

This Weekend at North River

Steve and Sue Shoff Weekend Events

Last October, Steve and Sue Shoff joined us from Burlington, VT for a Youth & Family presentation, and we are excited for their return to be our guest speakers for three different special events. The leadership wants everyone to attend, so they have been working to provide childcare for the Parenting Workshop only, but we need you to [fill out this short form \(https://bit.ly/2PgW52b\)](https://bit.ly/2PgW52b) ASAP so that we can be prepared. Here is the weekend schedule:



Parenting Workshop
(Childcare Provided)
February 29, 10am-12pm
FLC 100
Focus on Character, Connection & Conversation



Marriage Enrichment Night
February 29, 7pm
Lighthouse Theatre

Small Group Leaders Workshop with the Shoffs

Jesus' Leadership Training

Sunday, March 1 — FLC 100 12:45-3pm

For all Family Group, Bible Talk, and Community Leaders. Please bring a sack lunch if needed.

Singles & Young Marrieds Vision Night

Calling all Singles & Young Marrieds from all of the North River Communities (Central, Northwest, East, East Cobb/Sandy Springs, Intown, 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](https://tinyurl.com/symministry), so please check your email this week for a message (<https://tinyurl.com/symministry>) from our communication team.



Thoughts on a Trip Abroad



The Quito, Ecuador International Church of Christ was a gracious host to Steve Brand and Charles Arnett during their recent visit February 12-16. While taking in the beauty of hiking the country's landscape, Steve offered godly wisdom during a lesson entitled "Spiritual, Emotional and Mental Health." Steve not only preached "Restoration of the Heart" to the Quito church during a Saturday workshop, he lived it out in Ecuador while taking time away from his busy schedule. Charles also had an opportunity to share a lesson titled "Understanding Money – The Untaught Discipline." Handling money God's way is not only an issue for disciples in countries like the United States — disciples in Quito also struggle with conforming to the financial patterns of this world.

While in Quito, Steve and Charles also had the opportunity to visit a program that is helping to serve children who are living in physically, emotionally, and spiritually poor conditions. You could say the opportunity to take trips like this is an embodiment of "Love God, Love People and Change the World."

Calling All Singers!!

We will have our first meeting for the Easter Choir on **Sunday, March 8 at 1-2:30pm in the Auditorium**. Our Easter service is April 12 this year. Rehearsals will be every Sunday beginning on March 8, so **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

This is a great time to learn more about reading music, to learn more about the worship team, and to enrich your worship experience, not to mention, meeting and working with some other brothers and sisters.

The choir for Christmas was our best ever! Let's continue to make this excellent for God. For questions or more info, contact: sherwinmackintosh@nrcoc.com.



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

Chase & Sarah Mackintosh

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

Communities

Central

Jeff & Kristi Hickman
Dennis Pickens

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

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 23-29, 2020

23 9a & 11a Services Intown House Church Teen Service 11a Campus Lunch 1p	24	25 10a Men's & Women's Bible Studies - FLC	26 10a Spanish Women's Bible Study 7:30p Community Midweek	27	28 Campus Devo Campus Retreat (2/28-3/1)	29 Parenting Workshop 10a Singles/YM Devo 6p Marriage Enrichment 7p
Charlotte, NC	Clemson, SC	Charleston, SC	Triangle, NC	The Path	Greenville, SC	MGCC, Macon

For Your Future Calendars:

- **Mar. 1 :** All Family Group Leaders' Meeting
- **Mar. 20 :** Latin Women's Day, 7pm
- **Mar. 21 :** Women's Day, 10am
- **Mar. 28 :** Daddy-Daughter Dance
- **Apr. 4 :** YES! Servapaloosa!
- **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.

Upcoming Midweeks:

- **Feb. 26 :** Community Midweeks
- **Mar. 4 :** All Women's Midweek
◊ Men in The Lighthouse
- **Mar. 11/18/25 :** Women's Community/ Family Group Midweeks
- **Mar. 18 :** There will not be a continuation of the Youth & Family Parents' class in the month of March; however, there will be a discussion for the Y&F dads on the third Wednesday in The Lighthouse. There will be classes for the middle and high school teens as well.

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

- Please pray for Connie Hawkins who was in a serious car accident last week and will have a long road to recovery ahead.
- Mercedes and I are asking for your prayers for my surgery this coming Wednesday (February 26) at Kennestone Hospital, and that it will be the end of my recurring problems with diverticulitis. - Brian Bowley
- Please pray for Althea Porter, who lost her mom. Please pray for her family to be comforted during this time.
- 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

Benevolence Giving at Midweek

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 an opportunity to give at All-Women's Midweek (March 4), while the men meet at The Lighthouse (March 4), and ANYTIME YOU WANT online with Tithe.ly. Thank you for your sacrificial hearts.

Attendance and Contribution

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

Date	Attendance	Contribution
Feb. 2	1,201	\$59,369*
Feb. 9	1,016	\$42,768
Feb. 16	1,018	\$47,548

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

Mar. 3: Meek (Matt. 5:5) - Jerri Channer

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.



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WIFI Password: RejoiceAlways

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.douglasiacoby.com/two-new-ifaith-videos-from-hebrews/>.

[Christ is Supreme](#) (14 mins) [The Truth About Falling Away](#) (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.

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!

- **NEW USHERS NEEDED:** Please fill out the "volunteer slip" with your contact information and place it in the box on top of book counter desk to join this important team.
- **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: SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com.
- **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 JohnHanes@nrcoc.com or TomBrown@nrcoc.com.
- **WORSHIP TEAM:** Thursday night rehearsals required. Contact Sherwin at SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com.

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

Simplify: Women's Day 2020



North River is excited to invite all women to "Simplify" Women's Day on Saturday, March 21. The night before, Arlene Markowski will be speaking for the Latin Women's Day, and then on Saturday, she will be delivering an inspirational TED talk on our theme. She is an amazing international women's speaker who currently resides in New York with her husband John and two teenagers. Arlene and John lead the Manhattan region in the New York church.

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 <http://bit.ly/NRwomensday> (case sensitive). See you there!

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 are on the homepage of [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

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!

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).

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

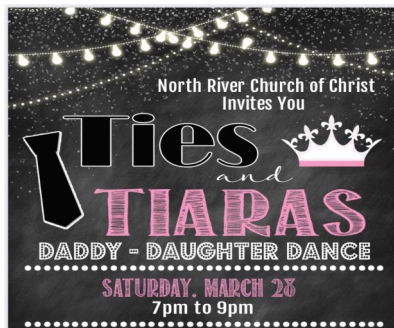
If you haven't started a Bible reading plan for the new year yet, consider digging into the "Sermon on the Mount." This section of the New Testament (Matthew 5-7) is widely agreed to contain the very heart of Jesus' kingdom message. The teachings were and still are remarkable and revolutionary.

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-the-mountain-00-introduction/>.

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

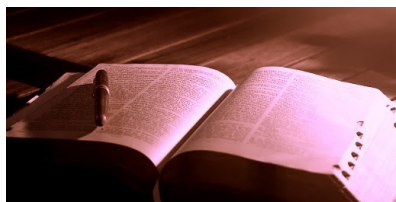
WITW: Where In the World is Douglas Jacoby?

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



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 all daughters of all ages (newborns-Campus). Dinner is not provided. Formal attire is encouraged. Please RSVP by **March 7** for a special time for the future women of our church!



JANUARY-MARCH 2020: New AIM Course

Don't miss out on this great opportunity starting now: an all-new cohort of students in the Athens Institute of Ministry (ASOM)! Why AIM? Bible study with an emphasis on careful teaching (2 Tim. 2:15), constitutes nearly 40% of the AIM course. You can register now at www.athensinstitute.org.

First Course: New Testament Survey (January-March)

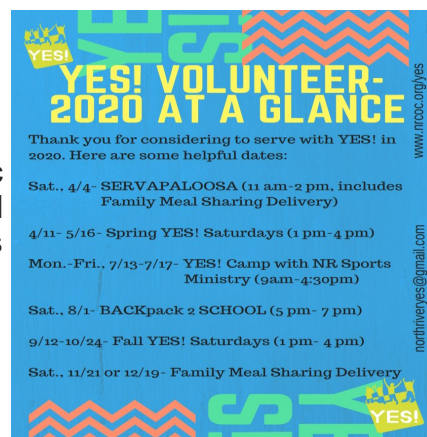
To register, send an email to dj@douglasjacoby.com.

What is AIM? AIM emphasizes biblical study — Old Testament, New Testament, Interpretation (Exegesis), and also includes Church History, Apologetics, Counseling, Marriage & Parenting, Public Speaking (Homiletics), World Religions, Denominational Doctrine, Holy Spirit, Church Building, and Pastoral Counseling. Students take part in a specific program, and admission is "rolling," so people can join the program at any time. Online dialogue between teachers and students provides continuity and follow-up. Currently, participants from 27 nations are involved in AIM.

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



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

It's That Time Again - Campus Lunch!

The next campus lunch for the semester will be TODAY, 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

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If you want to join the Media Team (social media, photography, videography, graphic design, internet outreach), please email Media@nrcoc.com. But you don't have to volunteer to help! **Simply follow @NorthRiverCOC on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.** But don't stop there. Engage! Of course, all things in moderation, but comments, likes, and shares increase the likelihood of people finding our church online, and we also encourage each other. Happy posting!

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.

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

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

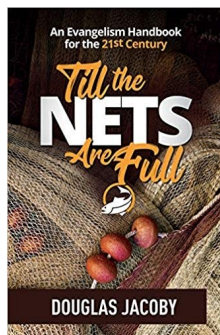


There are several people in the North River family who are looking for housing or roommates. (This includes single women, single men, and sometimes couples.)

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.

New Book of the Month



One title you can get now— Douglas Jacoby's new Book of the Month, *Till the Nets are Full*. Please visit the book table or see the online newsletter for more details!

This month, Douglas Jacoby is featuring his book, *Till the Nets Are Full*, a helpful manual on personal evangelism (formerly *Shining Like Stars*). It is challenging and practical, with 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" to 66866 or visit www.douglasjacobyc.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, sz. M
- women's jacket, khaki green, sz. 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.

Text Marianne Elliott at 404-229-9837 to inquire.

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](https://www.kidogotoolbox.com) 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

REGISTER NOW!

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 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!

Facilities and Requests

The challenge to fit and arrange all that the membership wants to do on our campus continues!

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

- Treat the buildings as though they are your home. (They are!)
- To request a spot on the North River campus, please go to nrcoc.org, click on Resources and select Facility Request (<http://nrcoc.org/facility-request/>). Easily fill out and submit our new form from a phone or laptop.
- All private events for members – weddings, birthday or grad parties, showers, etc., will incur charges.
- HVAC systems (there are six in the FLC) are programmed on Mondays for the week. That means that all requests should be in **at least by the Friday of the week before your event**. Most requests are processed within 48 hours.
- Don't assume all rooms are available to use if they are empty. You may get booted or those rooms may be considered off limits such as some children's ministry or staff rooms.
- Bear with each other if you don't get your desired spot – or for the time you need it. Until we get more space, flexibility is key!
- **Reminder!** The FLC is a NUT-FREE facility. 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.