

How I Approach the Idea of "Giving"



I became a disciple, because I was deeply convicted by the Word of God. When I compared my life, my thoughts, my actions, and my heart to what Jesus called me to be, I felt so short. I needed a savior, and Jesus was willing to save me. Amen! My baptism was just the beginning of the many decisions I made to obey the Scriptures. It was the start of a transformation in every area of my life.

Giving my time and my money were two of the many areas I needed to change. I lived a life of leisure and I was the "Lord" of my life. Being around others who served was very new to me, an upward call! When I heard the disciples speak about sacrificial life and giving, I could not wrap my mind around what that meant for me. I pondered what it would mean for me to give sacrificially. Would it be selling my possessions and giving the money to the church and to the poor? Would it be going on the mission field to a remote place without any comforts? What a dilemma!

Soon after I became a Christian, my friend Steve Johnson delivered a message on giving. He spoke about the difference between the Old Testament teaching on giving and Jesus' teaching about generosity in the New Testament. He shared that although the New Testament did not command him to give 10% of his gross income, he had decided to start there and then work toward Jesus' sacrificial giving standard (a higher call). That was a helpful message for me. I decided that day to start giving, at a minimum, 10% of my gross salary. It also prompted me to make other long-term financial lifestyle choices: spending for needs and not wants, spending on people and not things, and trusting that those handling the church finances would manage the money wisely and above reproach. I resolved in my heart that even if others did not make the best or wisest use of my funds, my giving was still going to God and it was up to Him to take care of the rest.

Since the world, and especially our wants, tend to determine how and where we give, it is important to consider the **Proverbs 21:26** writer's words: *He is filled with craving all day long, but the righteous give and don't hold back.* Because His grace to me is not without effect **1 Cor. 15:10**, I give. Because His grace to me is not without effect, I serve. When you consider the effect of God's grace, what do you feel compelled to do?

So, my dear North River brothers and sisters, I want to encourage you, as our brother Paul did, that giving is a matter of the heart: *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 Cor. 9:7**

*In His Service,
Vivian Hanes*

Angel Tree Important Deadlines



'Tis the season! We will be doing the Angel Tree this year again with gift cards! 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. If you have a family in need who should be on the list, the deadline is **THIS SATURDAY**.

Send in the parent's name, phone number, the children's ages, and which store they prefer (Target or Walmart). The contact this year is Robin Moody 404-484-2526 or email nrcocAngelTree@gmail.com.

- 11/30: SATURDAY DEADLINE for request to be on tree.
- 12/1, 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!

Elders

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

Evangelists

Tom Brown ❖ Jeff Hickman
Jordan Massey ❖ Kendall Knight

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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

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
Michelle Wright

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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

November 24-30, 2019

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thur.	Friday	Saturday
24 9a & 11a Services 1p Choir Rehearsal 1p Financial Peace U.	25	26 No Women / Men's Bible Studies Campus TNL	27 No Spanish Bible Study No Midweek	28 Thanksgiving 	29	30 Angel Tree Submission Deadline
Clemson, SC	Charleston, SC	Triangle, NC	The Path	Greenville, SC	MGCC, Macon	Piedmont Triad

For Your Future Calendars:

- Nov. 10-28: Superhero Causevox Campaign
- Nov. 27: No Midweek (Thanksgiving)
- Dec. 4: All Church Midweek, 7PM
- Dec. 7-8: Marty Solomon, BEMA Discipleship
- Dec. 14: YES! Family Meal Delivery
- Dec. 22: Christmas Candlelight Services
- July 2020: World Discipleship Summit, Orlando, FL

You Can Still Join Carolers!



We are putting together the choir for the Christmas services on Sunday, December 22, and we need you! This is a great opportunity to learn more about singing, reading music, and praising God, all the while making some great friendships! We are learning a mixture of music including Pentatonix, Gospel, and

Handel's Messiah.

- Please plan to attend all rehearsals Dec. 1, 8, and 15 at 1pm.
- Mandatory dress rehearsal is 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!

Attendance and Contribution

Average Giving in October was \$41,319
Weekly Goal in November is \$47,000

Date	Attendance	Contribution
Nov. 3	1,074	\$47,660
Nov. 10	1,335	\$39,337
Nov. 17	1,224	\$69,039*

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

A Special Way to Support Camp Swamp



The holiday season is here, and you may be joining the season of giving by purchasing 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

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

Have any prayer requests? Email Newsletter@NRCOC.com.

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/alerts 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.

@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.

A Special Thank You



We would like to extend our gratitude to North River Church of Christ for your all your thoughts, prayers, and support as we mourn the loss of our mother, grandmother, and sister in Christ, Ann Hughes.

Our grandmother was the most kind, generous, and loving soul who loved God dearly and served him with every ounce of energy she had. We are comforted knowing she is with her Lord and Savior for all eternity.

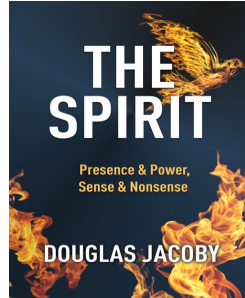
*With Love,
Melinda / Bob Heibeck, Deanna / Kevin Foster,
Amber / Nick Williams and family*

Marty Solomon & BEMA Discipleship



Mark your calendars for the weekend of December 7-8 as North River welcomes Marty Solomon, a Bible teacher who leads the BEMA Discipleship Podcast. BEMA's goal for listeners is "To love God. To love others. To become people of the Text." Marty will be teaching on "The Four Pillars": Text, Community, Discipleship, Wrestling (with God's Word). Sunday, he will be preaching on "The Jewishness of Jesus."

New Book of the Month



This month, our featured book by Douglas Jacoby focuses on the gift Jesus promised before returning to the Father in Luke 24:49. *The Spirit* is sure to answer some of your questions about the Holy Spirit. **Normally \$16, this title is just \$13 in November and only \$11 for DJ's Newsletter subscribers.**

Text the word "disciple" to 66866 to join Douglas' newsletter, and stop by the book table to get your copy of this book today!

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: TBD

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: What Does God Honor?
Dec. 10: TBD

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!

2020 Volunteer Campaign



As you may have heard, rather than recruiting every four months next year, we are recruiting for all three 2020 teaching rotations **THIS MONTH**. The three rotations to choose from are Jan-April, May-August, and Sep-Dec. Each family should plan to serve once per year, per child (3 kids = 3 times teaching TOTAL per family, per year). Before the Thanksgiving holidays take over, please [head over to the link and choose](http://bit.ly/riverkids2020) when YOU will serve today!

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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.

October 19-26, 2020
(Pretour: 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

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If you want to join the Media Team (social media, photography, videography, graphic design, internet outreach) please email Media@nrcoc.com. But you don't have to volunteer to help! **Simply follow @NorthRiverCOC on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.** But don't stop there. Engage! 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!

•**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 sier-rapierce19@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.

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 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.