

Virtual All-Church Midweek Update

Elders
Harold Carman ❖ Harold Channer
John Durkota ❖ Bob Keen
Ross Mackenzie
Sherwin Mackintosh ❖ Ray Rowan

Evangelists
Tom Brown ❖ Jeff Hickman
Jordan Massey ❖ Kendall Knight

Women's Ministry
Kelly Brown ❖ Lin Ottenweller
LaToya Massey

Youth & Family Ministry
Nick & Brie Shoff

Children's Ministry
Melissa Tulloch

Singles & Young Marrieds
Kendall & Dian Knight

Campus Ministry
Jordan Massey ❖ Cody Porter
Worship & Creative Arts Ministry
Sherwin & Debbie Mackintosh

Administration
Vivian Hanes ❖ Megan Famodun

Missions Teacher
Dr. Douglas Jacoby

YES! Ministry
Jasmine Jackson

Supporting Mission Efforts In:
Africa, Auburn-Tuskegee,
Chattanooga, Europe, Knoxville



Virtual All-Church
Midweek 5/13/20

This week, we had our first virtual All-Church Midweek followed by Community groups gathering for deep discussions and encouragement on separate Zoom calls. [Here is the video from the midweek](#) where Jeff Hickman shared a heartfelt message from Romans 14, and Dave Malutinok and Mike Wyatt updated the church on HOPE worldwide and our financial plans,

2020 Swamp Virtual Camp!

Introducing SWAMP VIRTUAL CAMP for ages 11-18 beginning the last two weeks in May and first three weeks in June. Connecting spiritually and virtually, campers and counselors from around the world will go online each week to participate in Bible classes, devotionals, cabin time, and challenges! Spaces are limited [so register here now](#) for this once-in-a-lifetime chance to participate in Camp Swamp online. Cost is \$125 per camper and the hours are 9a-12p EST Monday-Friday. Come see "The Safest Space (Place) on the Planet Inside (Besides) Your Home."

Enter to Win a Free Week of Camp in 2021!

One entry for any of these four actions will be entered in a drawing to be held in August for a free week of Camp Swamp in 2021:

1. Register for 2020 Swamp Virtual Camp Week 1 or Week 2.
2. Register in the month of May for any 2020 Swamp Virtual Camp Week.
3. Register for more than 3 weeks of 2020 Swamp Virtual Camp.
4. Donate more than \$1,000 to help Camp Swamp this year.



Communities

East

Jacinto & Rochelle Hall

East Cobb (Sandy Springs)

Tom & Kelly Brown
Stephen & Susan Adkins

Intown

John & Vivian Hanes

Northwest

(Kennesaw, Acworth)

Sherwin & Debbie Mackintosh

Marietta Square

Alex & Jasmine Jackson
Adeoye & Megan Famodun

North Marietta (South Woodstock)

Matt & Enid Tchir

South

Gary & Dena Adams

West Cobb

(Smyrna, South Cobb)
Teregi & Anne Coleman

Community Leader/Staff Emails

name@nrcoc.com

(example: tombrown@nrcoc.com)
newsletter@nrcoc.com

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Marietta, GA 30060
www.nrcoc.org

A Special 'Thank You' from the Schmitts!



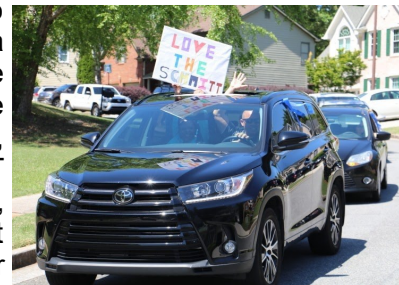
We want to say thanks for the outpouring of love we experienced from our NR brothers and sisters in the last few weeks. After packing, cleaning, moving, and driving we are finally recovering our senses in temporary housing here in Gainesville, Florida. What we will never recover from is the incredible and delightful parade in front of our house a week ago Sunday.

Our plans that day were to pack the garage, wave a tearful goodbye to the Browns, and have the

Wyatts drop off some boxes. Without warning, HONKING, WAVING, SIGN-CARRYING, YELLING, HANGING OUT OF THE CAR, WILD, CRAZY, OVER-THE-TOP, LAUGHING, SINGING, CRAZY cars invaded our quiet neighborhood and totally shocked all of us. We've never been as surprised and touched as we were on that day!

Thank you for this incredible memory, and for the many memories that impacted us as we saw your smiles, waves, and posters going past. We also know that many of our close friends who couldn't be physically in the car parade have reached out during this time as well. You will always remain a part of us — now and forever.

— Love, John and Lois



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

May 17-23, 2020

17 11a Livestream Service	18	19	20 FG Midweek	21	22	23 10a Facebook Live Women's Coffee Chat
Bridge Pointe	Wilmington, NC	Fayetteville, NC	Columbia, SC	Memphis, TN	Huntsville, AL	Charlotte, NC



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.

LaToya Massey on Coffee Chat!



Our latest chat featured Campus Women's leader, LaToya Massey, sharing her perspective on "Simple Faith in Unsettling Times."

You can join the chats every Saturday, simply by

going to our [North River Facebook Page](#) at 10am. The videos will be posted within 24 hours on our [NR Women's Page](#).

Prayer Requests

"Pray in the spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere." Ephesians 6:18

- For specific prayers requests, please email PRAYERS@NRCOC.COM.
- Pray for those who are suffering physically, emotionally, and financially from COVID-19.
- Pray for wisdom and proper timing for our church leaders as we plan to "come out" of quarantine in the future.

Attendance and Contribution

Average Giving in April was \$46,853
Weekly Goal in May is \$47,000

Date	Live Logins	24hr Views	Contribution
Apr. 26	579	≈1,800	\$46,469*
May 3	534	≈1,100	\$51,408*
May 10	438	≈900	\$39,543

*Thanks to our members who were able to make up missed or delayed weekly contributions

For Your Future Calendars:

- May-June:** North River's "Season of Giving"
- June 21:** Father's Day
- July 13-17:** VBS 2020, 9am-12pm

Help with YES! Program

North River families, thank you for reaching out to YES! Program inquiring about ways to help our neighbors. The social workers will alert us of the upcoming needs of families we can support. Meanwhile, the school district has organized an effort to bus food into Marietta neighborhoods and it needs volunteers. You can find more information [at this link](#) under the "Volunteers" section. Thank you for your passion to serve!



Campus Closed... For Now

Just a friendly reminder to everyone that the North River campus is CLOSED, and we will continue to meet virtually at least until June 13, 2020. Until further notice, we are not holding any events on our campus other than to broadcast our Sunday services. This also includes any informal gatherings in the parking lots or on the grounds of the North River property. Thank you for helping us to respect our governing authorities and protect the health of our members.

"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." - Romans 13:1

Wait! Don't Stop Now! There's More...

If you are not receiving church updates/alerts through email, please check your spam folder (these messages most often come from marietoussaint@nrcoc.com) or contact your community leader to get your name added to the list.



@NorthRiverCOC



A Season of Giving



North River's Generosity Sunday offering has blessed the lives of thousands through the years helping mission efforts, small churches, and new ministries spread the message of Jesus. This offering usually takes place on the first Sunday in May. This year, instead of a specific date, by faith we are planning a "season of giving" through the month of June. You can give anytime, designating your offering for the Generosity Sunday ["Season of Giving" online](#) or send

a check by mail to 320 Austin Ave. N.E., Marietta, GA. 30060. Thank you North River, your generosity will be remembered forever.

"Remember this — a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

2 Corinthians 9:6-7, NLT

Fix Your Eyes On Jesus



This year's theme at North River is "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus" from Hebrews 12:2. This is especially important for us to do in uncertain times. We started the year studying the entire book of Hebrews, and going forward, we will continue to focus on Jesus more and more. For ways to get more insight, check out the North River [Sermons](#) or [Women's Page](#) for more resources.

POSTPONED: 2020 Vision Conference in Orlando



[For all the latest updates go to the website HERE.](#)

It is with mixed emotions that we will be unable to host the VISION Conference in Orlando this summer. However, it has become apparent that the impact of COVID-19 has overshadowed the possibility to actualize this worldwide event this year as planned. We, like many of you, were certainly looking forward to a time of fellowship and celebration, and so this is a disappointment for sure.

So in order to find available dates, we have decided to stagger the conference. Instead of hosting more than 20,000 disciples over the same

four days, we'll see two (2) distinct waves of attendees that will put less demand on the hotels, nearby restaurants, public flow within our venues, and an overall reduction of our mass gatherings at any one time:

NEW DATES FOR THE WORLD DISCIPLESHIP SUMMIT:

JULY 28-31	ICMC: (Campus) and ISC (Singles)
JULY 31-Aug 3	ILC: (International Leadership Conference)
AUGUST 4-7	FAMILY: (Parents, Single Parents, Kids, Middle & High Schoolers)
	FOREVER FAITHFUL: (Empty Nesters, Marrieds w/o Kids, Retirees)
	SPANISH Conference



Media Team Needs 'Creatives'!

As more things move online, we could use more creatives, especially those who have graphic design skills or videography skills. The Media Team consists of social media, photography, videography, graphic design, internet outreach, and more! Please email Media@nrcoc.com to help. The online world is becoming its own "ministry," and we want to do our best to reach out to new people and encourage our members as well. Thank you.

Livestreams & Sermon Slides

For the month of May, North River will continue doing Livestream services on Sundays at 11am. You can watch these on the North River Church of Christ Facebook page or on our North River Church of Christ Vimeo page. Please invite your friends to join us and encourage them to email us if they have any questions at CONNECT@NRCOC.COM. You can also get a copy of the PowerPoint sermon slides within 24 hours after the service at <https://bit.ly/394Jgrj>.

THRIVE: Singles & Young Marrieds Ministry!



The new Thrive Ministry for Singles and Young Marrieds (formerly The EDGE) will be having Zoom virtual prayer nights and other special ways to connect virtually throughout May. To get added to the Thrive email list, please email thrive-ministry@nrcoc.com.

North River Selected as 'Best Place to Worship'

North River Church of Christ has been selected for the 2020 Best of Marietta Award in the Places of Worship category by the Marietta Award Program. Each year, the Marietta Award Program identifies companies it believes have achieved exceptional marketing success in its local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. Thanks be to God for how He is working in our neighborhood!

SUBSCRIBE:

NR New Weekly E-Newsletter



While we will continue to update this newsletter and put all baptisms, births, and weddings in the first issue of the month, we want to make sure you get our weekly e-newsletter. These will come from

NorthRiverUpdates@NRCOC.com. If you have not been receiving these emails, please search your inbox for the above email address, or [subscribe and update your information here!](#)

In-the-Know Shortcuts!



- Visit www.nrcoc.org for information and updates.
- Follow @NorthRiverCOC on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for regular updates.
- Watch the [Livestream](#) of services online or Facebook.
- Read the [full newsletter](#) online to get all the information you need.
- Keep your information updated [using this form \(bit.ly/2Q9aHRC\)](#) to get email updates.
- Give online on [Tithely](#) or to plan regular giving. You can also text GIVE to (470) 460-6991.
- Stay connected with your Family Group and Community leaders. If you don't have one, please contact marietoussaint@nrcoc.com or a friend who has invited you.

JULY 13-17: VBS 2020

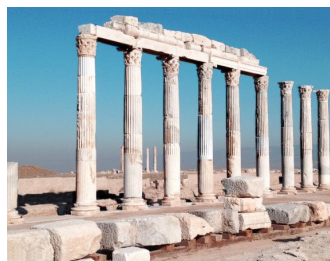


Save the date for VBS 2020! We will have two programs running simultaneously with age-appropriate activities from 9am-12pm daily:

- Preschool through 2nd grade in the FLC
- 3rd through 5th grade in The Lighthouse for Matt T'chir's first annual Heart of a Champion sports camp

Register today at: <http://bit.ly/NRVBS2020> (all caps)

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)

Biblical Study Tours in 2021



We hear a good deal of talk about doing what Jesus would *do* (WWJD?), but how about walking where Jesus walked? We would like to invite you to join the 2021 annual tour as we return to Israel.

Biblical Study Tour to Israel
February 1-8, 2021
(Post Tour Feb 8-11)



We will be tracking Paul's final journey in the book of Acts. Join us on this incredible voyage through a truly beautiful and historically fascinating part of the world.

All details can be found on the homepage of Douglas Jacoby at [douglasjacoby.com](https://www.douglasjacoby.com), or shoot an email to dj@douglasjacoby.com to express your interest.

Paul's Prison Journey — Malta, Sicily, Italy
October 31-November 10, 2021

D.J. Podcasts Now on Spotify, iTunes, & Google!



The podcast material from Douglas Jacoby's website is now being made available on all podcast platforms (like iTunes, Google, and Spotify). Podcasts will be added every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. You can

check them out anywhere you normally listen to podcasts — and please make sure to subscribe to receive notifications on new posts. You can also follow the episodes, as they are posted, through [THIS LINK](#). We begin with a series on Old Testament Characters. The first two episodes are "Adam & Eve" and "Cain & Abel."

WITW: Where In the World is Douglas Jacoby?

2020	
May 17	Milwaukee, WI (Zoom)
May 24	Chattanooga (Zoom)

Learn Sign Language!



Are you interested in learning American Sign Language (ASL)? Please contact Shay Rowe (678-920-3838) or Jamie Mullis (770-366- 1881).

3 Easy Ways to Give Online



TITHE.LY

- 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.

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 hospitality volunteer to Sierra at sierrapierce19@gmail.com. Pulling all together, we can meet many needs. Thank you.

How to Get Your Kids in Children's Classes

REGISTER NOW!

Please watch the video at <https://bit.ly/2Zu7Xo9> to learn how to register your kids into our program, which will allow you to check them in using our digital check-in process. You can access the form to sign up 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

**(All Reservations for Facilities on Hold
Through June)**

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, [click on Resources and select Facility Request](#). 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 two 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.

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*

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