

“Fix Your Eyes on Jesus”

This year we are planning to have clear 2020 vision with our sermon series, “Fix Your Eyes on Jesus.” For January and February, we will be taking a journey through the book of Hebrews, starting with today’s focus on Hebrews 1: “The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word” (verse 3).

In addition to our church-wide fast we will be doing January 8-29, here are some other upcoming events that are sure to help prepare our hearts and minds for a purposeful and Christ-centered New Year!

Elders

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

Evangelists

Tom Brown ❖ Jeff Hickman
Jordan Massey ❖ Kendall Knight

Women’s Ministry

Kelly Brown ❖ Lin Ottenweller
LaToya Massey

Missions Teacher

Dr. Douglas Jacoby

Worship & Creative Arts Ministry

Sherwin & Debbie Mackintosh

Youth & Family Ministry

Chase & Sarah Mackintosh

Campus Ministry

Jordan Massey ❖ Cody Porter

Children’s Ministry

Melissa Tulloch

Administration

Vivian Hanes ❖ Megan Famodun

YES! Ministry

Jasmine Jackson

Supporting Mission Efforts In:

Africa, Auburn-Tuskegee,
Chattanooga, Europe, Knoxville

JANUARY 18-19: MLK Weekend Diversity Event

Michael and MyCresha Burns are disciples in the Two Cities Church in Minneapolis. Michael is a biblical teacher who has done workshops around the world, including over 70 on culture, race, and the Kingdom of God. Michael serves on the ICOC Social, Cultural Unity and Diversity Team, and helps direct Ministry Training Academies in Johannesburg, Nairobi, Lagos, and Abidjan. He is also the author of 12 books, including *Crossing the Line: Culture, Race, and Kingdom* and *All Things to All People: The Power*



of Cultural Humility. North River Church of Christ and Bridge Pointe Church are excited to welcome the Burnses to Atlanta for a special Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend event, “All Things to All People.” We would love everyone to be there, so below is the Saturday schedule to plan ahead. Michael will preach the same sermon during both Sunday 9am and 11am services.

- o Session 1: 10am-10:45am - *Cultural Humility and the Kingdom of God*
- o Session 2: 11:00am-11:45pm - *Racial Identity and the Kingdom of God*
- o Session 3: 1pm - 2:00pm - *Humble Conversations*

JANUARY 26: The Lighthouse Grand Opening

We are excited to share that our new building, The Lighthouse, will have its official grand opening Sunday, January 26 from 12:30-2pm. You may see some groups testing out the facility before this time, but we want you to mark your calendars for the church-wide celebration that day, after the second service. Thank you for your dreams and contributions for this new light on our campus. Please continue to pray for how God is preparing to use the Lighthouse in Atlanta for our families and friends!



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

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(example: tombrown@nrcoc.com)

newsletter@nrcoc.com

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Marietta, GA 30060
www.nrcoc.org

FEBRUARY 7—9: Restoration of the Heart

"The story of your life is the story of the long, brutal assault upon your heart by the one who knows what you could be, and fears you." -John Eldredge

Everyone has a story. The events and relationships in our story have shaped who we are and how we think about God. Not everything we experience is "God's will." There is an enemy who means to harm us. He uses events and others to break our hearts. No matter how much we want to love God with all our hearts, those wounded parts of our hearts keep us from loving God the way we want. There is an aching, a longing in us to be healed, to be whole.

Join us at the **Restoration of the Heart**, where we will model how to experience healing from Jesus. Healing can result in freedom from the addictions and distractions we sometimes use to numb the longing for the life we sense is just beyond our reach. God desires to heal us and bring us into that life. Save the date for the weekend of February 7-9. This will include events Friday night 7:30-9:45pm and Saturday all day from 9:30am-4:30pm.



FEBRUARY 14—16 : "Ransomed" Singles Weekend

Tickets for "Ransomed," the Atlanta Metro Singles Weekend, are now available! Join 200 singles from across the country for a weekend of fellowship February 14 -16, right here in Atlanta. For a limited time, the early bird price is \$25, which includes our Valentine's Party Saturday evening, featuring DJ Ron Michael! Our weekend culminates with our singles'-led Worship Service, Sunday, February 16.

For helpful updates leading up to "Ransomed", you can visit our [Facebook event](#) or the [Registration Page](#).



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.

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.

SUMMER 2020: RevivEEasternEurope Mission Team

RevivEE is a program designed to invigorate the faith and growth of our churches in Eastern Europe, which consists of 21 countries, 270 million people, and 24 fellowships with over 3,000 brothers and sisters. We have 12 countries with no church or a fellowship of less than 100 disciples.

Shawn and Lena Wooten have spent more than 27 years planting and leading churches in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. They are looking to build teams that will move to a specific country for 10 months, to help us build a critical mass of growth and faith.

Is God calling you to change the vector of Christianity for a country? We are praying for you to consider Eastern Europe! The deadline to apply for Phase 1 is **February 15, 2020** with a planned start date of August 15, 2020. There are also opportunities planned through 2022. Prayerfully consider being a part of this dream to help revive Christianity for a nation! Visit



www.reviveeasterneurope.org to see all the details, timelines and to apply to be a part of a life-changing team.



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

Please pray for many in our church family who are themselves or have family members who are experiencing sickness and/or losses at this time:

- Please pray for Stella Whitaker and her family as her father Sylvester Iheanacho passed away last week shortly after being moved to hospice.
- Please pray for Mike Wyatt's father who was recently moved to Atlanta to be closer to the Wyatts.
- Our sister Gail Bogle was admitted to Mt. Sinai hospital in New York City while on vacation with her family. She was diagnosed with pneumonia and is experiencing severe shortage of breath. She expects to be in the hospital for several more days. She and her family appreciate your expressions of concern and prayers for her rapid recovery.

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/EXDodCSg6P66W81j9>.

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! 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

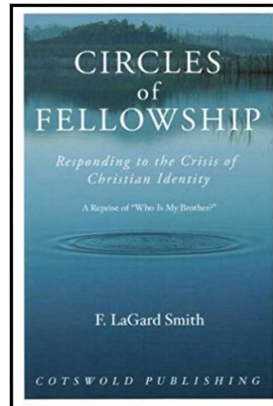


TITHE.LY

- 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.

New Book of the Month!



This month, biblical teacher Douglas Jacoby is featuring a title by fellow author F. LaGard Smith called *Circles of Fellowship*. Among other things, the book gives us a practical paradigm for relating to believers in other fellowships. Normally priced at \$15, you can grab this at the book counter in the lobby for \$12 in January or only \$10 for those who read and subscribe to Douglas's weekly newsletter. To sign up for this free newsletter, text

66866 or visit www.douglasjacoby.com.

WITW: Where In the World is Douglas Jacoby?

| 2020 | |
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| Jan. 24-26 | Memphis, TN |
| Feb. 1 | AIM New Testament at NR |
| Mar. 4-7 | San Antonio, TX |
| Mar. 8-10 | Myrtle Beach, SC |
| Apr. 17-19 | Asia Pacific Leadership Academy - Manila, Philippines |
| Apr. 20-26 | China Tour |

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

January 5-18, 2020

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| 5 9a & 11a Service Children's Ministry Rotation Starts | 6 | 7 | 8 7:30pm All-Church Midweek | 9 | 10 Campus Devo | 11 |
| Northview CC | Nashville, TN | Rome, GA | Coastal Carolina | Athens, GA | ACOC @ Gwinnett | Birmingham, AL |
| 12 9a & 11a Services Intown House Church Elders Appointment ASL Class | 13 | 14 | 15 7:30pm All-Church Midweek | 16 | 17 Campus Devo | 18 10a Michael Burns Diversity Workshop |
| Augusta, GA | Asheville, NC | Savannah, GA | Knoxville, TN | Jackson, MS | Bridge Pointe | Wilmington, NC |

For Your Future Calendars:

- January:** All-Church Midweeks at 7:30PM
- Jan. 18-19:** Michael Burns Diversity Weekend
- Jan. 26:** The Lighthouse Grand Opening
- Feb. 7-9:** "Restoration of the Heart" Weekend
- Feb. 14-16:** All ATL "Ransomed" Singles' Weekend
- Mar. 20:** Latin Women's Day, 7pm
- Mar. 21:** Women's Day, 9am
- July 2-5:** World Discipleship Summit, Orlando

Midweek Time Update

We tried 7pm midweeks for several months to see if it would make it easier for families to come on All-Church Wednesday nights. As the overall children's attendance was not impacted, we plan to switch back to 7:30pm starting January 8 to make it easier for our more distant communities to be able to attend. Every midweek in January will be an All-Church Midweek for all Communities and their children starting at 7:30pm. Thank you to all who offered their valuable input during this process. No final decision has yet been made about All-Church Midweek start times after January.

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*.

Jan. 7: Knowing Jesus, Part II
Jan. 14: Money and Work, Part I

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

Join us for lessons especially geared toward men on how to "Living Effective and Productive Lives as Disciples." Bring a friend with his spouse for the women's study as well, which happens at the same time in a different room!

Jan. 7: Fasting and Prayer

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!

Important Tax Return Notice

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2019 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church. A Contribution Statement will be sent to you via your email on record, no later than January 15, 2020. If you don't receive an email by January 15, contact **Megan Famodun** at meganfamodun@nrcoc.com.

Lost & Found Message

Check the closet and reclaim your Bibles. Any Bibles or journals remaining after **January 12** will be donated. Also, please check the online version for a list of items retrieved from the closet in December.

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.



Attendance and Contribution

Average Giving in December was \$40,877
Weekly Goal in January is \$47,000

| Date | Attendance | Contribution |
|---------|------------|--------------|
| Dec. 15 | 1, 118 | \$37,697 |
| Dec. 22 | 1,310 | \$41,951 |
| Dec. 29 | 865 | \$32,047 |

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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!

•**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!

•**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.

•**YES! PROGRAM**: To do one of the regular Saturday events with your group or for ongoing help, email northriveryes@gmail.com.

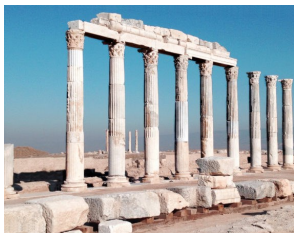
•**SHEPHERDS FOR SINGLES' FAMILY GROUPS**:

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.

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)

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.

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

Lost & Found Corner

These are some of the current items that were in the Lost & Found closet in December. Check the closet and/or text Marianne Elliott at 404-229-9837 to inquire. Any items not claimed by **January 19** will be discarded or donated.

- Water bottle (Taylan Ballew)
- Water bottle (metal, Starbucks)
- Water bottle (Yeti)
- African rattle
- Greetings cards (full box)
- Cap (NAS Bahamas)
- Coat (ladies, size 8, dark red)
- Lunch bag (zippered, black/pink)
- Jacket, hooded (men's LG, Craftsman)
- Backpack (black, North Face w/clothes)
- Backpack (pink, sparkly, initials CGT)
- Water bottle (Chosen Singles Conference)
- Cup (12 oz, handled, with lid, Yeti-style)
- Christmas Friends photo coffee mug

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.