

Treasures from the Heart



Honestly, in the first four years as a disciple, I gave practically nothing financially. However, after hearing a sermon on Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, your heart will be also", it motivated me to start a 50-year heart growth and change regarding giving financially.

First of all, I began to learn it wasn't about the Law and a legal system of tithing in the Old Testament, nor was it about monetarily giving — the issue was all about my heart of love for God. That alone made all the difference in the world. I found myself talking to God continuously about how grateful I was for everything He was doing in my life and that I wanted to give back to Him.

Truthfully, it was extremely challenging to push through since I was a single mom starting a master's degree in Early Childhood Teaching. And even after I graduated, teaching wasn't a high-paying job. However, I persevered, learning to live below my means, deciding to have a budget and stick to it, and having fun with my kids without spending money (climbing mountains, etc.). We still laugh about the little art projects we did.

God sent families into our lives who believed that families could have fun without spending a lot of money. And that was huge. That was all God. God also taught me huge lessons about character building, namely that money doesn't buy happiness, and I didn't have to buy them everything to keep up with the Joneses. We also had evening Bible stories. My children loved church and the Bible classes.

Now after 50 years, I'm bursting with untold joy for having the courage and fortitude to fight for the honor of giving back to God financially. For the last 35 years, taking one day at a time to stay within my budget has been hugely victorious. It has allowed me to fight to give more each year and not only to the church but thousands of dollars to the poor and needy.

My relationship with God is all about a heart of love and the ability to trust Him, and it has brought me nothing but pure joy. There are so many Scriptures that testify about God's heart of love being His motivation for everything He accomplishes. Listen to what Jesus said to his apostles just before he was arrested, "I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, but the world must learn that I LOVE the Father and that I do exactly what the Father has commanded me." John 14:30

Listen to the "if" statement Jesus made to his apostles — "If you love me, you will obey what I command." John 14:15. And I love Ephesians 2:3 "All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature, and following its desires and thoughts." Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of His great LOVE for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — "It is by grace you have been saved" Ephesians 2:5.

Being motivated by love from the heart is the only motivation we need to bring glory and honor to God in our financial giving.

—Betty Landergott (West Cobb Community)

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Harold Carman ❖ John Durkota
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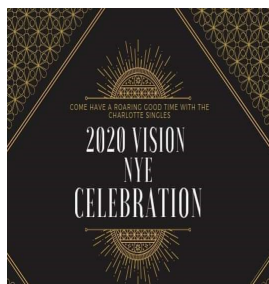
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Pop-tarts & PJ's



Please join us for North River's 2019 "Pop-tarts & PJ's" Family Sunday on December 29 as we "pop" into a new year and celebrate all the blessings we have in Jesus! The children are encouraged to come to this family time in pajamas and will receive an organic pop-tart after this abbreviated family-friendly service. You do not want to miss this special time, and be sure to include your neighbors!

2020 Vision NYE Celebration!



The Charlotte singles are hosting a New Year's Eve weekend celebration called "2020 Vision". You can register for the entire retreat (Monday — Wednesday), party only (Tuesday night), or New Year's brunch only (Wednesday morning), so make sure to check out the payment options. **Registration ends on Sunday, December 22, 2019.** Limited housing is available as well! Once you register, just email your request to our event email with the subject line: NYE Housing at cltsinglesnye2020@gmail.com.

Join the Charlotte Church of Christ for what's sure to be an amazing celebration! Find registration details at shorturl.at/cvEMN.

New Year's at North River!



Here is another great opportunity to ring in the new decade AND make a difference right here at North River! All college students, young professionals, and young marrieds are invited to join us for a New Year's Eve Black

Tie Party to raise money for kids to go to school in Kenya!

Register and pay at the door or [online](https://www.jamquest.org/AtlantaNewYears) (\$15 minimum donation, although more is always welcome!)

If you have any questions, please contact Nick Shoff at nick.shoff@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

December 15-21, 2019

15 9a & 11a Services 1p Choir Rehearsal 1p ALS Training	16	17 10a Women's & Men's Bible Studies Campus TNL	18 10a Spanish Bible Study Family Group Midweeks	19 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	20	21 9:30a Diversity Training
Knoxville, TN	Jackson, MS	Bridge Pointe	Wilmington, NC	Fayetteville, NC	Columbia, SC	Memphis, TN

For Your Future Calendars:



- Dec. 18: Family Group Midweeks
- Dec. 22: "Born is the King" Christmas Services (9 & 11am)
- Dec. 29: "Pop-tarts & PJs!"
- Dec. 30-Jan. 1: Singles' NYE Celebration, Charlotte
- Dec. 31: NYE "Jamquest" at North River
- Jan. 18-20: Michael Burns Diversity Weekend
- Feb. 7-9: "Restoration of the Heart" Weekend
- July 2020: World Discipleship Summit, Orlando

Weekly Bible Studies

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

Join us for a series on Proverbs, based on a book by Timothy Keller called *Proverbs: Understanding God's Wisdom for Navigating Life*.

December 17: Special Devotional

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

Join us for lessons learned from Elihu in the book of Job. Bring a friend and their spouse for the women's study as well!

December: Effective/Productive Disciples - 2 Peter

Charla en español 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!

Attendance and Contribution

Average Giving in November was \$50,444
Weekly Goal in December is \$47,000

Date	Attendance	Contribution
Nov. 24	1,184	\$45,739
Dec. 1	1,091	\$50,534
Dec. 8	1,312	\$42,185

HOLIDAYS @ THE SWAMP

DEC 29 - JAN 1

GRADES 7 - 12

So your kids can have a safe and happy New Year's
...and so can you!

Price Includes:

8 Meals, 3 Nights Lodging
Awesome Fireworks Display
New Year's Eve Party with DJ
Great Bible Classes for the New Year
Another Swamp Memory

All for just \$175 per camper
\$50 deposit required to reserve spot

Check in from 4:00-6:00 PM in Hart Dining Hall
Concludes 12:30 PM final day

Register at www.campswamp.com

LAST DAY for Lost & Found!

Please check the Lost & Found closet in the lobby or send a text to Marianne Elliott at 404-229-9837 to claim lost items. Unclaimed items will be donated or discarded TODAY.

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



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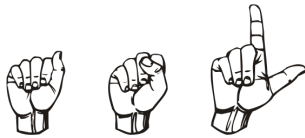
Prayer Requests

"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 Cassandra, as she was in a car accident on the way to midweek last week. She was sent to the hospital and had some internal bleeding. Pray for a good outcome and complete healing.

Have any prayer requests? Email Newsletter@NRCOC.com

Learn Sign Language!

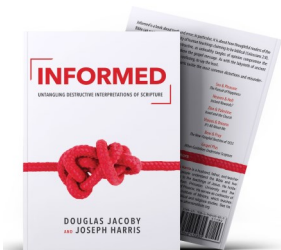


Are you interested in learning American Sign Language (ASL). To be added to the group and join us for our next session, please contact Shay Rowe (678-920-3838), Jamie Mullis (770-366-1881) or visit <https://forms.gle/EXDodCSq6P66W81j9>.

Join the Deaf Ministry ICOC

My name is Ruthanna Reardon. I'm a disciple in Athens, GA. I am writing to inquire if you have any deaf/hard of hearing (HH) disciples in your ministry, or any disciples who know American Sign Language (ASL), whether they are CODA/KODAs (child/kid of deaf adult) or ASL interpreters, or on the path to become ASL interpreters. We would like to extend an invitation for them to be a part of the Deaf Ministry ICOC (DMICOC). Please contact us if you have any questions. - Ruthanna Reardon, Dmicoc.org

Hot Off the Press



Our AIM teacher and Bible scholar, Douglas Jacoby, has co-written a book with friend and fellow teacher Joey Harris (Augusta, Georgia). *Informed: Untangling Destructive Interpretations of Scripture* was released by IPI Books and contains an array of helpful information that is both relevant and practical. Get your

copy in the North River book area or click here at ipibooks.com. Here's a sampling of the chapters:

- Health & Wealth: The Gospel of Materialism
- Signs & Wonders: History and Hysteria
- Visions & Dreams: It's All About Me
- Rapture & Tribulation: Exiting Earth?
- Bow & Pray: The New-Fangled Doctrine of 1835
- Gospel Plus: When Guidelines Undermine Scripture

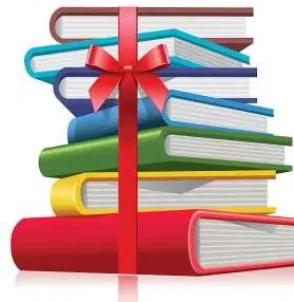
A Special Way to Support Camp Swamp



The holiday season is here, and you may be joining the season of giving by buying items online. With one extra step, you can support our very own Camp Swamp. Simply visit or click on the following link, do your shopping, and upon check out, Amazon will donate a share of your purchase to Swamp Camp Services Inc. (smile.amazon.com/ch/58-2381032). No extra fees! Shop till you drop and support Camp Swamp.

Thanks, Jeff Rorabaugh

Great Books, Great Gift Ideas!



This month, you can take advantage of discounts on most of Douglas Jacoby's titles. For the month of December, most books and CDs are 25-50% off. These make great Christmas gifts — compact, inexpensive, and wholesome. And you can still subscribe to Douglas' newsletter to get more insights from around the world. Text the word "disciple" to 66866 to join his newsletter, and stop by the book table to get a new book today!

WITW: Where In the World is Douglas Jacoby?

2019	
Dec. 14-16	Blantyre, Malawi
Dec. 29	Edinburgh, Scotland

New AIM Course

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

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

First Course: NT Survey (January —March)



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.

Lighthouse Update



We are excited to share the progress with the Lighthouse. Construction is just about complete, and we are now in the final stages, going through safety inspections and furnishing the building thanks to our members' generous donations. Thank you for your dreams for this new light on our campus. We look forward to sharing with you soon when the actual opening will be. Right now, we are planning a grand opening in the new year, but we hope to be able to use the building much sooner than that. Please continue to pray for how God is preparing to use the Lighthouse in Atlanta!

Lost & Found Corner



Are you missing the following? Well soon, it could be long gone if you don't claim it! Help us get this back to you ASAP.

- Blood testing kit
- Ladies dress jacket, black, size 12
- Sleeveless vest, youth medium, KIPP S. Fulton Academy
- Yeti-type drinking cup with GT initials
- Yeti cup, black
- Glass drinking bottle with yellow flowers
- Contigo 24 oz water bottle, purple
- Glass pie plate, clear

Send text to Marianne Elliott at 404-229-9837 to claim. Items will be donated or discarded if not claimed by TODAY!.

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 experience.

Follow @NorthRiverCOC



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! Comments, likes, and shares increase the likelihood of people finding our church online, and we also encourage each other. Happy posting!

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! MUSIC LIBRARIANS:** People to help file and manage the music for the worship team. Contact Sherwin at SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com.
- SECURITY TEAM:** Monitoring in and around our three buildings. Contact Megan at meganfamodun@nrcoc.com.
- MEDICAL PERSONNEL:** Nurses, doctors, and EMTs who can help when needed. Contact Kristi at kfitzbei@bellsouth.net.
- 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. Thx.

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.)

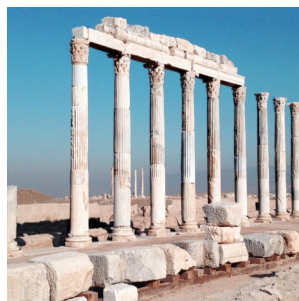
There ALSO might be those among us who have a spare room, a basement, or an in-law suite. We would love to match people up and even help start some new spiritual households! If you would like to help or need help, please send any info to our hospitable volunteer, Sierra at sierrapierce19@gmail.com. Pulling all together, we can meet many needs. Thank you.

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.

2020 Biblical Study Tour



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 www.douglasjacoby.com.

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

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!

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.

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.