

Simplify: Women's Day 2020

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My new year started similarly to most women: reflecting on the year gone by and brainstorming resolutions I wanted to hold dear for 2020. A quick Google search of "practical" or "realistic" New Year's goals can send you down a neverending rabbit hole of ideas that end up seeming more contradictory or guilt-producing than helpful:

Go easier on yourself! (But #hustle because you have to be a #girlboss.)

Go to bed earlier! (But stay up to date on every bingeworthy Netflix show or you won't follow pop culture banter at work.)

Drink more water! (But never ever from a plastic bottle or you will be personally responsible for the extinction of sea turtles.)

Eat one vegetable and one fruit a day! (But only if they are from a certified organic, family-owned farm.)

Limit takeout! (But be sure to support every local business in a 5-mile radius of your house.)

Walk around the block! (But only after applying SPF 1000 that contains 0 chemicals.)

This is just a small snapshot of the messages women are inundated with — and not just at the start of the new year, but throughout the day, every day. It's so easy to let all the well-intentioned noise become a distraction from the call that God makes to my heart daily. In my flesh, I assume I need to constantly do more in order to be a better Christian/wife/mother/friend/worker, etc. Yet the Spirit spurs me on to simplify, to "throw off everything that hinders." With the church's theme for 2020 to have eyes fixed on **Jesus**, our prayer for Women's Day is to provide a peace-inducing space of clarity, where our hearts and minds can be decluttered so we can experience the freedom of letting go and gain the vision to focus on what truly matters in life. We hope you will join us and invite your friends, family, and neighbors for this special day of worshiping God and melting away the chaos!

-Marilisa Schachinger

North River is excited to invite all women to Simplify Women's Day on Saturday, March 21. The night before, Arlene Markowski, who leads with her husband in the Manhattan region of the New York church, will be speaking for the Latin Women's Day, and then on Saturday, she will be delivering an inspirational TED talk on our theme.

We will enjoy a time for worship, guided meditation, and light refreshments. And in simplifying our lives, we can also enrich others, so please consider bringing a donation of women's apparel (gently used or new) that we can donate to women in need. See you all there! To register now, visit https://bit.ly/NRwomensday (case sensitive).

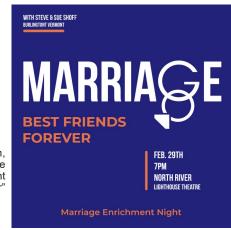
Steve and Sue Shoff Weekend Events

Last October, Steve and Sue Shoff joined us for a Youth & Family presentation, and we are excited for their return to be our guest speakers for three different special events. The Shoffs have served in churches in many of our sister congregations, and they have also worked extensively in the corporate and sports worlds. In addition to following Jesus, their greatest loves are family, taking walks together, and drinking good coffee with friends. Please join us for this life-changing weekend.



February 29, 10am-12pm, FLC 100 Parenting Workshop: Family Strong Focus on Character, Connection & Conversation

> February 29, 7pm, Lighthouse Theatre Marriage Enrichment Night "Best Friends Forever"



Small Group Leaders Workshop with the Shoffs

Jesus Leadership Training FLC 100 12:45-3pm

Let Us Pray...

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved. — 1 Timothy 2:1-4a

February 16-22, 2020

16 9a & 11a Services Intown House Church	17 Cobb/Fulton Winter Break (2/17-2/2)	18 10a Men's & Women's Bible Studies	19 10a Spanish Women's Bible Study 7:30pm Community Midweek	20	21 Campus Devo	22
Jackson, MS	Bridge Pointe	Wilmington, NC	Fayetteville, NC	Columbia, SC	Memphis, TN	Huntsville, AL

For Your Future Calendars:

Feb. 23: Campus Lunch*

• Feb. 29 : Parenting & Marriage Workshops

Mar. 1 : All Family Group Leaders' Meeting

• Mar. 20 : Latin Women's Day, 7pm

Mar. 21: Women's Day, 10amMar. 28: Daddy-Daughter Dance*

• Apr. 17-19 : Annual Family Camping Adventure*

• July 2-5: World Discipleship Summit, Orlando*

*Check the online newsletter at www.nrcoc.org/category/newsletters to get more info including registration.

2/19 Youth & Family Midweek



Please reach out with any questions:

Michael / mkodinsky@gmail.com or

Sarah / skodinsky@gmail.com

Feb. 19: Community Midweek

♦ Lighthouse: Y & F Parent's Classes

♦ Lighthouse : Middle/High School Classes

♦ No elementary-age classes

Upcoming Midweeks

Feb. 26 : Community Midweek

Mar. 4: All Women's Midweek

♦ Men in The Lighthouse

 Mar. 11/18/25: Women's Community/ Family Group Midweek

Benevolence Giving

Thanks to those who have inquired about how to give Benevolence offerings since we are not meeting all together every first Wednesday of the month. The next All-Church Midweek will be on April 1, but there will be opportunities to give at All-Women's Midweek (March 4), and you can always give online with Tithe.ly. Thank you for your sacrificial hearts.

Singles & Young Marrieds Vision Night

Calling all Singles and Young Marrieds from all of the North River Communities (Central, East, Intown, East Cobb/Sandy Springs, Northwest, Marietta Square, North Marietta, South and Smyrna/West Cobb)! Join us for a fun and inspiring 2020 Vision Night in the FLC atrium on Saturday, February 29 from 6-8pm. Young Marrieds are encouraged to leave by 7pm to attend the Marriage Enrichment Night in The Lighthouse. We also need your feedback, so please check your email for a message this week from our ministry communication team.

Prayer Requests

"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 Thess. 5:16

Eddie Davis (Sharal Ozim's dad) lost his sister, Lula P. Davis.
 Please pray for the family at this time.

Have any prayer requests? Email Newsletter@NRCOC.com

Attendance and Contribution

Average Giving in January was \$44,444 Weekly Goal in February is \$47,000

Date	Attendance	Contribution
Jan. 26	1,261	\$42,200
Feb. 2	1,202	\$59,369*
Feb. 9	1,016	\$42,768

^{*}Thanks to our members who were able to make up missed or delayed weekly contributions.

Weekly Bible Studies

Tuesday Women's Bible Study (10am, FLC 101)

Join us for an in-depth series on the Beatitudes and "The Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7).

Feb. 18: Poor (Matt. 5:3) - Sylvia Wyatt

Feb. 25: Mourning (Matt. 5:4) - Suzanne Carman

Tuesday Men's Bible Study (10am, FLC 204)

Join us for lessons geared toward men on "Living Effective and Productive Lives as Disciples." Bring a friend and his spouse for the separate women's study as well!

Charla en Española de los miércoles (9am, FLC 101)

En esta nueva serie estudiaremos las parábolas de Jesús. El Buen Rabí nos enseñará a través de descubrimiento en vez de explicación. ¡Te esperamos!

Something Missing in the Newsletter? Not Getting Church Emails?

For the full newsletter, check the online version to find more important news, updates, prayer requests and resources. Visit www.nrcoc.org, click "Resources" tab and then "Newsletters." If you are not receiving church updates through email, please check your spam folder (these messages most often come from Marie at



marietoussaint@nrcoc.com) or contact your Community leader to get your name added to the list.





Fix Your Eyes On Jesus



This year we are planning to have a clear 2020 vision with our sermon series, "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus." This month we continue our journey through the book of Hebrews, because "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!" Hebrews 13:8

In connection with our Hebrews series, please take time to watch Douglas Jacoby's short iFaith video sermons. They are both at YouTube (search terms "Ifaith, Jacoby, Hebrews") and also at Douglas's website, at

https://www.douglasjacoby.com/two-new-ifaith-videos-from-hebrews/.

<u>Christ is Supreme</u> (14 mins) <u>The Truth About Falling Away</u> (15 mins)



North River's Vision Statement

We are a diverse family of believers who answered the call to be disciples of Jesus Christ. We are being transformed by God's Word, His Grace, and the Holy Spirit. Through small groups and deep relationships with one another, we join in Jesus' ministry and mission to make and mature disciples while we care for the needs of people. We do this to save as many as possible for the glory of God.

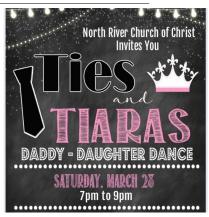
It's That Time Again - Campus Lunch!

The next campus lunch for the semester will be Sunday, February 23, at 1pm in the FLC. We are looking for servants to join our team to share their hearts with our campus students, to prepare food, and to help during the event. Come join us! See ReKeithen and Sherry Miller or Jim and Marianne Elliott for more information. Sherry: 954-644-2233 or miller.sherry@hotmail.com Marianne: 404-229-9837 or ladyjimzee@gmail.com

MARCH 28: Daddy-Daughter Dance!

Women's month is coming this March, and there are some incredible events planned, including a Daddy-Daughter dance, "Ties and Tiaras," on March 28! Admission cost is a plate of cookies/brownies (nut free!) or fruit. This event is for daughters of all ages. Dinner is not provided, and formal attire is encouraged. Please RSVP by **March 7** at

https://forms.gle/1piPgbtCgYxLTskS9 for a special time for the future women of our church!



Annual Camping Adventure!



Yes, it's time to get out in the wild again for our 2020 Annual Spring Family Camping Adventure. Last spring, we had over 70 friends and NR family (see photo) join us for a weekend of outdoor memories in God's creation in the mountains of North Georgia. This year, we already have over 20 families signed up to camp together at Fort Mountain State Park the weekend of April 17-19. A campsite for both nights and the reservation of a group shelter run about \$80 per family. We all stay near each other in the same campground and make special memories hiking, fishing, playing, canoeing, eating, and sitting around the campfire together. With a special group hike, a Saturday

evening potluck, worship in the wilderness, and even a rock skipping contest, it is a time to unplug and get to know new brothers and sisters with fun and amazing memories for all ages and experience levels. There are only about 8-10 sites left, so you'll want to sign up soon if interested in coming along. To get more details or to sign up for this adventure, contact "Indiana" Jim Seufferlein at Jimseufferlein@comcast.net or call 770-294-2045. -Jim Seufferlein

Thank you for considering to serve with YES! in 2020. Here are some helpful dates: Sat., 4/4- SERVAPALOOSA (11 am-2 pm, includes Family Meal Sharing Delivery) 4/11- 5/16- Spring YES! Saturdays (1 pm-4 pm) Mon.-Fri., 7/13-7/17- YES! Camp with NR Sports Ministry (9am-4:30pm) Sat., 8/1- BACKpack 2 SCHOOL (5 pm-7 pm) 9/12-10/24- Fall YES! Saturdays (1 pm-4 pm) Sat., 11/21 or 12/19- Family Meal Sharing Delivery

YES! Youth Empowerment Services

North River's local neighborhood initiative is back in action to bring dynamic learning joy and to the children surrounding our church. But we need volunteers to help this program thrive! Come join us to give back to the kids and to gain so much yourselves.

Just say YES! Thank you

New Ushers Needed



While our new Lighthouse is great (as are all of our buildings on campus), we need people to welcome our guests and members. So, what do our ushers do? They don't just help people find open seats at church. Our team of ushers are also those who pass the contribution and communion plates. They are the ones who are consistently at service and on time to greet guests and members when they are unsure of where to go. This is a special way to serve, and we need new men and women for our team! Please fill out the "volunteer slip" with your contact information and place it in the box on top of the book counter desk. Thank you!

JULY 2-5: World Discipleship Summit: Vision

Join us for the 2020 World Discipleship Summit July 2-5, in Orlando, Florida as disciples from around the world share God's vision to bring the love of Jesus to as many as possible.

Check the website to register and to find more helpful information:

- Singles, Youth, Women's and Men's classes
- Artist Showcase, Worship, and Animate events
- Chance to Dance program for those with special needs
- ICOC (campus) and Stronger (mental health) conferences
- How to register as an exhibitor
- Even discounted park tickets! What parks? Oh you know...



You can also join in now on <u>Facebook</u> where people from around the world have been sharing their excitement for months in anticipation of this extraordinary event.

Need a Place to Stay? Have a Room for Rent?

There are several people in the North River family who are looking for housing or roommates. (This includes single women, single men, and sometimes couples.) There ALSO might be those among us who have a spare room, a basement, or an in-law suite. We would love to match people up and even help start some new spiritual households! If you would like to help or need help, please send any info to our hospitable volunteer, Sierra at sierrapierce19@gmail.com. Pulling all together, we can meet many needs. Thank you.



Needs in our North River Family

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ." -1 Corinthians 12:12

With our growing church, additional building, and ongoing outreach, we have many growing opportunities to help. Please give a read of the following opportunities and see where God might want you to serve or help. Thank you for being the toes, the nose, and the elbows!

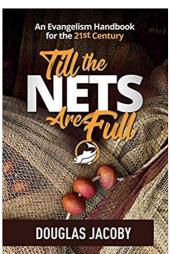
- NEWSLETTER HELP!: Editors, printers, publishers needed to keep this publication running smoothly and to keep our members and friends in the know. Email Newsletter@nrcoc.com to inquire. Thank you!
- SECURITY TEAM: Monitoring in and around our three buildings. Contact Megan at meganfamodun@nrcoc.com.
- MUSIC LIBRARIANS: People to help file and manage the music for the worship team. Contact Sherwin: <u>SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com</u>.
- YES! PROGRAM: To do one of the regular Saturday events with your group or for ongoing help, email northriveryes@gmail.com.
- SHEPHERDS FOR SINGLES' FAMILY GROUPS: Contact <u>JohnHanes@nrcoc.com</u> or TomBrown@nrcoc.com.
- WORSHIP TEAM: Thursday night rehearsals required.
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<u>SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com</u>.

HAVE ANOTHER IDEA OR NOT SURE HOW TO HELP? No problem! Hit me up with your interest at MarieToussaint@nrcoc.com. Thanks.

New Book of the Month



Douglas This month, Jacoby is featuring his book, Till the Nets Are on personal evangelism (formerly Shining Like Stars). It is challenging practical, dozens of in-depth studies you can share with non-Christians and also young. Christians. Normally priced at \$16, you can grab this at the book counter in the

lobby for \$13 in February or only \$11 for those who read and subscribe to Douglas's weekly newsletter. To sign up for this free newsletter, text "disciple" 66866 or visit www.douglasjacoby.com.

Lost & Found

Here are some items left behind in January that were in the Lost & Found closet:

*water bottles *men's suit jacket

- *children's jacket, blue with purple flower lining
- *heavy glass bowl (left at hospitality center)
- *Round table cloth (left at hospitality center)
- *pink raincoat
- *blue sweater, long, Eddie Bauer, size M
- *women's jacket, khaki green, size Lg
- *gift box with gloves inside
- *baby bootie, foam green (looks crocheted)
- *decorative gift box with glass ornament
- *movie *trivet; *music CD (United)

Any items not claimed by February 24 will be donated or discarded.

Learn Sign Language!







Are you interested in learning American Sign Language (ASL)? To be added to the group and join us for our next session which meets every two weeks in the FLC, please contact Shay Rowe (678-920-3838) or Jamie Mullis (770-366-1881).

Full, a helpful manual WITW: Where In the World is Douglas Jacoby?

2020					
Mar. 4-7	San Antonio, TX				
Mar. 8-10	Myrtle Beach, SC				
Mar. 28	AIM New Testament Interpretation at NR				
Mar. 28-30	Early Church History Fellowship-Amberson, PA				
Apr. 17-19	Asia Pacific Leadership Academy— Manila, Philippines				

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3 Easy Ways to Give Online



- Online: Visit https://tithe.ly/give?c=467483
- App: Download the BLUE Tithe ly Church App, then search for North River Church of Christ
 - · Text: Text the word GIVE to (470) 460-6991

You can set up recurring gifts and also cover the processing fees for your donation if you wish. If you have any questions about setting up your giving on Tithe ly, please call the church office at 770-792-8133 or email meganfamodun@nrcoc.com.

A Special Way to Support Camp Swamp



Did you know you can help Camp Swamp when you do your online shopping with one simple extra step? Simply visit

smile.amazon.com, do your shopping, and upon check out, Amazon will donate a share of your purchase to Swamp Camp

Services Inc. No extra fees! Shop till you drop and support Camp Swamp.

Thanks, Jeff Rorabaugh

2020 Biblical Study Tour: Turkey



Travel to Turkey (Ephesus, Attalia, Laodicea, Istanbul) with our teacher Douglas Jacoby and brothers and sisters from around the world to go on a journey that will bring the world of the Bible to

life. It is over a year away, but spaces go very fast. For more information, visit:

https://www.douglasjacoby.com/2020-biblical-study-tour -turkey/.

> October 19-26, 2020 (Pre-tour: October 16-19)

Birthday Heroes



Be a part of the Birthday Heroes Team! On the third Saturday of each month, we venture out to Youth Villages in Douglasville. Youth Villages is a home for children who have been removed from their families for various negative reasons. To encourage the children, we host a birthday party to celebrate the birthdays for that month. If you are interested in joining, please contact Debbie Swain at confettiqueen@verizon.net for more information. Thank you!

It's Not Too Late! "Sermon on the Mount" Reading Plan

If you haven't started a Bible reading plan for the new year yet, consider digging into the "Sermon on the Mount." This section of the New Testament (Matthew 5-7) is widely agreed to contain the very heart of Jesus' kingdom message. The teachings were and still are remarkable and revolutionary.

There are daily podcasts (5-15 minutes) for 40 days; the first 10 days are free. Click or go here for the intro and more info: https://www.douglasjacoby.com/the-sermon-on-themount-00-introduction/.

"It's been fantastic!" - Brother from Columbus, Ohio

KIDOGO Online Videos & Content







At ICOC HotNews, a group of disciples took a leap of faith and began a YouTube channel they believe will help young Christians looking for advice and guidance. The channel is called Kidogo and is run by volunteers. Check out these helpful tools and find out how to support Kidogo at www.kidogotoolbox.com.

How to Get Your Kids in Children's Classes



We are thrilled to announce a new digital check-in process. Please watch the video at https://bit.ly/2Zu7Xo9 to learn how to register your kids into our program. You can access the form to sign up your child at http://bit.ly/riverkidsregistration. If you do not re-register your kids using those forms we

your child at http://bit.ly/riverkidsregistration. If you do not re-register your kids using these forms, we won't be able to check them into class, so this is very important. Please feel free to reach out to myself or anyone on our team at childrensministry@nrcoc.com or melissatulloch@nrcoc.com with any questions!

Requesting a Room or Building at North River

As good stewards of all that God gives us, let us keep the following in mind concerning our buildings:

- Treat the buildings as though they are your home. (They are!)
- To request a spot go to www.nrcoc.org, <u>click on Resources and select Facility Request.</u>
 Easily fill out and submit from a phone or laptop.
- All private events for members (weddings, birthday or grad parties, showers, etc.), will incur charges.
- HVAC systems and security are scheduled ahead of time, so we ask that you put in all requests at least 2 weeks before your event. Most requests are processed within 48 hours.
- Members and guests are not permitted to use any rooms without a reservation.
- Bear with each other if you don't get your desired spot – or for the time you need it. Flexibility is key!
- Reminder: The FLC and The Lighthouse are NUT-FREE. Please keep this in mind when bringing lunch or potluck meals. Thank you for keeping those with serious food allergies safe.

Thanks for cooperating. Please send your questions to events@nrcoc.com.

Do You Have Trouble Hearing the Service?

FRONT-ROW HEARING NOW INSTALLED!!

North River installed a hearing loop system to deliver clear sound to users of hearing aids or cochlear implants and others who have hearing loss. The hearing loop is installed under the carpet in a section on the left side of the auditorium. Please see an usher to identify which seats are within the loop. In this section, any telecoil-equipped hearing device (most hearing aids, all cochlear implants, and some personal receivers) can receive a clear transmission of the message and music without background noise.

If your hearing device has a telecoil, then use your telecoil input when sitting in the looped section. If you do not have a hearing device with a telecoil and need hearing assistance, request a receiver from an usher, and sit in the looped section.

Book Corner

To all new members: Please go to the North River book area (at the Welcome Desk) to collect your complimentary copy of **THRIVE**: **Using Psalms to Help You Flourish**, by Douglas Jacoby. You will find it under the *Thrive!* poster.

College students and high school seniors, your gift book is Campus Core: How to Have Impact on Your Campus, Get Good Grades, and Figure Out Your Future. See your campus minister, or Douglas (who can usually be found at the book corner between services and after second service), to receive a copy.

Contact the Newsletter Team

Like this newsletter? Have something you'd like posted here? Want to help out? Awesome! Please email: newsletter@nrcoc.com.

Requests sent to other email addresses may or may not find their way to the newsletter team in time!

We try to accommodate everyone and would hate to miss an important announcement sent to an email address not checked regularly. The weekly deadline is Wednesday at midnight to newsletter@nrcoc.com. Announcements or requests received after the deadline may not be possible. Thanks, the Newsletter Team.

Parking Spaces!

The leadership team has been monitoring the parking lot each service, and we are finding that spaces are filling up fast! This is a good problem to have, but when you are able, please help us keep more spaces open for visitors by parking in Howard Street Parking for All-Church Midweeks and especially for the 11am services. Thank you.