

The Year Of Following Jesus

#20: God Of Surprises

May 14, 2022

Welcome Home!
Thanks for joining us today

May 14 & 15, 2022

Friend of God

Welcome

Jesus Messiah

Speak to the Mountains

We All Bow Down

Lord's Supper Thought

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year of Following Jesus #20 -

Option Giraffe: The God of Surprises - Aniela



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)

- ➔ Summer Youth Help Sign Up
- ➔ Ignite/Rev Monday
- ➔ Thrive Thursday
- ➔ Photos of graduates

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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 Website: www.EagleRiverside.com

Riverside Happenings

Graduate Pictures - Let's celebrate the new graduates of Riverside! Email three photos for the slideshow to eagleriverside@gmail.com and write "Graduates 2022" in the subject line. Please submit your photos by May 20th at 9pm. The slideshow will run the weekend of May 21 & 22.

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.

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 phone #.

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

VBS Save the Date - 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 <https://www.lavernegriffincamp.org/camps> This camp is an annual tradition for Riverside students entering 5th-12th grade. The cost is \$225 per student. Scholarships are available. See Ed or Aniela.

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 which will give examples of word exchanges you will need to use for security purposes in your letter. Please 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, May 16th, 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, May 19th, 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!

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Option Giraffe:

The God of Surprises

1. Don't (try to) Limit God.

- *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day" and the darkness "night."*

And evening passed and morning came, marking the first day.”

—Genesis 1:1-5 NLT

- *“But some said, “This man healed a blind man. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?” Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. “Roll the stone aside,” Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man’s sister, protested, “Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible.” Jesus responded, “Didn’t I tell you that you would see God’s glory if you believe?” So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me.” Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!””*

—John 11:37-44

2. Expect Surprises.

- “God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.” Ephesians 3:20 (MSG)
- *“Then Jesus called his disciples and told them, “I feel sorry for these people. They have been here with me for three days, and they have nothing left to eat. I don’t want to send them away hungry, or they will faint along the way.” The disciples replied, “Where would we get enough food here in the wilderness for such a huge crowd?” “Jesus asked, “How much bread do you have?” They*

replied, "Seven loaves, and a few small fish." So Jesus told all the people to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, thanked God for them, and broke them into pieces. He gave them to the disciples, who distributed the food to the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted. Afterward, the disciples picked up seven large baskets of leftover food. There were 4,000 men who were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children. Then Jesus sent the people home, and he got into a boat and crossed over to the region of Magadan."

—Matthew 15:32-39 (NLT)

3. Leave Room for the wonder.

- *"Give the Lord a chance to show you how good he is. Great blessings belong to those who depend on him!"*

—Psalm 34:8 (NLT)

Follow Through Step #20:

Your challenge this week: be on the lookout for God's surprises. They're everywhere. Maybe consider writing a few down right here.

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
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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