

Baptisms & Babies!

Elders

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

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



During the campus Spring Retreat on March 1, Sena Andea (middle) made Jesus Lord!! Sena studies Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology at Emory University with the hopes of becoming a doctor and impacting people in the future. Through studying the Scriptures, she quickly realized that she was not living out true biblical Christianity and became eager to learn more about how to be a disciple of Jesus. God transformed and humbled her heart in incredible ways. We're so excited to have Sena as our new sister!

It is so amazing to watch God continue to make a way for people to be reconciled to His son, even during this time! On April 9, Haley Combs (right) a student at Kennesaw State University, decided she could not wait any longer to watch the promises in Acts 2 become reality in her life. She was met at a campus midweek in January and has been studying since then. It just so happened that a sister from Kennesaw who has been living at home with her family since schools closed lives 10 minutes away from Haley and her family. God's timing and power is perfect! Welcome your new sister in Christ to the family!



Gbolahan and Toochei Adefila would like to introduce you all to their beautiful baby girl, Ezinne Tiwalade Bailey Adefila. She was born on April 15, and the Adefilas are so grateful to have her in their lives.



On April 21, Luna Claire McGuirk was born smoothly and safely! She's a small little girl at 6 oz. and 18.1 inches. Tom was able to be at Luna's birth, which was a huge answered prayer amidst the pandemic! God has provided us with such a joy during such crazy times. We are truly



grateful and in awe!

*With much love,
Tom, Cortney
and Matteo
McGuirk*

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

320 Austin Ave NE
Marietta, GA 30060
www.nrcoc.org

Swamp Camp is Happening... Online!



GLOBAL.SPIRITUAL.CONNECTIONS.

With great sadness, Swamp Camp has decided to cancel in-person camp through June. A decision will be made soon about July, but GOD IS MAKING A WAY for us to continue — in our own homes!!

Introducing SWAMP VIRTUAL CAMP for ages 11-18 beginning the last two weeks in May and first three weeks in June. Connecting globally 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 M-F. Come see "The Safest Space (Place) on the Planet Inside (Besides) Your Home."

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 3-9, 2020

3 11a Livestream Service	4	5	6 Virtual Small Group Midweeks	7	8	9 10a Facebook Live Women's Coffee Chat
Myrtle Beach, SC	Cornerstone	Northview CC	Nashville, TN	Rome, GA	Coastal Carolina	Athens, GA



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.

Live Coffee Chat with Erika Kim



Every week you can watch the latest "coffee chat" on "Simple Faith in Unsettling Times" by visiting our Facebook page or website. Our latest chat featured Erika Kim sharing her perspective and Lin Ottenweller sharing the highlights from the

last six weeks. Don't miss it! **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. 12 (Easter)	689	≈2,100	\$37,436
Apr. 19	613	≈1,500	\$48,942
Apr. 26	579	≈1,800	\$46,469*

*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"
- May 13:** **Virtual All-Church Midweek!**
- July 2-5:** World Discipleship Summit, Orlando TBD
- 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!



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!](#)

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" beginning now 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

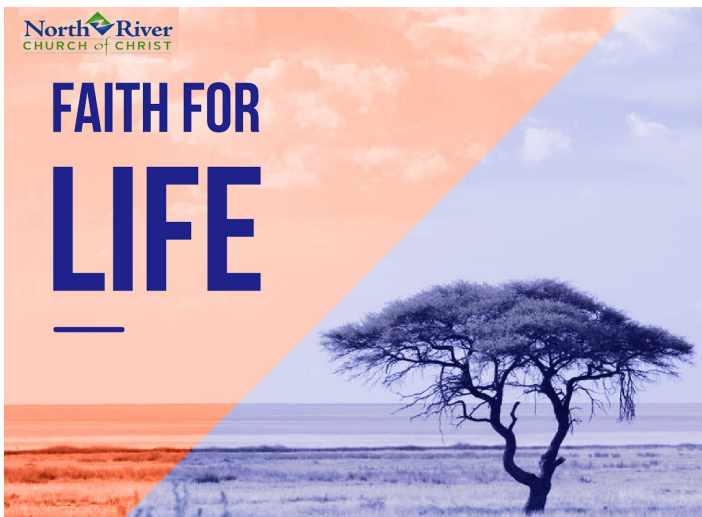
Fix Your Eyes On Jesus



This year's theme at North River is "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus" from Hebrews 12:2. In January and February, we were able to focus on our theme by studying the entire book of Hebrews. To get more insight, please take time to watch Douglas Jacoby's short iFaith video sermons. They are both on YouTube at (search terms "Ifaith, Jacoby, Hebrews") and also at Douglas's website, at

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

New Christians Class Feedback!



Today we conclude our last session of Faith for Life after an inspiring nine weeks together (online of course). Disciples of all ages and backgrounds attended and poured over 150 Scriptures on what it takes to have faith for life. Here are comments from some of the students and mentors:

Esther says: "Taking this class has really broadened my understanding of the Word and helped me to conquer my inability to memorize Bible verses. Secondly, listening to life experiences of our facilitators really provides me the refreshment I may need in times of loneliness and uncertainty. With this I will be able to face any challenges with Christ who gives me strength."

Iyiola says: "Participating in Faith For Life classes enables me to have a deeper understanding and practical application of Scriptures, especially on the topics covered. The use of true life experiences to introduce topics and during class

discussions is highly commendable and aids learning that endures. Overall knowledge gained will accelerate my growth as a disciple and it will strengthen the foundation and pillars of my journey as a disciple. Kudos to all our teachers. Thank you."

Brenda says: "I wish the class would continue. I am really going to miss it! I have learned so much about each topic. Andrew is a great teacher and presents the topic in a way that anyone can understand. The class has deepened my knowledge of the different things we talked about: the Holy Spirit, grace, temptation, prayer, etc. Thank you."

Lauren says: "I have been a Christian for almost 30 years. I came to the new Christian class with one of the young disciples in our family group to support her. I'm so glad I did. This has been such an encouraging and challenging class. You are never too old or too young to go over the basics. I have loved getting to hear from other people in the class. It has been a great experience."

Don't worry if you missed it - we'll be back in the Fall for another session, hopefully in person! For any information, you can email newsletter@nrcoc.com.



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 April, 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 April. To get added to the Thrive email list, please email thrive-ministry@nrcoc.com.

JULY 2-5: The World Discipleship Summit is Still On By Faith!

[Check here for coronavirus updates.](#)

The 2020 World Discipleship Summit is still to be held by faith on July 2-5, in Orlando, Florida. We are praying that disciples from around the world will still be able to come together and share God's vision to bring the love of Jesus to as many as possible. [Check the website](#) to register and to find updates regarding the [COVID-19](#) Virus. Here's what we have planned.



- 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 [Facebook](#) where people from around the world have been sharing their excitement for months in anticipation of this inspirational event.

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

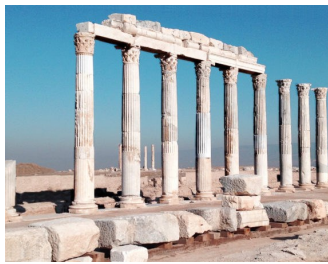


Save the date for VBS 2020! We will have two programs running simultaneously with age-appropriate activities from 9am-12pm daily:

- 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 9	Milwaukee, WI
May 20	Houston, Campus (on 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



- 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 May)**

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*

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.



HOW TO STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

**"Where two
or more are
gathered,
there I am
with them."**

-Matthew
18:20



LARGE GROUPS

ZOOM

(free version has a 40 minute
limit, up to 100 ppl)

SKYPE

(video chats, up to 50 ppl with
audio; number of video callers
depends on device)

GOOGLE HANGOUTS

(chats or videos with iPhones,
Androids and computers; can be
international, up to 25 ppl)

HANGOUTS "MEET"

(chat or videos; has to be set up
by someone with a Google Suite
account)

FACETIME

(Apple devices only, up to 32 ppl)

IDEAS FOR GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS

GOOGLE DRIVES

Create your own database, and share
the link to give others access. You
can include daily devotionals, Bible
studies, videos, homeschooling
resources, and more

RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Here's an excellent set of lessons
on our relationship with God.
bit.ly/33N9rth

BEMA

A study of the Bible from an
"Eastern" perspective done through
podcasts and group discussions.
www.bemadiscipleship.com

SPIRITUAL QUARANTINE TOOLKIT

A PDF resource put together by
members of the Boston church.
bit.ly/2JjNejQ

PRIVATE PRAYER REQUESTS

Email prayers@nrcoc.com

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Needs, prayers, updates, videos
www.DisciplesToday.com
www.HopeWW.com
www.YouTube.com/Keydogo

DOUGLAS JACOBY NEWSLETTER & STUDY RESOURCES

Articles, Q&A, podcasts
<https://www.douglasjacoby.com>

SPIRITUAL BOOKS

Devotionals, research and study
www.ipibooks.com

RESOURCES FOR WOMEN

Studies on women in the Bible
& weekly video chats to inspire
#SimpleFaith2020
www.nrcoc.org/ministries/women

THE BIBLE PROJECT

A Bible reading plan filled with
pictures and videos to aid in learning.
www.bibleproject.com

small groups

GOOGLE DUO

(iPhones, Androids and computers, best
for one-to-one chats, up to 8 ppl)

WHATSAPP

(phones only, chats or videos can be
international, video for up to 4 ppl)

FACEBOOK MESSENGER

(video and audio up to 6 ppl)

HOUSEPARTY

(phones only, video chats, up to 8 ppl)

MARCO POLO

(video messages, up to 4 ppl)

Social Media & More

WWW.NRCOC.ORG

Resources, videos and updates

@NORTHRIVERCOC

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter

LIVE VIDEOS

Speak to everyone instantly on
FACEBOOK (LIVE & PREMIERE),
INSTAGRAM, or YOUTUBE

NETFLIX WATCH PARTY

Watch an uplifting show together!



KEEP IN MIND...

- Practice internet safety. Think before you click. Be mindful.
- Many communication apps require downloading.
- Some services require creating an account with a password.
- Some services allow you to simply invite others by sharing link.
- It may be good to have 2 or 3 options for flexibility or if the streaming quality is not the best on one platform.
- Many platforms allow you to "share your screen" with others.
- Make sure you update whatever app or platform you are using as many have updated features in light of the COVID-19 world.
- Many services have extra features for a fee.



Old-Fashioned

GROUP TEXTS

(Regular text messages,
GroupMe, WhatsApp)

LETTERS & CARDS

(Pen, paper, envelope, stamp)

PHONE CALLS

(Yes, voicemails are okay too)

6 FT APART!

(Saying "Hi" from your balcony!
Smiling at those in the grocery store!)