

## Practicing 'The Way'

We are excited to start our new series "Practicing the Way!" Each week, a family group discussion based on the weekly practice will be available for your family group to use. Last Sunday, Jordan Massey prepped us for the series by sharing from Matthew 11:28-30 to help remind us that Jesus is the way of life, our souls can find rest in Jesus, and that we should reflect on who we are becoming in our life. We are praying that this will help all of us go deeper together into the lifestyle and spiritual disciplines of Jesus. These discussions will be available on [nrcoc.org/practicingtheway](http://nrcoc.org/practicingtheway) starting this Sunday.

### Series Schedule:

May 24 - Study of the Word  
May 31 - Community & Confession  
June 7 - Silence & Solitude  
June 14 - Sabbath  
June 21 - Simplicity  
June 28 - Fasting  
July 5 - Service



**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

### Good News From HOPE worldwide South Africa



Many in South Africa are experiencing the COVID-19 pandemic primarily as a food crisis! [Dr. Marc Aguirre, HOPE worldwide South Africa's \(HWSA\) Country Director, spoke to eNCA news](#) about the daily struggles that many families and children endure, and how encouraging it is to see the upsurge in solidarity and giving by individuals and companies. HWSA is partnering with KFC Add Hope across 7 provinces to bring emergency food relief to thousands of families with

children facing hunger. We also appreciate the assistance of Jumbo and Makro SA for supporting these efforts with logistics and discounted product pricing. There truly is Power in Partnership! Thank you for your continued support.

### Ann Lucas on Coffee Chat!



Our latest coffee chat featured Ann Lucas 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](#).

### A Season of Giving



This year, instead of a specific date for Generosity Sunday, we are planning by faith a "season of giving" beginning now through at least 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

### 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

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

320 Austin Ave NE  
Marietta, GA 30060  
[www.nrcoc.org](http://www.nrcoc.org)

## 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 24-30, 2020**

24 11a Livestream Service	25 Memorial Day 	26	27 FG Midweeks	28	29	30 10a Facebook Live Women's Coffee Chat
Clemson, SC	Charleston, SC	Triangle, NC	The Path	Greenville, SC	MGCC, Macon	Piedmont Triad



### 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.

### 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

- Joe Craig's brother, Derrick Craig, passed away last week. Please remember Joe and Lisa and their family as they deal with Derrick's passing.
- For specific prayers requests, please email [PRAYERS@NRCOC.COM](mailto: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.

Have any prayer requests you would like in the Newsletter? Email [Newsletter@NRCOC.com](mailto:Newsletter@NRCOC.com)

### Attendance and Contribution

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

Date	Live Logins	24hr Views	Contribution
May 3	534	≈1,100	\$51,408*
May 10	438	≈900	\$39,543
May 17	519	≈1,000	\$38,623

\*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](mailto:marietoussaint@nrcoc.com)) or contact your Community leader to get your name added to the list.



@NorthRiverCOC



## 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.

## 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.



## 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."

## 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)
AUG 4-7	FAMILY: (Parents, Single Parents, Kids, Middle & High Schoolers)
	FOREVER FAITHFUL: (Empty Nesters, Marrieds w/o Kids, Retirees)
	SPANISH Conference



# West Cobb/Smyrna Community: Good News



Anthonia is helping a friend make masks to protect others from COVID-19.

Anthonia's friend prayed to make additional money by making masks. Anthonia's friend had become overwhelmed with making masks and stopped making them, as the orders were coming too fast. Anthonia recognized that her friend lost faith and Anthonia began to help her friend by sewing masks so that her friend could continue to make money.

Anthonia's friend decided to give Anthonia money for helping her with the masks. With the money Anthonia makes from the masks, she donates it to The Association of Nigerian Physicians in the Americas (ANPA), so this non-profit organization can purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for individuals in Negeria.

What a beautiful example of sharing one's gifts and love. Thanks Anthonia for the encouragement.

Thank you,  
Sharal Ozim



Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring  
good news,  
who proclaim peace,  
who bring good tidings,  
who proclaim salvation,  
who say to Zion,  
"Your God reigns!"



## 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](mailto: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!](#)

## 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)

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### 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](mailto: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.

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### Livestreams & Sermon Slides

Through the month of June, 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](mailto:CONNECT@NRCOC.COM). You can also get a copy of the PowerPoint sermon slides within 24 hours after the service at <https://bit.ly/394Jqrj>.

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### In-the-Know Shortcuts!



- Visit [www.nrcoc.org](http://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](http://bit.ly/2Q9aHRC)) to get email updates.
  - Give online on [Tithe.ly](#) 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](mailto:marietoussaint@nrcoc.com) or a friend who has invited you.
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### 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 and June. To get added to the Thrive email list, please email [thrive-ministry@nrcoc.com](mailto:thrive-ministry@nrcoc.com) and stay updated on all events by accessing the Thrive page on the North River website at <https://nrcoc.org/ministries/thrive>.



## 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://douglasjacoby.com), or shoot an email to [dj@douglasjacoby.com](mailto: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!



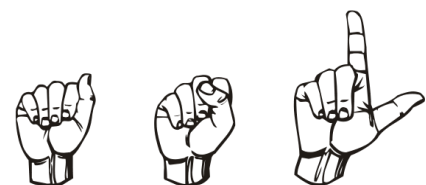
The podcast material from Douglas Jacoby's website is now being made available on all podcast platforms (like iTunes, Google, and Spotify). Podcasts will be added every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. You can

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 24	Chattanooga (Zoom)
Oct. 16-19	Turkey Biblical Study Pre-Tour
Oct. 19-26	Turkey Biblical Study Tour
Nov. 13-16	Atlanta

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:childrensministry@nrcoc.com) or [melissatulloch@nrcoc.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto:newsletter@nrcoc.com). Announcements or requests received after the deadline may not be possible. Thanks, the Newsletter Team.