

# Made Alive in Christ!

**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

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**Camcie Elissaint** was added to God's kingdom on November 24! Camcie, who is originally from Haiti, moved from Paris to Atlanta six years ago. She found North River online and started attending with her daughter, Christlee, who was later baptized in the Georgia State University ministry. After years of searching, Camcie is grateful to worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:23).



**Garrett Edwards** was baptized November 23. He is a chemistry major at Kennesaw State University in the honors college. He is a very logical thinker and loves to put what he learns into practice. After seeing that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, nothing could stop Garrett from making Jesus Lord. He is also the brother of Grant Edwards, a disciple at KSU!



**Edward Chandler**, Kelly Brown's 96-year-old dad, was baptized November 29 at the Melbourne Church of Christ. He worked as a systems engineer and worked for decades with NASA and the space program. Kelly and her sister studied with Ed and were overjoyed when he responded to the Word! It's never too late to respond to God's grace!



**Jonathan Bamgbade** is a freshman at Georgia Tech studying Computer Science. He has thrown himself into the Campus Ministry and God's Word these past couple months, growing in his desire and his resolve to serve and follow Jesus. Jonathan has developed a joy for studying and living out the Scriptures. He was baptized October 27 and is now living out his new life in Christ with that same passion and joy!



**Mila Raihala** (left) and **Aubrey Warren** (right) were baptized November 6 and are part of the Northwest community!



**Danny Garcia**, a freshman, attending Georgia State University, was baptized into Christ on November 12. Watching Danny's faith grow over the semester has truly been a huge encouragement to the Campus Ministry! We are confident that his humble and sincere heart will take him to amazing places in his journey with God!



**Jaquez Gordon** is a sophomore at Georgia State University. He was met by disciples on the first week of school in the fall of 2018. It has been a long journey, but over the past few months, he has made huge strides to get plugged into the Campus Ministry again and make God his first priority. Because of his perseverance and humility, he decided to get baptized on Friday, November 22!



**Terrell Major** is a faithful and humble young man. He is always willing to hear the Scripture and process it for what it is. When you get to know him, you realize his desire to give. As a student at Kennesaw State University, he will use his heart for God to change the heart of many! Terrell was baptized on November 17, 2019!



## Welcoming a New Addition

Toni and Kyle Miller celebrated the birth of their first baby girl, **Makenna Lee Miller**, September 30, 2019! She was born at 2:40pm, weighing 6 lbs, 12.5 oz and measuring 19in. long.

## Welcome Marty Solomon of BEMA Discipleship Podcast



We welcome Marty Solomon—the host of BEMA Discipleship Podcast who has been our guest speaker this weekend. As President and Director of Discipleship for Impact Campus Ministries, Marty designed BEMA with the goal “*To love God. To love others. To become people of the Text*”. This weekend, we got to hear him share about “*The Four Pillars*” which stresses the importance of knowing and wrestling with the text and embracing discipleship in a community of believers.

Today we are excited to hear him preach on “The Jewishness of Jesus,” taking us back to the perspective that first century Christians would have had of our Lord and Savior.

### Women’s Ministry and Hospitality

Two generous and wise women in the East Cobb Sandy Springs Community (Susan Adkins and Kerling Eldred) hosted a two-day hospitality “training” event and lesson for the younger women in our community. Thank you for your hearts and your example of sharing Christ’s love in this special way.

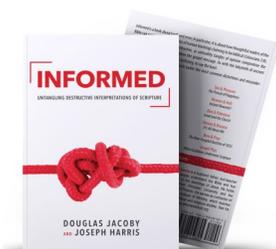
“Hospitality was something I’d never given much thought to, nor was it something I thought I needed to study. Growing up, it was not something that was taught to me. Having people we didn’t know well in our house was a no-go. After becoming a disciple, I always noticed how kind and hospitable disciples were. I always felt such love and warmth when people I didn’t know would allow me to stay in their house or feed me. I have definitely sought to emulate this same welcoming attitude in my time as a Christian, but the hospitality study we had allowed me to connect it back to Jesus. I learned that the hallmark of hospitality is not just being kind, but specifically being kind to people you don’t know well (strangers or visitors). We reflected on verses like Phil. 2:3-4, which teach that we should place others’ needs above our own, and this pleases God. In the future, I am looking forward to using what I have learned about hospitality to show God’s love and goodness.” -Keyasha Terry (ECSS Singles)



“I was so grateful to get to sit at the feet as such amazing women as Kerling and Susan and learn what hospitality truly is. I appreciate them taking the time to teach us these lessons, from the practical tips and tricks that make it possible to have an open heart and home on the busiest days to the deep conviction of self denial and being a living sacrifice, which propels them to serve in this way (e.g. Romans 12:1-2, in view of God’s mercy, offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God). I will definitely carry what I learned with me the rest of my life.”

I am looking forward to continuing to ‘practice’ hospitality and I feel so blessed to have spiritual mothers who are willing to train us in these things.” -Olivia Lennon (ECSS Teen Leader)

### Hot Off the Press



Our AIM teacher and Bible scholar, Douglas Jacoby, has co-written a book with friend and fellow teacher Joey Harris (Augusta, Georgia). *Informed: Untangling Destructive Interpretations of Scripture* was released by IPI Books and contains an array of helpful information that is both relevant and practical. Get your

copy in the North River book area or click here at [ipibooks.com](http://ipibooks.com). Here’s a sampling of the chapters:

- Health & Wealth: The Gospel of Materialism
- Signs & Wonders: History and Hysteria
- Visions & Dreams: It’s All About Me
- Rapture & Tribulation: Exiting Earth?
- Bow & Pray: The New-Fangled Doctrine of 1835
- Gospel Plus: When Guidelines Undermine Scripture

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

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

### New AIM Course

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

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

**First Course:** NT Survey (January —March)

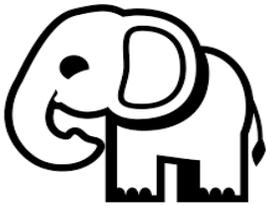
## Angel Gift Cards Due Today



404-484-2526 or [nrcocAngelTree@gmail.com](mailto:nrcocAngelTree@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Thank you to everyone who participated in giving to local families through the "Angel Tree." Please remember to drop your gift cards at the Welcome Desk. Gifts will be distributed to parents next Sunday, December 15! Contact Robin Moody at

## EDGE / Single's White Elephant Party!



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

participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gender-neutral gift to exchange.)

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

**Where:** North River Church FLC

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

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

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

**Why:** Because Jesus is Lord!

## 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!

## Great Books, Great Gift Ideas!

This month, you can take advantage of discounts on most of Douglas Jacoby's titles. For the month of December, most books and CDs are 25-50% off. These make great Christmas gifts — compact, inexpensive, and wholesome. And you can still subscribe to Douglas' newsletter to get more insights from around the world. Text the word "disciple" to 66866 to join his newsletter, and stop by the book table to get a new book today!



## Need a Gift Idea?

*Don't know what to get your kids for Christmas...*

### **Holidays @the Swamp DEC 29 - JAN 1 Grades 7-12**

*So your kids can have a safe and happy New Years  
...and so can you!*

#### Price Includes:

8 Meals

3 Nights Lodging

Awesome Fireworks Display

New Years Eve Party with DJ

Great Bible Classes for the New Year

Another Swamp Memory

*All for just \$175 per camper*

*\$50 deposit required to reserve spot*

*Check in from 4:00-6:00 PM in Hart Dining Hall*

*Concludes 12:30 PM final day*

## A Special Way to Support Camp Swamp



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

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

*Thanks, Jeff Rorabaugh*

## Let Us Pray...

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved. — 1 Timothy 2:1-4a*

### December 8-14, 2019

8 9a & 11a Services  1p Choir Rehearsal  1p Financial Peace U.	9	10  10a Women's & Men's Bible Studies  Campus TNL	11  10a Spanish Bible Study	12	13	14  10a YES! Family Meal Delivery  5:30p EDGE/Singles' White Elephant Party
Coastal Carolina	Athens, GA	ACOC @ Gwinnett	Birmingham, AL	Augusta, GA	Asheville, NC	Savannah, GA

### For Your Future Calendars:

- Dec. 14: EDGE/Singles' White Elephant Party
- Dec. 14: YES! Family Meal Delivery
- Dec. 18: Family Group Midweeks
- Dec. 22: Christmas Services (9 & 11am)
- Dec. 30-Jan. 1: Single's NYE Celebration, Charlotte
- July 2020: World Discipleship Summit, FL

### Weekly Bible Studies

#### Tuesday Women's Bible Study (10am, FLC 101)

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

- Dec. 10:** Knowing Jesus Part I  
**Dec. 17:** Special Devotional

#### 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!

**December:** Effective/Productive Disciples - 2 Peter

#### 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!

### Prayer Requests

Steve Keckley's mom, Linda Keckley, passed away Thursday, November 28 in Florence, AL. Please keep Steve's family in your prayers.

Suzanne Carman's brother passed away Friday, November 29 after a long illness. Please pray for Suzanne, Harold, and the entire family.

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

### Learn Sign Language!



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

<https://forms.gle/EXDodCSg6P66W81j9>

### 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 through email, please check your spam folder (these messages most often come from [marietoussaint@nrcoc.com](mailto:marietoussaint@nrcoc.com)) or contact your community leader to get your name added to the list.



### Attendance and Contribution

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

Date	Attendance	Contribution
Nov. 17	1,204	\$48,974
Nov. 24	1,184	\$45,739
Dec. 1	1,091	\$50,534

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## 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.

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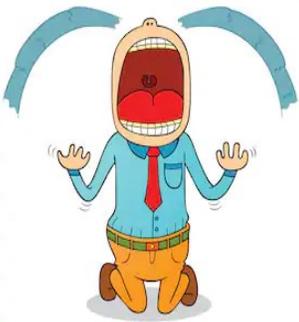
### Lighthouse Update



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

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### Lost & Found Corner



Are you missing the following? Well soon, it could be long gone if you don't claim it! Help us get this back to you ASAP.

- Blood testing kit
- Ladies dress jacket, black, size 12
- Sleeveless vest, youth medium, KIPP S. Fulton Academy
- Yeti-type drinking cup with GT initials
- Yeti cup, black
- Glass drinking bottle with yellow flowers
- Contigo 24 oz water bottle, purple
- Glass pie plate, clear

Send text to Marianne Elliott at 404-229-9837 to claim. Items will be donated or discarded if not claimed by December 15.

### 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.

## Follow @NorthRiverCOC



If you want to join the Media Team (social media, photography, videography, graphic design, internet outreach) please email [Media@nrcoc.com](mailto:Media@nrcoc.com). But you don't have to volunteer to help! **Simply follow @NorthRiverCOC on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.** But don't stop there. Engage! Comments, likes, and shares increase the likelihood of people finding our church online, and we also encourage each other. Happy posting!

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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!

- **NEW! MUSIC LIBRARIANS:** People to help file and manage the music for the worship team. Contact Sherwin at [SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com](mailto:SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com).
- **SECURITY TEAM:** Monitoring in and around our three buildings. Contact Megan at [meganfamodun@nrcoc.com](mailto:meganfamodun@nrcoc.com).
- **MEDICAL PERSONNEL:** Nurses, doctors, and EMTs who can help when needed. Contact Kristi at [kfitzbei@bellsouth.net](mailto:kfitzbei@bellsouth.net).
- **YES! PROGRAM:** To do one of the regular Saturday events with your group or for ongoing help, email [northriveryes@gmail.com](mailto:northriveryes@gmail.com).
- **SHEPHERDS FOR SINGLES' FAMILY GROUPS:** contact [JohnHanes@nrcoc.com](mailto:JohnHanes@nrcoc.com) or [TomBrown@nrcoc.com](mailto:TomBrown@nrcoc.com).
- **WORSHIP TEAM:** Thursday night rehearsals required. Contact Sherwin at

[SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com](mailto:SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com).

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

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

## 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](mailto:childrensministry@nrcoc.com) or [melissatulloch@nrcoc.com](mailto:melissatulloch@nrcoc.com) with any questions!

## 3 Easy Ways to Give Online:



**TITHE.LY**

- Online: visit <https://tithe.ly/give?c=467483>
- App: Download the BLUE Tithe.ly Church App, then search for North River Church of Christ!

- Text: Text the word GIVE to (470) 460-6991

You can set up recurring gifts and also cover the processing fees for your donation if you wish. If you have any questions about setting up your giving on Tithe.ly, please call the church office at 770-792-8133 or email [meganfamodun@nrcoc.com](mailto:meganfamodun@nrcoc.com).

## Facilities and Requests

The challenge to fit and arrange all that the membership wants to do on our campus continues!

As good stewards of all that God gives us, let us keep the following in mind:

- Treat the buildings as though they are your home. (They are!)
- To request a spot on the North River campus, please go to [nrcoc.org](http://nrcoc.org), click on Resources and select Facility Request (<http://nrcoc.org/facility-request/>). Easily fill out and submit our new form from a phone or laptop.
- All private events for members – weddings, birthday or grad parties, showers, etc., will incur charges.
- HVAC systems (there are six in the FLC) are programmed on Mondays for the week. That means that all requests should be in **at least by the Friday of the week before your event**. Most requests are processed within 48 hours.
- Don't assume all rooms are available to use if they are empty. You may get booted or those rooms may be considered off limits such as some children's ministry or staff rooms.
- Bear with each other if you don't get your desired spot – or for the time you need it. Until we get more space, flexibility is key!
- **Reminder!** The FLC is a NUT-FREE facility. Please keep this in mind when bringing lunch or potluck meals. Thank you for keeping those with serious food allergies safe.

Thanks for cooperating. Please send your questions to [events@nrcoc.com](mailto:events@nrcoc.com).

## Do You Have Trouble Hearing the Service?

### FRONT-ROW HEARING NOW INSTALLED!!

North River installed a hearing loop system to deliver clear sound to users of hearing aids or cochlear implants and others who have hearing loss. The hearing loop is installed under the carpet in a section on the left side of the auditorium. Please see an usher to identify which seats are within the loop. In this section, any telecoil-equipped hearing device (most hearing aids, all cochlear implants, and some personal receivers) can receive a clear transmission of the message and music without background noise.

If your hearing device has a telecoil, then use your telecoil input when sitting in the looped section. If you do not have a hearing device with a telecoil and need hearing assistance, request a receiver from an usher, and sit in the looped section.

## Book Corner

**To all new members:** Please go to the North River book area (at the Welcome Desk) to collect your complimentary copy of **THRIVE: Using Psalms to Help You Flourish**, by Douglas Jacoby. You will find it under the *Thrive!* poster.

**College students and high school seniors**, your gift book is **Campus Core: How to Have Impact on Your Campus, Get Good Grades, and Figure Out Your Future**. See your campus minister, or Douglas (who can usually be found at the book corner between services and after second service), to receive a copy.

## Contact the Newsletter Team

Like this newsletter? Have something you'd like posted here? Want to help out? Awesome! **Please email:** [newsletter@nrcoc.com](mailto:newsletter@nrcoc.com). *Requests sent to other email addresses may or may not find their way to the newsletter team in time!*

We try to accommodate everyone and would hate to miss an important announcement sent to an email address not checked regularly. **The weekly deadline is Wednesday at midnight** to [newsletter@nrcoc.com](mailto:newsletter@nrcoc.com). Announcements or requests received after the deadline may not be possible. Thanks, the Newsletter Team.

## Parking Spaces!

The leadership team has been monitoring the parking lot each service, and we are finding that spaces are filling up fast! This is a good problem to have, but when you are able, please help us keep more spaces open for visitors by parking in Howard Street Parking for All-Church Midweeks and especially for the 11am services. Thank you.