

North River Presents New Elder Candidates

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



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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Today we're beginning the process of appointing Sherwin Mackintosh and Harold Channer as elders of the congregation. Both of these men have served in many different leadership roles in the church over the years, demonstrating their humility and servant hearts time and time again. The current leadership group of the church, consisting of the elders, evangelists, and other key senior leaders, is confident in Sherwin's and Harold's ability and desire to serve as elders, and in the congregation's support for them in that role.



Sherwin Mackintosh was baptized in 1972 as a freshman at the University of Florida, where Tom Brown was his first Bible talk leader.

Sherwin started working in the ministry part-time as a student and soon met his wife, Debbie, before getting married in 1979.

After the birth of his daughter Carrie, and receiving his Master's Degree in Music at the New England Conservatory in Boston, Sherwin and Debbie were asked to serve in the ministry in New York City. Soon after their move, their son Chase was born.

In New York, Sherwin and Debbie helped in the formation of the Arts Region, which grew tremendously, baptizing hundreds of aspiring actors, many performing in Broadway shows, the Metropolitan Opera, as well as TV and movies. Sherwin and Steve Johnson began writing together and soon created *Upside Down* (a musical based on the book of Acts) and *Slingshot* (based on the life of David).

Steve and Sherwin also wrote many songs including "I Hear God Singing To Me" and "Men Who Dream" that have been translated and sung in many congregations around the world. Both Chase and Carrie were baptized in the Teen Ministry, while Debbie was appointed a Women's Ministry Leader in New York in 1994, and Sherwin was appointed an Elder in 1999.

In 2003, Sherwin and Debbie moved back to Gainesville, FL to pursue Sherwin's doctorate in music, and he was immediately offered a job to be the director of the new PK Yonge Performing Arts Center with the Department of Education at University of Florida. Sherwin helped to build a nationally acclaimed arts program there, and it was there that Chase met Sarah Dardis, who later became a Christian, as well as her mom, dad, and brother Michael. Debbie served as a Women's Ministry Leader at the Gainesville Christian Church and Sherwin as an Elder.

In 2012, Sherwin and Debbie answered the call to go back into the full-time ministry at the North River Church of Christ. They have served in the Youth & Family, Creative Arts and Worship Ministries, and currently oversee the Northwest Community. At North River, they are surrounded by their children and five grandchildren (and another one on the way), where Chase and Sarah are on staff, and Carrie's husband, Jason, was recently appointed to the North River Board of Directors. Sherwin and Debbie are honored to serve alongside their original mentors, Tom and Kelly Brown, and humbled to be asked to serve in this new role.



Harold Channer

was baptized on December 22nd of 1991, his freshman year in college. He soon served as a Bible Talk leader in the growing campus ministry in the New York City Church of Christ. Harold then started serving in the music ministry



as a song leader and as a part of the sound team. Harold met Jerri while they both were in the campus ministry in New York City. They served together as campus leaders and then helped serve in the Queens Teen Ministry. They were married in 1996 and continued to serve as teen leaders to one of the fastest-growing teen ministries in the country at that time.

After moving to Tampa, FL, the Channers were actively involved in the Tampa Church of Christ Children's Ministry as well as serving as Teen Ministry leaders. Their jobs took them to Atlanta with two young rambunctious toddler boys - AJ (2.5 years old) and Aaron (6 months old). They began actively leading a small group and serving in the children's ministry. Harold was later appointed as a deacon and board member at Marietta Christian Church (later known as Bridge Pointe).

Ten years ago, when the Channers moved to North River, they began to see a vision for their young sons through each life stage ministry from children's ministry to campus. They have served here in the children's ministry and have also built strong relationships with many campus ministry young men facilitating mentorship for their "tween" sons. Harold and Jerri have been leading a growing Family Group for many years since they came to North River. Their Family Group has multiplied several times, raising up new leaders to lead other groups in Woodstock, Kennesaw, and Acworth. Harold was appointed NR's deacon of Family Groups five years ago and has also actively served alongside Jerri in the Youth & Family ministry.

Harold currently serves as a member of the North River Board of Directors. Harold and Jerri are proud of the serving hearts of their sons, now 17 and 15, who are striving to be like Jesus by starting a High School Bible Talk at their home. Harold and Jerri are true servants that love Jesus and the North River family and the Channers are honored to be asked to serve in this way.



The Spiritual Importance of Elders

Elders are responsible for shepherding the flock, which means looking over the spiritual well-being of the congregation. This includes making sure the church is being fed spiritually, that its members are growing spiritually, and that the church is protected from those who would cause it harm. Elders also oversee or manage the congregation, either directly or through the board of directors and church employees.

In fulfilling these responsibilities, elders must live an exemplary spiritual life, lead their families well and lead spiritually within the congregation. Before a man can be appointed as an elder in accordance with the Scriptures, he must:

Be Biblically Qualified: He conforms to the qualities established in Scripture. Some key passages containing biblical qualities are in I Timothy Chapter 3, Titus Chapter 1, and I Peter Chapter 5.

•**Be Capable of Fulfilling an Elder's Responsibilities:** He is spiritually, emotionally, mentally, and physically capable of doing the work, and he has the time and capacity to undertake the work.

•**Be a Committed Disciple:** He is a man full of the Spirit, having demonstrated his love for God and man in the way he has conducted his life, both privately and publicly.

•**Have a Character that is Above Reproach:** There must not be anything in his life discrediting his leadership or disgracing the church.

•**Desire to Serve as an Elder:** The role of elder is not an honorary position. It is a difficult and demanding role within the church, requiring much time, energy, and hard work. An elder must willingly embrace the demands of his role.

After much prayer and petition, the leadership group believes these men are capable of fulfilling these responsibilities and are biblically qualified to be appointed as elders. Since these men will be leading and serving the whole congregation, however, we desire your input as members of the congregation before we proceed with their appointment. We would like you to reach out to the current elders and evangelists with your thoughts regarding the eldership in general, and these men in particular. We also encourage you to approach these men and get to know them. Thank you to all our members for being such a joy to lead. We are humbled and honored.

- Your Elders and Evangelists

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

Morgan Weekly (twin of our Kennesaw State University campus sister, Amanda) passed away on November 7 from a tragic incident. Morgan was a generous servant and a light to this world. Many in our church got together to lift up the family, both in mourning and rejoicing in God's goodness as we fight through the trenches. Morgan was able to donate her organs, which were answered prayers to the families who received these gifts. We love you Weekly family. Please continue to pray for the Weeklys through this loss.

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

Attendance and Contribution

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

Date	Attendance	Contribution
Oct. 27	1,025	\$38,591
Nov. 3	1,074	\$47,660
Nov. 10	1,335*	\$39,337

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.

For Your Calendars:

- Nov. 17: Deadline FMS YES! Signup, Choir Rehearsal
- Nov. 19: Women's Study 10am, Men's Study 10am
- Nov. 20: Spanish Study 9am, Community Midweek
- Nov. 10-28: Superhero Causevox Campaign
- Nov. 27: No Midweek (Thanksgiving)
- Dec. 7-8: Marty Solomon, BEMA Discipleship
- July 2020: World Discipleship Summit, Orlando, FL

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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.

November 17-22, 2019

17 9a & 11a Services 12:30p Latin Meal 1p Choir Rehearsal 1p Financial Peace U.	18	19 10a Women's Study 10a Men's Study Campus TNL	20 9a Spanish BS Community Midweeks	21	22 Campus Devo	23 7p High School Game Night
Bridge Pointe	Wilmington, NC	Fayetteville, NC	Columbia, SC	Memphis, TN	Huntsville, AL	Charlotte, NC

Sign Up to Help Marietta Families for the Holidays- Deadline is Today



The YES! Program would like to thank our incredible Teen Ministry for gathering last Saturday for a service project benefiting our Family Meal Sharing (FMS) program! The teens made activity packs for Marietta children to enjoy over winter break. But that's not all...

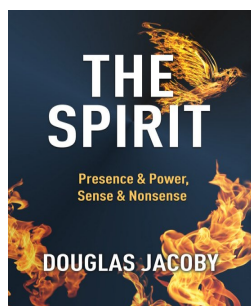
Every winter and spring break, North River families and small groups share meals (perishable and non-perishable food items) with food insecure families identified by Marietta City Schools social workers. Our goal is for FMS to serve 40 families on **December 14**, which means we need 40 teams to sign up or teams to take on multiple families. Currently, we're only at 25% of our signups to feed 40 families, so please sign up today!



We're also piloting El Puente ("The Bridge") which ties your group to the assigned family for 2020. If you elect to participate in El Puente, you'd deliver food to your family twice in 2020 and follow up with them throughout the year. Our prayer is to establish sustainable support and strengthen the connections we're making in our community for God's glory.

The sign up form for FMS and/or El Puente is available at www.nrcoc.org/yes, and if you need more information, email northriveryes@gmail.com or chat with a representative in the lobby today after service.

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!

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

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

10:00am, 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*.

Nov. 19: Parenting Part I - Lois Schmitt

Dec. 3: Parenting Part II - Suzanne Carman

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

10:00am, 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!

Nov. 19: Worldly Thinking

Dec. 3: What Does God Honor?

Charla en Español de los Miércoles

9:00 am, 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!

Calling All Singers!

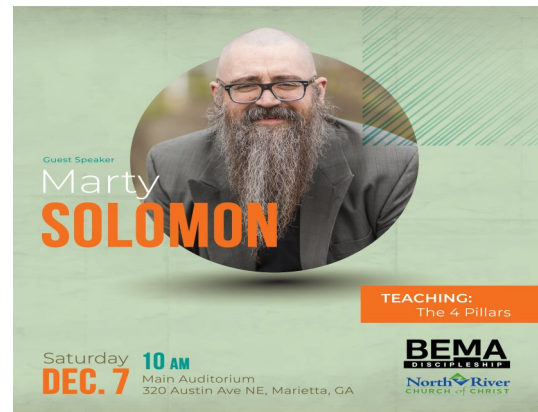


We are putting together the choir for the Christmas services on Sunday, December 22, and we need you! This is a great opportunity to learn more about singing, reading music, and praising God, all the while making some great friendships! We are learning a mixture of music including Pentatonix, Gospel,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

- Our first meeting is TODAY from 1:00-2:30pm in the auditorium.
- Following rehearsals are Sundays, Dec. 1, 8, and 15 at 1pm.
- Mandatory dress rehearsal is Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7:30pm.
- You need to also plan to be there for at least 3 of the other 4 Sunday rehearsals.

Come on out and join us in this special bonding time as we celebrate the birth of a king!

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."

"Healing, stretching, and growing as a 62-year-old man and a 43-year-old disciple have been the norm for this seasoned disciple this past year thanks to insights from the BEMA Discipleship Podcast by Marty Solomon and Brent Billings. I first listened to BEMA last November and immediately did a BEMA-inspired midweek lesson on 'Whose Empire Are You Building?' It has been inspiring to see the healthy virus of trusting the text spread throughout North River and the entire Kingdom. My personal favorite insights from BEMA include: 'God is enough,' 'I am enough,' 'God gives us just enough,' 'God meets us in our shame,' and 'Trust the story.' I am trusting God in a deeper way as He weaves my story into His story here at North River."

- Steve Brand

"Kathryn and I started listening to the BEMA Discipleship podcast just after Christmas 2018. What has resonated so much with us is the deeper dive into the intent of the authors in writing the Scriptures. We are eavesdropping on a very Eastern conversation, and as a result, so many of our assumptions about God, the Scriptures, and God's working in the world have actually been incomplete. We have been deeply comforted by God's over-arching love as portrayed all throughout the Bible and provoked by the podcasts to do more wrestling with the problems that the Bible presents. I'm confident that your faith will be challenged and enriched by Marty's visit to North River in December!"

- Greg Dillon

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 (i.e. 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! <http://bit.ly/riverkids2020>

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!

Support Camp Swamp with Amazon



Visit or click on the following link, do your shopping, and upon checking out, Amazon will donate a share of your purchase to Swamp Camp Services Inc. (smile.amazon.com/ch/58-2381032). Shop till you drop and support Camp Swamp. -Thanks, Jeff Rorabaugh

2020 Biblical Study Tour: Turkey (Ephesus, Attalia, Laodicea, Istanbul...)



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



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 incredible life-changing event.

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!

•**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.)



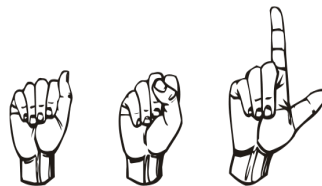
There ALSO might be those among us who have a spare room, a basement, or an in-law suite. We would love to match people up and even help start some new spiritual households! If you would like to help or need help, please send any info to our hospitable volunteer, Sierra at sierrapierce19@gmail.com. Pulling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

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 at [DMIC2019.org](https://www.DMIC2019.org)

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.

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.