

## Exciting Transitions in North River's Youth & Family Ministry

### 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

### Youth & Family Ministry

Chase & Sarah Mackintosh

### Children's Ministry

Melissa Tulloch

### Singles & Young Marrieds

Kendall & Dian Knight

### Campus Ministry

Jordan Massey ❖ Cody Porter

### Worship & Creative Arts Ministry

Sherwin & Debbie Mackintosh

### Administration

Vivian Hanes ❖ Megan Famodun

### Missions Teacher

Dr. Douglas Jacoby

### 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

### Community leader/staff emails

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newsletter@nrcoc.com

### The North River Youth & Family Ministry

The Youth & Family Ministry at North River consists of families who have children in grades 6-12 and young mentors who we call teen leaders. The goal of this ministry is to partner with parents to help teens grow spirituality in their friendships, as well as to deepen their own personal convictions about seeking God.



**Michael and Sarah Kodinsky** oversee North River's Youth & Family Ministry. The ministry is their passion, and their dream is to see the next generation understand God's love and to see families united in the fear of the Lord. Since 2015, the Kodinskys have been working as volunteer leaders of the middle school ministry, leading, planning classes and activities, and recruiting teachers who become teen leaders. Since 2017, they have also been serving as shepherds for the entire Youth & Family Ministry, working alongside the Mackintoshes, participating in teen leader meetings, and working to shape the Youth & Family Ministry into a place where parents are engaging in the spiritual lives of their teens, teen leaders are thriving as they serve, and teens connect with the heart of God

and have a spiritual community to live out their faith in their teen years.

Sarah knows the value of a strong Middle School Ministry having been baptized in middle school, herself, and was raised in a strong Christian family. After spending a year on the foreign mission field, the Kodinskys worked as full-time youth ministers leading a large teen ministry in Boston for two years and leading teen camp for the Northeast churches. They now are raising three young men ages 16, 14 and 12. Michael is in corporate finance, and Sarah leads an international nanny agency serving families with children who have special needs.

**Chase and Sarah Mackintosh's** roles will be changing as well. They just welcomed their new addition, James Martin Mackintosh, on January 4. Sarah is stepping out of her full-time ministry role and is excited to focus on taking care of their three young children. In the spring of 2017, Chase and Sarah moved to Marietta to invest in our Youth & Family Ministry. They have built a great foundation of family, biblical teaching, and fun over the last three years. The amazing Teen Band and a consistent cadence of "family time" with our monthly potluck and devo over the last two years are two hallmarks of their leadership. They are a highly talented couple with passionate hearts for God and a love for our teens and our teen leaders. Their daughters Nora and Emma are a joy to the teens, and it has been so exciting to welcome baby James to their family over the last month.



Chase will continue leading the Teen Ministry through the end of the school year until Nick and Brie Shoff become the new Youth & Family staff couple (more below). At that time, Chase will continue a supporting role in the Youth & Family Ministry while further developing North River's Creative Arts Ministry with a focus on next generation ministries. Chase will help plan and implement special events for the teens, such as teen services, and continue to lead the Teen Band.



**Nick and Brie Shoff** were married in May 2018 and have been helping lead the Georgia State campus ministry the last three years. They became best friends and started dating after co-leading the North River summer mission trip to Costa Rica in 2016. In June, they will become North River's lead staff couple in the Youth & Family Ministry.

Nick moved to Atlanta to be trained in the ministry after graduating from University of Georgia, where he helped lead the Athens Campus Ministry during his time there. He became a disciple during his high school years in Ridgefield, Connecticut, where he lived with his family (Steve, Sue, and sister MacKenzie). As a young high school student, Nick started a nonprofit, JamQuest, which aims to train kids to use their gifts to help other kids in need. JamQuest is going strong today, having involved thousands of young people around the world and supported more than 50

students through high school in Nairobi, Kenya!

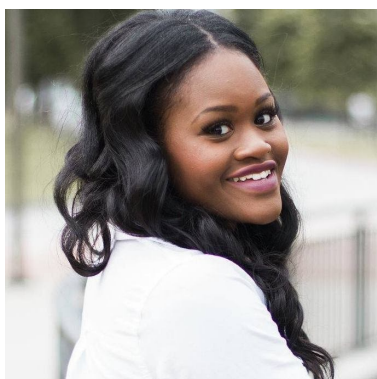
Brie also became a disciple in the teen ministry, where she grew up in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with her family (Kevin, Noelle, and sister Candice). After high school, Brie moved with her parents to La Paz, Bolivia to volunteer for one year with the HOPE worldwide team starting there. From Bolivia, Brie moved to Atlanta to attend Kennesaw State University and join the North River Campus Ministry. During most of her college summers she interned for the Teen Ministry and helped lead the four consecutive trips to Costa Rica. After two years teaching in a local preschool and working part-time with the teens, Brie joined the full-time ministry with Nick. They absolutely love working together in the ministry.

## Our Heroic Teen Leaders



**Nick and Amber Williams** first began to invest in our current high schoolers by leading them in the Middle School Ministry, teaching in their classes, counseling them at Camp Swamp, hanging out with them, joining in their crazy group text chats, and coaching them through their young teen years as mentors. After graduating from college, Nick and Amber made the commitment to join the Youth & Family Ministry as teen leaders. They have studied the Bible with many of those same teens they have invested in for many years and seen several of them baptized into Christ.

For the past year, Nick has worked full-time in the ministry as a teen leader and has had an impact on the entire Youth & Family Ministry, especially in the Northwest Community. Amber works as a nurse and Nick has recently accepted a new position with a real estate attorney's office and is excited about his new career. He and Amber will continue their role as teen leaders with Kennesaw and Acworth high school students.



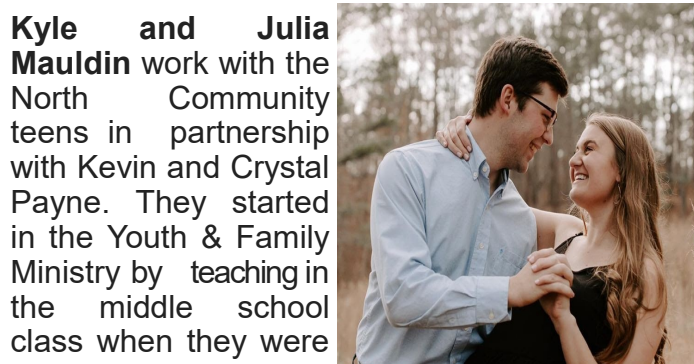
**Nikkei Lamodi** has been a crucial part of several teen girls becoming disciples this year. Nikkei started an "Esther Group" in her home on Saturdays to call the teen girls higher spiritually. She primarily serves in the Central Community.



**Kyle Walker** is an amazing servant who started by teaching the 4th and 5th grade boys class. He has an amazing way of connecting with, relating to, and gaining the trust of teens by the way he lives. He serves in the Northwest Community.

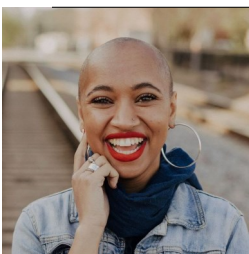
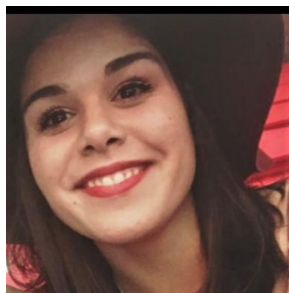


**Brandon and Olivia Lennon** recently graduated from college and were married. They serve in the Teen Ministry in the East Cobb/Sandy Springs Community. They are often found having deep talks, studying the Bible with teens or having a blast with the teens at teen events.



**Kyle and Julia Mauldin** work with the North Community teens in partnership with Kevin and Crystal Payne. They started in the Youth & Family Ministry by teaching in the middle school class when they were students at Kennesaw State University and dating. They have now graduated and are married.

**Yasmin McCrory** first volunteered as a teacher in our middle school class. She is a great friend and mentor to so many of our teen girls, is part-time staff and serves primarily in the West Cobb and Northwest Communities.



**Kamaria Laing** joined the Youth & Family Ministry one year ago and has a huge heart to serve the teen girls in the Northwest Community.



**Nathan Conn and Jordanne Whitcomb** started teaching in our **Middle School Ministry** last year. They, along with John Wells, Maggie Smith, and Erin Pope, have been teaching our middle schoolers on Wednesday nights since last summer and are such great mentors and friends to them. Jordanne has also recently been hired

as our middle school administrator and she helps the Kodinskys with communication, class planning, and activities.

# 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." This month we continue our journey through the book of Hebrews, because "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever!*" Hebrews 13:8



### 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.

### Save the Date: March is Women's Month!



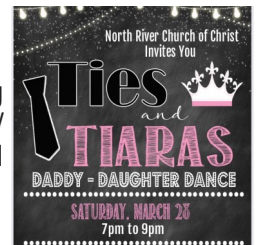
March will start off with an all-women's midweek on March 4 that will then be followed by some great events for women, including our women's days and a father-daughter dance (see below). The theme this year is "Simplify," and you will hear more about it soon. For now, save the date for an incredible 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.

### 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 daughters of all ages. Dinner is not provided, and formal attire is encouraged. Please RSVP by **March 7** at

<https://forms.gle/1piPgbtCgYxLTskS9> for a special time for the future women of our church!



### Annual Camping Adventure!



Yes, it's time to get out in the wild again for our 2020 Annual Spring Family Camping Adventure. Last spring, we had over 70 friends and NR family (see photo) join us for a weekend of outdoor memories in God's creation in the mountains of North Georgia. This year, we already have over 20 families signed up to camp together at Fort Mountain State Park the weekend of April 17-19. A campsite for both nights and the reservation of a group shelter run about \$80 per family. We all stay near each other in the same campground and make special memories hiking, fishing, playing, canoeing, eating, and sitting around the campfire together. With a special group hike, a Saturday evening potluck, worship in the wilderness, and even a rock skipping contest, it is a time to unplug and get to know new brothers and

sisters with fun and amazing memories for all ages and experience levels. There are only about 8-10 sites left, so you'll want to sign up soon if interested in coming along. To get more details or to sign up for this adventure, contact "Indiana" Jim Seufferlein at [Jimseufferlein@comcast.net](mailto:Jimseufferlein@comcast.net) or call 770-294-2045. -Jim Seufferlein

### 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.



## 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 9-15, 2020

9 9a & 11a Services	10	11 10a Men's & Women's Bible Studies- FLC	12 10a Spanish Women's Bible Study  7:30pm Community Midweek	13	14 "Ransomed" Singles Weekend  Campus Devo	15 "Ransomed" Singles Weekend
Athens, GA	ACOC @ Gwinnett	Birmingham, AL	Augusta, GA	Asheville, NC	Savannah, GA	Knoxville, TN

### For Your Future Calendars:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Feb. 14-16 :</b> "Ransomed" Singles' Weekend</li> <li>• <b>Feb. 29 :</b> Parenting &amp; Marriage Workshops</li> <li>• <b>Mar. 1 :</b> All Family Group Leaders' Meeting</li> <li>• <b>Mar. 20 :</b> Latin Women's Day, 7pm</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mar. 21 :</b> Women's Day, 10am</li> <li>• <b>Mar. 28 :</b> Daddy-Daughter Dance*</li> <li>• <b>Apr. 17-19 :</b> Annual Family Camping Adventure*</li> <li>• <b>July 2-5 :</b> World Discipleship Summit, Orlando*</li> </ul> |
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\*Check the online newsletter at [www.nrcoc.org/category/newsletters](http://www.nrcoc.org/category/newsletters) to get more info including registration.

### Upcoming Midweeks

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Feb. 12 :</b> Community Midweek</li> <li>• <b>Feb. 19 :</b> Community Midweek                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ Lighthouse: Youth &amp; Family Classes</li> <li>◊ No elementary-age classes</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Feb. 26 :</b> Community Midweek</li> <li>• <b>Mar. 4 :</b> All Women's Midweek                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ Men in The Lighthouse</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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### This Weekend: Ransomed Singles Weekend



Join 200 singles from across the country for a weekend of fellowship right here in Atlanta this weekend! Enjoy dynamic fellowship and a Valentine's party Saturday evening, featuring DJ Ron Michel. Our weekend culminates with our singles-led worship service on Sunday, February 16. [Register for Ransomed and see the Schedule at https://bit.ly/2SI7BdP.](https://bit.ly/2SI7BdP)

### 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

### Attendance and Contribution

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

Date	Attendance	Contribution
Jan. 19	1,071	\$42,805
Jan. 26	1,261	\$42,200
Feb. 2	1,202	\$59,369*

\*Thanks to our members who were able to make up missed or delayed weekly contributions.

### 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. 11: Sermon on the Mount Intro - Susan Adkins  
Feb. 18: Poor (Matt 5:3) - Sylvia Wyatt

#### 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](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 Marie at [marietoussaint@nrcoc.com](mailto:marietoussaint@nrcoc.com)) or contact your Community leader to get your name added to the list.



## Needs in our North River Family

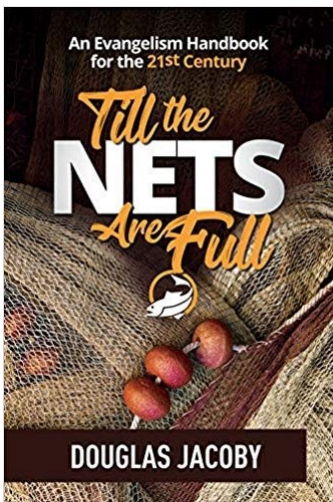
"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ." -1 Corinthians 12:12

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).
- **MUSIC LIBRARIANS:** People to help file and manage the music for the worship team. Contact Sherwin: [SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com](mailto:SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com).
- **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). Thanks.

## New Book of the Month



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](http://www.douglasjacoby.com).

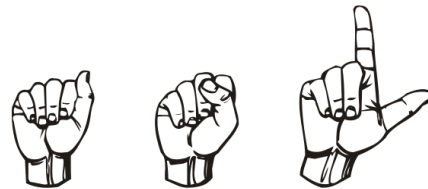
## New Ushers Needed



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!

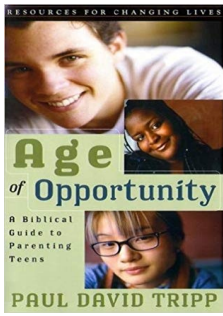
## Learn Sign Language!



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



## 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](mailto:mkodinsky@gmail.com)

Sarah: 770-940-2260 - [sakodinsky@gmail.com](mailto:sakodinsky@gmail.com)

## 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](http://www.athensinstitute.org).

**First Course:** New Testament Survey (January-March)

To register, send an email to [dj@douglasjacoby.com](mailto: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](http://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](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! 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](mailto: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](https://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*

### Lost & Found

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

### 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)

## 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](mailto:confettiqueen@verizon.net) for more information. Thank you!

### 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-mount-00-introduction/>.

"It's been fantastic!" - Brother from Columbus, Ohio

### 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).

## 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!

## 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.