jury/Executioner.

- *“An enemy has done this!” the farmer exclaimed. “Should we pull out the weeds?” they asked. “No,’ he replied...”*

—Matthew 13:28-29 (NLT)

- *Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven.*

—Luke 6:37 (NLT)

- *Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when you have succeeded, you make them twice as much a child of hell as you are.*
—Matthew 23:15 (NIV)

4. Our Job Is Simply To Grow.

- *“Should we pull out the weeds?” they asked. “No,” he replied, ‘you’ll uproot the wheat if you do. Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.’”*

—Matthew 13:28-30 (NLT)

- *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

—Galatians 5:22 (NLT)

- *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

—John 3:16-17 (NIV)

Follow Through Step:

Spend some time reflecting on the fruit of the Spirit. How are you doing at “growing”? How are you doing at not judging?