

## Marty Solomon & BEMA Discipleship



Mark your calendars for this coming weekend as North River welcomes Marty Solomon, host of the BEMA Discipleship Podcast and the President and Director of Discipleship for Impact Campus Ministries. BEMA's goal for listeners is "To love God. To love others. To become people of the Text."

On Saturday, Marty will be teaching on "The Four Pillars":

1. **Text:** Passion for God's Word and the power of God's Word
2. **Discipleship:** God's plan for His people to grow spiritually
3. **Community:** Fellowship/sharing of life God calls His followers to live in
4. **Wrestling:** Inquiring, wrestling with the text (God loves a wrestler)

On Sunday, Marty will share a sermon at both services on "The Jewishness of Jesus".

## 2020 Children's Ministry Volunteer Campaign

We have about two-thirds of what we need to conduct all classes, with the least amount of sign-ups for next fall. In looking at percentages, we have about 30% of each Community volunteering currently. November is over, so please get registered today! We truly need everyone!

Rather than recruiting every four months next year, we are recruiting for all three 2020 teaching rotations NOW. The three rotations to choose from are January-April, May-August, and September-December Please [head over to the link and choose](#) when YOU will serve today! Thank you.

(<http://bit.ly/riverkids2020>)



## Angel Tree Important Deadlines



'Tis the season! Over the next few weeks, you will see paper "angels" on the tree in the lobby. Pick one off the tree to choose a family you can help bring some cheer to this holiday season. Contact Robin Moody 404-484-2526 or email [nrcocAngelTree@gmail.com](mailto:nrcocAngelTree@gmail.com) for any questions. Thank you!

- TODAY and 12/4: Pick angels off the tree!
- 12/8: Turn in all gift cards at Welcome Desk to Robin.
- 12/15: Angel gifts distributed to parents!

## Last Day to Join the Choir



We are putting together the choir for the Christmas services on Sunday, Dec. 22, and we need you! **Please plan to attend all rehearsals TODAY, on the 8th, and the 15th at 1pm. There is a mandatory dress rehearsal Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7:30pm.** Come on out and join us in this special bonding time as we celebrate the birth of a King!

## From the Lost & Found Department



Please check the online newsletter to see the list of items left behind or check the Lost & Found closet in the lobby. Send text to Marianne Elliott at (404) 229-9837 to claim.

Items will be donated or discarded if not claimed by December 15.

## 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*.

**Dec. 3:** Parenting Part II— [Suzanne Carman](#)

**Dec.10:** Knowing Jesus Part I — [Melanie Cicerchia](#)

### 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!

**Dec. 3:** Your Goals, Jesus' Goals - What Does God Honor?

### 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!

## 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

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*

## December 1-7, 2019

1 9a & 11a Services 1p Choir Rehearsal 1p Financial Peace U. 3p American Sign Language Class FLC	2	3 #GivingTuesday  10a Women's & Men's Bible Studies  Campus TNL	4 10a Spanish Bible Study  All Church Mid-week 7PM	5	6	7 10-12p Marty Solomon: BEMA
Auburn/Tuskegee	Chattanooga	Myrtle Beach, SC	Cornerstone	Northview CC	Nashville, TN	Rome, GA

### For Your Future Calendars:

- Dec. 4: All Church Midweek, 7pm
- Dec. 7-8: Marty Solomon, BEMA Discipleship
- Dec. 8: Angel Tree Gifts Due!
- Dec. 14: EDGE/Singles' White Elephant Party
- Dec. 14: YES! Family Meal Delivery
- Dec. 22: Christmas Candlelight Services
- Dec. 30-Jan. 1: Single's NYE Celebration, Charlotte
- July 2020: World Discipleship Summit, FL

### End of the Year Giving Tax Strategies

December 3, 2019, is **GivingTuesday**, a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world by giving of their money. For disciples, "GivingTuesday" is every day of our lives. God calls us to live a lifestyle of service and generosity.

As you make your end-of-the-year financial planning, there are options to lowering your tax liability. If you typically itemize your deductions, and if you own securities, you may want to consider donating a gift of long-term appreciated securities as an alternative to a cash donation. Long-term appreciated securities include stocks, bonds, and mutual funds that you have held for longer than a year and for which the current value is greater than your original cost. When you donate a security, you may get a charitable deduction for the donation (if you itemize), you can also avoid paying capital gains taxes on their appreciated value (i.e., the unrealized gain — again, if you have held the security for over a year). If you decide to gift in this way, please contact Vivian Hanes, at [vivianhanes@nrcoc.com](mailto:vivianhanes@nrcoc.com), for the church brokerage account information. **When you direct your stock broker to transfer securities, it's only considered a donation when it transfers from your account to the church's account. Thus, make sure your gift request is done in time to be completed before the end of the year.**

With the new tax law changes and the increase in the standard deduction, many individuals are opting to use a tax strategy called "bunching." Bunching your itemized deductions is a technique that involves accumulating deductions so that they are high in one year and low the following year, allowing a person to itemize their deductions every other year and use the free standard deduction in the alternate year.

The key to achieving this strategy is to recognize as many of your deductions in the year you itemize, and as few as possible in the year you claim the standard deduction. Please read this article for more information:

<https://www.cnbc.com/2018/01/04/bunching-charitable-donations-could-help-you-save-on-taxes-this-year.html>

If you decide that this is a good strategy for your year-end giving, think about including your Generosity Contribution, donation to the Building Fund, or even next year's contribution (all or part). In any of these scenarios, you should always consult your tax advisor before making your decision (as this article cannot, alas, be construed as tax advice). Hopefully, your tax advisor has already suggested some of these strategies.

**All donations must be received at the church office by Sunday, December 30 to be included in the 2019 tax year. Any mailed checks with the post-dated before midnight on December 30 (according to the IRS) will be included in 2019 tax year. However, please do not delay in giving your year-end contributions.**

Have a happy and safe holiday season!

### Attendance and Contribution

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

Date	Attendance	Contribution
Nov. 10	1,335	\$69,039*
Nov. 17	1,204	\$48,974
Nov. 24	1,184	\$45,739

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

### 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](http://www.nrcoc.org), click "Resources" tab and then "Newsletters." 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



Wifi Password: **RejoiceAlways**

## 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

*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

Dena Adams' sister, Elizabeth Mooney, passed away Thanksgiving morning. Please keep her and the family in your prayers."

Please pray for Teresa Scott (Alik's mother) who hurt herself and is having hip surgery.

Please pray for Pete Kruse's uncle Rick in Pennsylvania who has been admitted to the hospital and is about to undergo kidney surgery.

### A Special Way to Support Camp Swamp

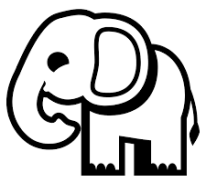


The holiday season is here, and you may be joining the season of giving by buying items online. With one extra step, you can support our very own Camp Swamp. Simply visit or click on the following link, do your shopping, and upon check out, Amazon

will donate a share of your purchase to Swamp Camp Services Inc. ([smile.amazon.com/ch/58-2381032](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-2381032)). No extra fees! Shop till you drop and support Camp Swamp.

*Thanks, Jeff Rorabaugh*

### EDGE / Single's White Elephant Party!



Join us and bring a friend Saturday, December 14 from 5:30-9pm, for our EDGE/ Singles White Elephant Party! This event will include food, fellowship, games, and, of course, a White Elephant gift exchange! (If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gender-neutral gift to exchange.)

Click here for the [Sign-Up Genius](#) to help us make sure we have enough food. (You can email Wendi Harris with any questions [wendh1961@gmail.com](mailto:wendh1961@gmail.com).) Check out the [Facebook event](#) to RSVP and for more info and ideas!

**Where:** North River Church FLC

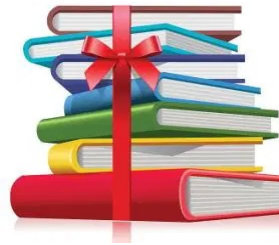
**When:** 12/14/2019 from 5:30-9pm

**What to bring:** Food, gift to exchange and/or a game to play with others.

**Who:** You and your guest(s). Please RSVP on Facebook or via email.

**Why:** Because Jesus is Lord!

### 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!

### New AIM Course

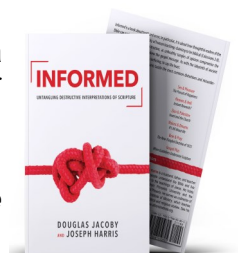
Don't miss out on this great opportunity starting now! An all-new cohort of students in the Athens Institute/ ASOM. Bible study with an emphasis on careful teaching (2 Tim. 2:15), constitutes nearly 40% of the AIM course. Register at [www.athensinstitute.org](http://www.athensinstitute.org).

**First Course:** New Testament Survey (January—March)

To register, send an email to [dj@douglasjacoby.com](mailto:dj@douglasjacoby.com).

### 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](#) to order. 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



## Lighthouse Update



We are excited to share the progress with the Lighthouse. Construction is almost 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!

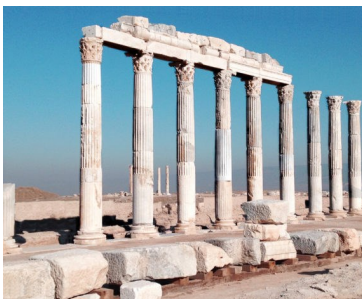
## 2020 Vision NYE Celebration!



The Charlotte singles are hosting a New Year's Eve weekend called "2020 Vision". Registration and details are [here](#), and the Facebook event is [here](#). Registration is \$20. Join us at the Charlotte Church (2200 Ashley Road, Charlotte, NC 28208), December 30 - January 1. Sounds like a fun way to spend

the holiday, if you're looking for plans!

## 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](http://www.douglasjacoby.com).

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

## 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.

## WITW: Where In the World is Douglas Jacoby?

2019	
Dec. 6-8	Johannesburg, South Africa
Dec. 8-9	Port Elizabeth, South Africa
Dec. 10-13	Antananarivo, Madagascar
Dec. 14-16	Blantyre, Malawi
Dec. 29	Edinburgh, Scotland

## Follow @NorthRiverCOC



If you want to join the Media Team (social media, photography, videography, graphic design, internet outreach) please email [Media@nrcoc.com](mailto: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](mailto:SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com).
- SECURITY TEAM:** Monitoring in and around our three buildings. Contact Megan at [meganfamodun@nrcoc.com](mailto:meganfamodun@nrcoc.com).
- MEDICAL PERSONNEL:** Nurses, doctors, and EMTs who can help when needed. Contact Kristi at [kfitzbei@bellsouth.net](mailto:kfitzbei@bellsouth.net).
- YES! PROGRAM:** To do one of the regular Saturday events with your group or for ongoing help, email [northriveryes@gmail.com](mailto:northriveryes@gmail.com).
- SHEPHERDS FOR SINGLES' FAMILY GROUPS:** contact [JohnHanes@nrcoc.com](mailto:JohnHanes@nrcoc.com) or [TomBrown@nrcoc.com](mailto:TomBrown@nrcoc.com).
- WORSHIP TEAM:** Thursday night rehearsals required. Contact Sherwin at [SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com](mailto:SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com).
- HAVE ANOTHER IDEA OR NOT SURE HOW TO HELP?** No problem! Hit me up with your interest at

## 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 December 15.

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

## Learn Sign Language!



Are you interested in learning American Sign Language (ASL). To be added to the group, contact list call Shay Rowe (678-920-3838), Jamie Mullis (770-366-1881) or visit:

<https://forms.gle/EXDodCSg6P66W81j9>

## 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](https://www.dmicoc.org).

Find us on [Facebook group](#) or Twitter @[DMIC2019.org](https://twitter.com/DMIC2019.org)

## How to Get Your Kid's 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](mailto:childrensministry@nrcoc.com) or [melissatulloch@nrcoc.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](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.

## 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.