

Looking Back on 2019

Elders

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

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

"For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen." Romans 11:36

As a church family, it helps to begin a new year by looking back to remember all the ways God worked in our lives in 2019. From the graduating 5th graders all the way to elders being appointed, there isn't a section of our church that God hasn't blessed. Whether you were directly involved or not, we all make up this church's family. It's almost impossible to be aware of everything God is doing through His people at North River, but let's not forget to count our blessings as we remember and rejoice together!

Here are some 2019 highlights from the leadership team:

- Over 100 baptisms and restorations in 2019
- Harold Channer and Sherwin Macintosh appointed elders
- Jordan and LaToya Massey appointed evangelist and women's ministry leader
- Kendall Knight appointed tent maker evangelist
- Four new board members added: Rachel Bloom, Harold Channer, Jason Kelsey, Michelle Wright
- Generosity Sunday contribution of over \$700,000
- North River's church campus restored with completed construction of The Lighthouse
- Diversity initiative, "Carry Each Other's Burdens," grows and becomes a model for other churches
- Guest speaker weekends with Guy Hammond, Marty Solomon, and Shawn Wooten
- North River's 11 Communities complete first full year
- Creation of North River's Media Team including social media, graphic design and online outreach
- Women's Tuesday-Morning Bible Study celebrates 10 years, and a Tuesday Men's Study begins
- Multiple parents baptized, including Edward Chandler at age 96 (a 48-year answered prayer)
- Record number of North River marriages and new babies
- Digital check-in system implemented for Children's Ministry
- Young Families Trunk-or-Treat has its largest and most dynamic attendance to date
- 35 graduating 5th graders unleashed into area middle schools
- YES! Ministry continued to serve our community by providing coats, backpacks, and camp events
- HOPE fundraisers include benefit concert at the Strand Theatre
- Barbie Esquijaroasa won Teacher of the Year for Marietta City Schools
- North River hosts first Southeast Teen Rally, "RISE"
- Teen band had a great year performing at multiple events and services
- Harrison Ellyson and Brie Shoff added to next generation staff
- NR's Campus Training Program (CTP) hosted 300 campus students from around the country
- Campus mission teams sent to Paris, Madrid, Ghana, and Prague to help churches worldwide
- 9 people take off from our "NR aircraft carrier," 5 for full-time ministry and 4 for One-Year-Challenge

Thanks to everyone who helped make these things possible in 2019. We humbly realize it's ultimately God's work and not ours. We are His workmanship (Eph. 2:10), but it took the efforts of all of us working together to glorify God and impact our communities in this way. Now let's honor Jesus and His church as we look forward to a new year of God doing immeasurably more than all we can dare ask or imagine.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

- North River Leadership Team

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

Community leader/staff emails

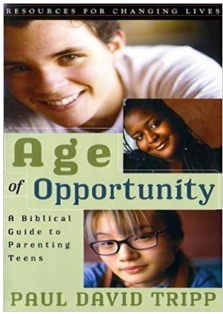
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Youth & Family Midweeks: The Age of Opportunity

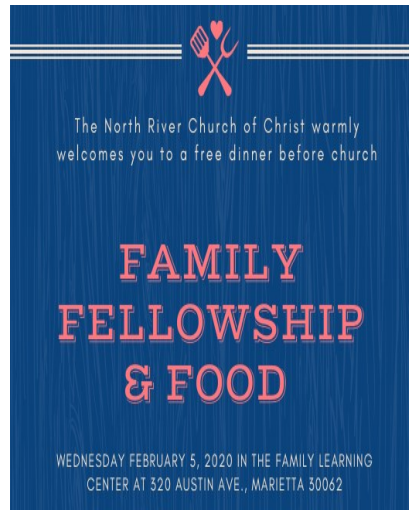


A new series of midweeks will be offered for parents of teens (middle school- and high school-aged) beginning this month. These will consist of short presentations followed by small-group discussions based on the book *The Age of Opportunity* by Paul David Tripp. The classes will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month starting on February 5. On the first Wednesday of each month, a full slate of children's classes are always offered, but on the third Wednesday midweek, parents would need to arrange childcare for kids younger than 6th grade. Classes for middle school and high school students WILL be offered on both the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Please reach out to Michael or Sarah Kodinsky with any questions:

Michael: 770-820-7409 - mkodinsky@gmail.com
Sarah: 770-940-2260 - sakodinsky@gmail.com

Young Families Meal Before Midweek



We are so excited to announce a free family supper for the Young Families Ministry being held on Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30pm in the FLC! For further information and to register for this free event, go to:

<http://bit.ly/NRFamilydinner>.

Donations welcome!

This Weekend: Restoration of the Heart



Restoration of the Heart (ROTH) is a soul care workshop focused on spiritual and emotional wholeness. Do you ever feel stuck spiritually, but you are not sure why? Would you like to help others you love who struggle this way?

The appeal of ROTH and the reviews from those attending is that it provides a very practical way forward by kickstarting the process of healing the heartbroken. *"The story of your heart is the story of the long brutal assault upon your heart by the one who knows what you could be and fears you."* John Eldridge. There are some things in our lives that we cannot be set free from until our healing takes place. We cannot "just repent" our way out of brokenness. During this weekend, we will model a way of making room for God in your heart, mind, and soul that can lead to healing and freedom.

Please join us for your healing and to help others. You can register by emailing ROTH@JimMLong.com or by visiting <https://forms.gle/Uy9mcxuasxg5wQxk6>.

Restoration of the Heart is an independent program that is not an entity of the North River Church of Christ (the church). No proceeds, payments, or donations made to the Restoration of the Heart program will go to the church and thus, are not a tax-deductible contribution to the North River Church of Christ.

FEBRUARY 14-16: "Ransomed" Singles Weekend

Tickets for RANSOMED, the Atlanta Metro Singles Weekend, are now available! Join 200 singles from across the country for a weekend of fellowship right here in Atlanta. Registration is \$35, which includes our Valentine's Party Saturday evening, featuring DJ Ron Michel. Our weekend culminates with our singles-led worship service on Sunday, February 16.

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

Weekend Schedule

- Friday Night: Worship Night, 8 to 10:30pm
- Saturday Morning: Singles Devotional, 9:30 to 11:00am
- Saturday Afternoon, Service Projects, 3:30 to 5:30pm
- Saturday Night: Valentine's Party, 7:15pm to Midnight
- Sunday Morning: Singles Worship Service, 10 to 11:30am

Birthday Heroes



Be a part of the Birthday Heroes Team! On the third Saturday of each month, we venture out to Youth Villages in Douglasville. Youth Villages is a home for children who have been removed from their families for various negative reasons. To encourage the children, we host a birthday party to celebrate the birthdays for that month. If you are interested in joining, please contact Debbie Swain at confettiqueen@verizon.net for more information. Thank you!

New Births!



C.J. and Kim Pearson (3rd and 4th from left) were baptized into Christ on December 21, 2019. They are longtime friends of Jeffrey and Sammy Layne. C.J. and Kim both work as engineers and have three grown daughters. C.J. enjoys hunting and fishing. He also participates in field trials with his hunting dogs on a competitive basis. Kim loves the outdoors as well. She enjoys hiking, biking, and kayaking. They both love God's Word and are excited about bringing others to Christ.

Another addition to the Intown family! The Rosidors welcomed a new addition to their family! **Ezra David Rosidor** was born on January 9 at 8:36am. Mom and baby are doing very well!



Behind the Scenes of the Newsletter Team!



"I volunteered to do the newsletter layout for a little under a year in 2019. At the time, I had been working on my company newsletter and thought that it would be a great way to use my talents to serve the church. I would receive all of the information and pictures from either Sandy or Marie and format it to the newsletter that you would see every Sunday! The newsletter team is truly a phenomenal group of people, and

I am grateful that I got to serve with them while I did."
- *Bethany Davis*



Throughout my 24 years as a disciple, I have found that I was able to help out and teach at least one rotation every year during midweek for both of my kids (Nate and Jania) in Kid's Kingdom, sing with the Worship Team, and most recently, work with the AV and Newsletter Teams. It is serving, but I never considered it to be work, because those are concepts of our ministry that I enjoy doing. The creation of the North River weekly newsletter is architectural because the team has

a lot to consider and must be strategic in building a final presentation of the visual and written messages that represent the vision of our congregation, and it's shared with all. I love being a part of "constructing" the weekly newsletter for a ministry that has guided me on the multiple ways that I can continue to build my faith. - *Janika "J.J." Jackson*



Despite all the juggling of info and emails, working with the newsletter team and bringing the news to my spiritual family has been one of my favorite things to do at North River since I started last summer. Perhaps it's because I like knowing what's going on eeeeeehverywhere or maybe because I am annoyingly detail-oriented... Anyway, thanks to Tom Brown who is there every step of the way, and thanks to our editors who help us know when to use a colon vs. a semi-colon vs. a dash.

And if you didn't know, while the newsletter could technically exist with bad grammar, it could not exist without our layout queens Bethany and JJ who took over in October. And wait, there is a final step! These good-news-packed docs could not end up in your hand without our volunteer printers who come in on Saturdays or early Sundays to print. **Thank you Lori Jacobs, Zandre Jean, Tamantha Minton-Damm, Jazz Jackson, Brenda Cummings, Karren Carter, and new recruit Celeste Gonzalez!** Wanna join this team? Take a look at the opportunities to the right! - *Marie Toussaint*

It takes a village to produce the weekly North River Church of Christ newsletter, and it's an honor to be part of the crew. I've worked alongside some amazing women over the years. In my role as editor, most every Friday and Saturday for



the past six or seven years (or eight, I've lost track) I've edited the newsletter ahead of our Sunday morning services, trying to catch any grammatical or factual errors and improve readability for all of our announcements. With a congregation as big and spread out as North River, an informative and well-prepared newsletter is a practical way to help all of our members know what's going on, and it's been a meaningful experience to help make that happen.

- *John Nelson* (In the pic, John is training daughter and future North River newsletter editor Reese on a recent Saturday morning.)

My husband Jim and I had just begun to attend worship services at North River in 2014 when I answered an ad in the newsletter and became part of the team. We both later studied the Bible and were baptized in 2015. I enjoy working with the team to make our newsletter an informative publication. It's a great source of information, helping our members keep up to date on all the events and news that takes place all around our congregation and helping us stay connected with each other. I tell people that the best way to plug in and get connected is to be willing to serve and to share your time and talents. - *Marianne Elliot*



Newsletter Help

Yep, you heard it! Our newsletter team works diligently every week, but we would love a few more volunteers for when our crew needs a vacation or a weekend off. Please email newsletter@nrcoc.com if you think you can help. P.S. Both positions are remote!

- **PRIMARY EDITOR:** This person would be one of two editors who are available remotely to check emails as often as you are able Thursdays and Fridays each week. At the least, it is helpful to get editing suggestions one time between 8am and 6pm on Thursdays. This person should especially have good grammar, spelling, and understanding of punctuation.
- **LAYOUT PUBLISHER:** This person's role is very important to actually create the beautiful layout you see in your hand or online. It is helpful to get the first draft created by 9pm on Thursdays. Then, using the editors' notes, this person will create 2 to 3 more drafts between Friday morning and Saturday at noon when the final draft is published. To design the newsletter, we do have a laptop that can be lent out if needed. There is also training for this role as well if you have no experience!

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

February 2-8, 2020

2 9a & 11a Services 12:30p-2p Lighthouse Open Gym	3	4 10a Men's & Women's Bible Studies- FLC	5 10a Spanish Women's Bible Study 6p-7p Lighthouse Open Gym 6:30 Y&F Dinner 7:30pm First Wednesdays	6	7 Campus Devo 7:30p Restoration of the Heart	8 9:30a-4:30p ROTH
Chattanooga	Myrtle Beach, SC	Cornerstone	Northview CC	Nashville, TN	Rome, GA	Coastal Carolina

For Your Future Calendars:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb. 7-9 : "Restoration of the Heart" Weekend • Feb. 14-16 : "Ransomed" Singles' Weekend • Feb. 29 : Parenting & Marriage Workshops • Mar. 1: All Family Group Leaders' Meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar. 20 : Latin Women's Day, 7pm • Mar. 21 : Women's Day, 9am • Mar. 28 : Daddy-Daughter Dance • July 2-5: World Discipleship Summit, Orlando |
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Midweeks in February

Feb. 5: First Wednesdays

- FLC: 6:30pm, Young Families Dinner
- Auditorium: Singles/YoPros/Newly Marrieds
- Lighthouse: Youth & Family & Parents
- FLC 101: Hebrews Bible Study
- FLC: All children's classes

Future Midweeks

- **Feb. 12:** Community Midweek
- **Feb. 19:** Community Midweek
 - ◇ Lighthouse: Youth & Family Classes
 - ◇ No elementary-age classes
- **Feb. 26:** Community Midweek

New Titles At the Book Table!



After many years of faithfully running the book table, Alan Coates has gotten married and will be moving away. Darik and Laurie Allen have graciously stepped in to fill this role and will be stocking the book table with more than 70 new titles! So please be sure to introduce yourself to the Allens and go check out some new and classic books like Douglas Jacoby's new Book of the Month, *Till the Nets are Full*. Please visit the book table or see the online newsletter for more details!

Agape Ball 2020 Cancelled

We had hoped to have our first ever Valentine's Day ball in The Lighthouse this month, but unfortunately we have to cancel the dance because there were too many moving parts to make it as great as had hoped.

We look forward to planning more great times of fellowship for the family in the future!

Attendance and Contribution

Average Giving in January was \$44,444
Weekly Goal in February is \$47,000

Date	Attendance	Contribution
Jan. 12	1,201	\$43,246
Jan. 19	1,071	\$42,805
Jan. 26	1,261	\$42,200

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*.

Feb. 4: Justice, Part II - Debbie Mackintosh
Feb. 11: Sermon on Mount Intro - Susan Adkins

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

Join us for lessons geared toward men on "Living Effective and Productive Lives as Disciples." Bring a friend and his spouse for the separate women's study as well!

Charla en Española 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!

Something Missing in the Newsletter? Not Getting Church Emails?

For the full newsletter, check the online version to find more important news, updates, prayer requests and resources. Visit www.nrcoc.org, click "Resources" tab and then "Newsletters." If you are not receiving church updates through email, please check your spam folder (these messages most often come from Marie at marietoussaint@nrcoc.com) or contact your Community leader to get your name added to the list.



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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.

2020 VISION

Fix Your Eyes On Jesus

This year we are planning to have a clear 2020 vision with our sermon series, "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus." For January and February, we will be taking a journey through the book of Hebrews, because "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!" Hebrews 13:8

Needs in our North River Family

"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ." -1 Corinthians 12:12

With our growing church, additional building, and ongoing outreach, we have many growing opportunities to help. Please give a read of the following opportunities and see where God might want you to serve or help. Thank you for being the toes, the nose, and the elbows!

- **NEWSLETTER HELP!:** Editors, printers, publishers needed to keep this publication running smoothly and to keep our members and friends in the know. Email Newsletter@nrcoc.com to inquire. Thank you!
- **SECURITY TEAM:** Monitoring in and around our three buildings. Contact Megan at meganfamodun@nrcoc.com.
- **MUSIC LIBRARIANS:** People to help file and manage the music for the worship team. Contact Sherwin: SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com.
- **YES! PROGRAM:** To do one of the regular Saturday events with your group or for ongoing help, email northriveryes@gmail.com.
- **SHEPHERDS FOR SINGLES' FAMILY GROUPS:** Contact JohnHanes@nrcoc.com or TomBrown@nrcoc.com.
- **WORSHIP TEAM:** Thursday night rehearsals required. Contact Sherwin at SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com.

HAVE ANOTHER IDEA OR NOT SURE HOW TO HELP? No problem! Hit me up with your interest at MarieToussaint@nrcoc.com. Thanks.

Lost & Found

Check the closet regularly for lost Bibles and other items. Left items are discarded or donated periodically.

New Ushers Needed



While our new Lighthouse is great (as are all of our buildings on campus), we need people to welcome our guests and members. So, what do our ushers do? They don't just help people find open seats at church. Our team of ushers are also those who pass the contribution and communion plates.

They are the ones who are consistently at service and on time to greet guests and members when they are unsure of where to go. This is a special way to serve, and we need new men and women for our team! **Please fill out the "volunteer slip" with your contact information and place it in the box on top of the book counter desk.** Thank you!

Learn Sign Language!

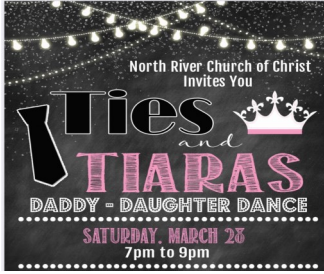


Are you interested in learning American Sign Language (ASL)? To be added to the group and join us for our next session which meets every two weeks in the FLC, please contact Shay Rowe (678-920-3838) or Jamie Mullis (770-366-1881).

WITW: Where In the World is Douglas Jacoby?

2020	
Mar. 4-7	San Antonio, TX
Mar. 8-10	Myrtle Beach, SC
Mar. 28	AIM New Testament Interpretation at NR
Mar. 28-30	Early Church History Fellowship-Amberson, PA
Apr. 17-19	Asia Pacific Leadership Academy—Manila, Philippines
Apr. 20-26	China Tour

MARCH 28: Daddy - Daughter Dance!



Women's month is coming this March, and there are some incredible events planned, including a Daddy-Daughter dance, "Ties and Tiaras," on March 28! Admission cost is a plate of cookies/brownies (nut free!) or fruit. This event is for all daughters of all ages (newborns-Campus). Dinner is not provided. Formal attire is encouraged. Please RSVP by **March 7** for a special time for the future women of our church!

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JANUARY-MARCH 2020: New AIM Course



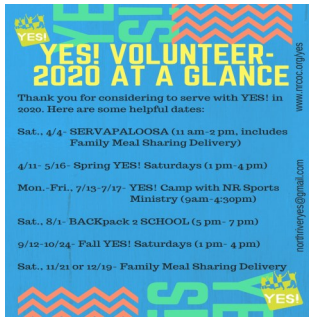
Don't miss out on this great opportunity starting now: an all-new cohort of students in the Athens Institute of Ministry (ASOM)! Why AIM? Bible study with an emphasis on careful teaching (2 Tim. 2:15), constitutes nearly 40% of the AIM course. You can register now at www.athensinstitute.org.

First Course: New Testament Survey (January-March)

To register, send an email to dj@douglasjacoby.com.

What is AIM? AIM emphasizes biblical study — Old Testament, New Testament, Interpretation (Exegesis), and also includes Church History, Apologetics, Counseling, Marriage & Parenting, Public Speaking (Homiletics), World Religions, Denominational Doctrine, Holy Spirit, Church Building, and Pastoral Counseling. Students take part in a specific program, and admission is "rolling," so people can join the program at any time. Online dialogue between teachers and students provides continuity and follow-up. Currently, participants from 27 nations are involved in AIM.

YES! Youth Empowerment Services



North River's local neighborhood initiative is back in action to bring dynamic learning joy and to the children surrounding our church. But we need volunteers to help this program thrive! Come join us to give back to the kids and to gain so much yourselves.

Just say YES!
Thank you

JULY 2-5: World Discipleship Summit: Vision



Join us for the 2020 World Discipleship Summit July 2-5, in Orlando, Florida as disciples from around the world share God's vision to bring the love of Jesus to as many as possible. [Check the website](#) to register and to find more helpful information:

- Singles, Youth, Women's and Men's classes
- Artist Showcase, Worship, and Animate events
- Chance to Dance program for those with special needs
- ICOC (campus) and Stronger (mental health) conferences
- How to register as an exhibitor
- Even discounted park tickets! What parks? Oh you know...

You can also join in now on [Facebook](#) where people from around the world have been sharing their excitement for months in anticipation of this extraordinary event.

SUMMER 2020: RevivEasternEurope Mission Team



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

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

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

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

Follow @NorthRiverCOC



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

3 Easy Ways to Give Online



TITHE.LY

- Online: Visit <https://tithe.ly/give?c=467483>
- App: Download the BLUE Tithe.ly Church App, then search for North River Church of Christ
- Text: Text the word GIVE to (470) 460-6991

You can set up recurring gifts and also cover the processing fees for

your donation if you wish. If you have any questions about setting up your giving on Tithe.ly, please call the church office at 770-792-8133 or email meganfamodun@nrcoc.com.

A Special Way to Support Camp Swamp



Did you know you can help Camp Swamp when you do your online shopping with one simple extra step? Simply visit smile.amazon.com, do your shopping, and upon check out, Amazon will donate a share of your purchase to Swamp Camp Services Inc. No extra fees! Shop till you drop and support Camp Swamp.

Thanks, Jeff Rorabaugh

Need a Place to Stay? Have a Room for Rent?



There are several people in the North River family who are looking for housing or roommates. (This includes single women, single men, and sometimes couples.)

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

2020 Biblical Study Tour: Turkey



Travel to Turkey (Ephesus, Attalia, Laodicea, Istanbul) with our teacher Douglas Jacoby and brothers and sisters from around the world to go on a journey that will bring the world of the Bible to

life. It is over a year away, but spaces go very fast.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.douglasjacoby.com/2020-biblical-study-tour-turkey/>.

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

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

Women's Day, March 21



Save the date for an incredible Women's Day at North River with guest speaker Arlene Markowski from the Manhattan Church of Christ. Invitations and announcements will be made soon, but you can start inviting any women you know, whether teens,

campus, mothers, daughters, aunts, or sisters! Brothers, we know you know some of these women, so please invite them as well! It will be Saturday morning, March 21. Latin Women's Night will be in The Lighthouse on Friday night, March 20.

New Book of the Month

One title you can get now— Douglas Jacoby's new Book of the Month, *Till the Nets are Full*. Please visit the book table or see the online newsletter for more details!

This month, Douglas Jacoby is featuring his book, *Till the Nets Are Full*, a helpful manual on personal evangelism (formerly *Shining Like Stars*). It is challenging and practical, with dozens of in-depth studies you can share with non-Christians and also young Christians. Normally priced at \$16, you can grab this at the book counter in the lobby for \$13 in February or only \$11 for those who read and subscribe to Douglas's weekly newsletter. To sign up for this free newsletter, text "disciple" 66866 or visit www.douglasjacoby.com.

It's Not Too Late!

"Sermon on the Mount" Reading Plan

If you haven't started a Bible reading plan for the new year yet, consider digging into the "Sermon on the Mount." This section of the New Testament (Matthew 5-7) is widely agreed to contain the very heart of Jesus' kingdom message. The teachings were and still are remarkable and revolutionary.

There are daily podcasts (5-15 minutes) for 40 days; the first 10 days are free. Click or go here for the intro and more info: <https://www.douglasjacoby.com/the-sermon-on-the-mountain-00-introduction/>.

KIDOGO Online Videos & Content



At *ICOC HotNews*, a group of disciples took a leap of faith and began a YouTube channel they believe will help young Christians looking for advice and guidance. The channel is called [Kidogo](https://www.kidogotoolbox.com) and is run by volunteers. Check out these helpful tools and find out how to support Kidogo at www.kidogotoolbox.com.

How to Get Your Kids in Children's Classes

REGISTER NOW!

We are thrilled to announce a new digital check-in process. Please watch the video at <https://bit.ly/2Zu7Xo9> to learn how to register your kids into our program. You can access the form to sign up your child at <http://bit.ly/riverkidsregistration>. **If you do not re-register your kids using these forms, we won't be able to check them into class, so this is very important.** Please feel free to reach out to myself or anyone on our team at childrensministry@nrcoc.com or melissatulloch@nrcoc.com with any questions!

Facilities and Requests

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

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

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

Thanks for cooperating. Please send your questions to events@nrcoc.com.

Do You Have Trouble Hearing the Service?

FRONT-ROW HEARING NOW INSTALLED!!

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

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

Book Corner

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

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

Contact the Newsletter Team




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

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




Parking Spaces!

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

"FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS" IN 2020 (HEBREWS 12:2)










January 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
IN THE KNOW: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All-Church Midweeks and <i>First Wednesday</i> classes at 7:30PM North River New Year's Fast: Jan 8th-29th 			1 New Year's Day 2020 No Midweek	2	3	4
5 Children's Ministry Rotation Starts 	6	7	8 *NR Fast Begins* 7:30PM All-Church Midweek	9	10	11
12 Appointment of New NR Elders	13	14	15 7:30PM All-Church Midweek	16	17	18 All Things to all People w/ Michael Burns 10am-2pm 
19 All Things to All People w/ Michael Burns 9&11am 	20 MLK Day 	21	22 7:30PM All-Church Midweek	23	24	25
26 Teen Worship 11am Lighthouse Grand Opening! 12:30pm-2pm 	27	28	29 *NR Fast Ends* 7:30PM All-Church Midweek	30	31	

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February 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
IN THE KNOW - MIDWEEKS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *First Wednesdays*- All-Church *1st & 3rd: MS, HS and Parents at the Lighthouse *2nd, 3rd, 4th: Community Midweeks 						1
2 Superbowl Sunday Outreach Parties	3	4	5 7:30PM "First Wednesdays Midweek"	6	7 Restoration of the Heart 7:30pm	8 Restoration of the Heart 9:30am-4:30pm 
9 Restoration of the Heart 9&11am	10	11	12 Midweek by Communities	13	14 RANSOMED Atlanta Metro Singles Weekend	15 Agape Ball 2020 8pm  RANSOMED Atlanta Metro Singles Weekend
16 RANSOMED Atlanta Metro Singles Weekend	17	18	19 Midweek by Communities	20	21	22
23 Teen Worship 11am @ The Lighthouse	24	25	26 Midweek by Communities	27	28 Campus Retreat	29 Parenting Workshop 10am w/Steve & Sue Shoff Marriage Enrichment Night 7pm w/Shoffs  Campus Retreat

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🌸 March 2020 - WOMEN'S MONTH! 🌸

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All-Church FG Leaders Workshop w/ Steve/Sue Shoff 12:45PM  Campus Retreat	2	3	4  All-Womens Midweek 7:30PM NR Men in the Gym	5	6	7
8 Daylight Saving 	9	10	11  Womens Midweek by FG/CM	12	13	14
15	16	17	18  Womens Midweek by FG/CM	19	20  Latin Women's Night 7-9pm: Arlene Markowski, NYC	21 Simplify: Women's Day: Arlene Markowski, NYC 9-2pm 
22	23	24	25  Womens Midweek by FG/CM	26	27	28 Father/Daughter Dance! 
29 Teen Worship 11am @ The Lighthouse	30	31	IN THE KNOW: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities are encouraged to have follow-up events after the BIG WOMEN'S DAY 			

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April 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:30PM "First Wednesday Midweek" including Intown & East	2	3	4 YES! Servapalooza 11-2p 
5 Campus Parent Honoring Lunch 	6	7	8 Midweek by Communities	9	10  Good Friday Seder	11 YES! 11a-5p
12 Easter Sunday 	13	14	15 Midweek by Communities	16	17	18 YES! 11a-5p  3v3 Basketball Tournament Middle School Dance 
19 5 th Grade Graduation	20	21	22 Midweek by Communities	23	24	25 YES! 11a-5p
26 Teen Worship 11 AM @ The Lighthouse New Teacher Orientation 9-12p	27	28	29 Midweek by Communities	30	UPCOMING EVENTS... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generosity Sunday 5/3 • Mother's Day 5/10 	