

**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)

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**A HOPE for Africa**

Nov. 10 ■ 9 am & 11 am ■ 320 Austin Ave NE, Marietta, GA



(An invitation from HOPE worldwide)

Our Superhero Campaign begins TODAY during our Africa service and goes until Thanksgiving (November 28). Get on Causevox today to set up your own page and help raise awareness and funds for Early Childhood Development in Africa. Please visit <https://empoweringsuperheroes2019.causevox.com/>. Causevox funds will help provide care and support for orphans and little children, nutritional support, child protection, training, staff salaries, program development, and management. Feel free to share these details on your page to help people see the great need and transparency of HOPE worldwide efforts. Thanks so much for your support. Together we can:

•Speak up for widows and orphans (Proverbs 31)

•Look after them (James 1)

•Defend their cause (Psalm 82)

This Friday, there's another opportunity to help HOPE worldwide! Join us for a benefit concert, "Beyond the Yellow Brick Road: a Tribute to Elton John Band!" The concert will be at the historic Earl Smith Strand Theatre in the Marietta Square. Proceeds go to the same efforts as our Causevox fundraisers, helping little children in Africa.

Enjoy a concert full of Elton John hits at 8pm (\$25) or come early for the children-focused show at 5:30pm featuring music from *The Lion King* (\$15 adults, \$10 children). Get your tickets at <https://earlsmithstrand.org/calendar/tickets/>.

**"The 40 Fed Challenge"**

YouTube challenges are going viral all the time: the cinnamon challenge, the ice bucket challenge, the water bottle flip challenge — you name it! You are cordially invited to take on the "40 Fed Challenge", which supports Marietta children through the YES! Family Meal Sharing (FMS) program. 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. 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](http://www.nrcoc.org/yes), and if you need more information, email [northriveryes@gmail.com](mailto:northriveryes@gmail.com) or chat with a representative in the lobby today after service. Please huddle with your family, small group, co-workers, and neighbors and commit to this special service experience. All teams are encouraged to sign up ASAP, no later than next Sunday, November 17.

**2020 Kid's Kingdom Signup!**

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](#) when YOU will serve today!

## 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 10-16, 2019

<b>10</b> AFRICA Service 9a & 11a  1p Campus Lunch  1p Financial Peace U.	<b>11</b> Veteran's Day	<b>12</b> 10a Women's Study  10a Men's Study   Campus TNL	<b>13</b> 9a Spanish Bible Study    Community Midweeks	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>   5:30p/8p HOPE Benefit Concert: Strand Theatre Campus Devo	<b>16</b>    5p Mother/Son Campus Banquet
ACOC @ Gwinnett	Birmingham, AL	Augusta, GA	Asheville, NC	Savannah, GA	Knoxville, TN	Jackson, MS

### Midweek Updates

- **Nov. 13:** Community Midweek
- **Nov. 20:** Community Midweek
- **Nov. 27:** No Midweek (Thanksgiving)
- **Dec. 4:** All-Church Midweek, 7pm

### For Your Calendars...

- **Nov. 10-28:** Superhero Causevox Campaign
- **Nov. 15:** HOPE Concert, Strand Theatre, Marietta
- **Nov. 17:** Almuerzo Latino de Acción de Gracias
- **Dec. 7-8:** Marty Solomon, BEMA Discipleship
- **July 2-5, 2020:** World Discipleship Summit, Orlando, FL

### 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 next Sunday, Nov. 17 from 1:00-2:30pm in the FLC.
- Following rehearsals are Sundays, Dec. 1, 8, and 15 at 1pm.
- Dress rehearsal is Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7:30pm.
- The December 19 dress rehearsal is mandatory, and you need 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!

### Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

**10:00am, FLC 101**

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

**Nov. 12:** Marriage Part III - Susan Adkins

**Nov. 19:** Parenting Part I - Lois Schmitt

### 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. 12:** Help Me See What I Cannot See

**Nov. 19:** Worldly Thinking

### Charla Bíblica de Mujeres de los Miércoles

En esta nueva serie estudiaremos las parábolas de Jesús. El Buen Rabí nos enseñará a través de descubrimiento en vez de explicación. ¡Te esperamos!

### 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 you added to the list.

### Attendance and Contribution

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

Date	Attendance	Contribution
Oct. 20	1, 169*	\$35, 095
Oct. 27	1, 025	\$38, 591
Nov. 3	979	\$47, 660

\*Includes Intown and Campus Retreat

### Latin Thanksgiving Luncheon



Who?  
Spanish-speakers and their families

When?  
November 17 from 12:30-4pm

Where?  
North River Church of Christ FLC Atrium

To RSVP, ask questions, or if you wish to bring something, email [holnes22@yahoo.com](mailto:holnes22@yahoo.com)

@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*

Nancy Grabe's mom, Ruth Graham, passed away on Sunday, October 27. Please keep Richard and Nancy and the rest of her family in your prayers.

Celeste Noguera's father passed away recently. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Please pray for Barbara Beneville's daughter, Andrea, who had brain surgery to help with seizures she has been experiencing most of her life. The recovery process will be long and may be especially challenging going into this holiday season. Thank you.

Preaching Abroad: Chelsea and Mike Paulk, part of our Intown Ministry, were asked to speak at the Gainesville Campus Ministry Retreat taking place November 8-10. The theme of the conference is The Simple Truth, and they will speak on the lies that Satan tells us to convince us that we can find fulfillment outside of God. Join us in praying for them as they share the Gospel and their hearts with the ministry in Gainesville.

Have any prayer requests? Email [Newsletter@NRCOC.com](mailto:Newsletter@NRCOC.com).

### 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!

## Marty Solomon & BEMA Discipleship



Mark your calendars for the weekend of December 7 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 overarching 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 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!

## 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.

### 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](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).

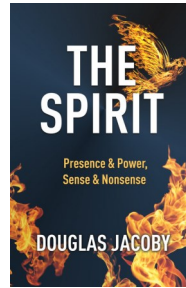
•**YES! PROGRAM:** To do one of the regular Saturday events with your group or for ongoing help, email [northriver-yes@gmail.com](mailto:northriver-yes@gmail.com).

•**SHEPHERDS FOR SINGLES' FAMILY GROUPS:** Contact 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). (must be free Thursday nights)

•**HAVE ANOTHER IDEA OR NOT SURE HOW TO HELP?** No problem! Hit me up with your interest at [MarieToussaint@nrcoc.com](mailto:MarieToussaint@nrcoc.com). Thx.

## 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!

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

October 19-26, 2020  
(Pretour: October 16-19)

### 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. 28-30	Birmingham, UK
Dec. 29	Edinburgh, Scotland

### Deaf Ministry ICOC



My name is Ruthanna Reardon. I'm a disciple in Athens, GA, USA. 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

Find us on [Facebook group](#) or [Twitter @DMICOC2019](#)

## 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](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-2381032)). Shop till you drop and support Camp Swamp. Thanks, Jeff Rorabaugh

### 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.

## 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.

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## 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).

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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](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!

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