

# The Year Of Following Jesus #88 Sign Of Jonah

August 28, 2023

Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today

**September 2 & 3, 2023**

Build Your Kingdom Here

**Welcome**

Greater

Better is One Day

**Lord's Supper Thought**

Build My Life

**Prayer**

**Communion**

**Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus #88**

**The Sign of Jonah and the Two Kinds of Houses**

— 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)

- Thrive Thursday
- Ladies Craft Day Saturday @10
- Welcome baby Seth Saturday @2
- 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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Facebook: EagleRiverside

### 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. See the donation board for details.

**Save the Date** - Saturday, September 9th at 2pm we'll host a welcome event at the church for Cassie and Josh and their new baby, Seth. Finger foods are welcome. Questions? See Becky.

**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, September 9th, 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](http://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.



**Thursday, September 7th, 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 #88**  
**The Sign(?) Of Jonah**  
**& Two Kinds Of Houses**



*One day some teachers of religious law and Pharisees came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to show us a miraculous sign to prove your authority."*

—Matthew 12:38 (NLT)

## **What's This Story About?**

### **1. The Anti Sign.**

- *He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.*

—Matthew 12:39 (NIV)

- *For as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights.*

—Matthew 12:40 (NLT)

- *The people of Nineveh will stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for they repented of their sins at the preaching of Jonah. Now someone greater than Jonah is here—but you refuse to repent.*

—Matthew 12:41 (NLT)

### **2. Haunted Houses.**

- *When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the*

*desert, seeking rest but finding none. Then it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.' So it returns and finds its former home empty, swept, and in order. Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before. That will be the experience of this evil generation.*

—Matthew 12:43-45 (NLT)

- *Happy are those who don't listen to the wicked, who don't go where sinners go, who don't do what evil people do. They love the Lord's teachings, and they think about those teachings day and night. They are strong, like a tree planted by a river. The tree produces fruit in season, and its leaves don't die. Everything they do will succeed.*

—Psalm 1:1-3 (NCV)

### **3. Full Houses.**

- *As Jesus was speaking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. Someone told Jesus, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, and they want to speak to you." Jesus asked, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" Then he pointed to his disciples and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!"*

—Matthew 12:46-50 (NLT)

- *When they arrived, they went to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying... They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.*

—Acts 1:13-14 (NLT)

### **Follow Through Step:**

**Spend some time reflecting on your own life and whether you're living a life that makes you happy, strong & successful. Also ask yourself, am I in the house with Jesus or outside wanting Him to be someone other than He is.**