

## Where Two or More Are Gathered... Even Virtually

Like many in our North River family, perhaps you have become a pro at connecting virtually with others. But, maybe you are still trying to figure out what in the world is "Houseparty?" I was inspired by all the great ideas shared by our members to create a chart that tells us just what these different options are. I've heard of people doing Bible studies, having virtual game nights, planning midweeks and meetings, and parents sharing homeschooling tips with each other. Because of this, I'm convinced that God is using every bit of this COVID-19 experience to shine even brighter than before! However you are staying connected, thank you for being such a great example of "where two are more are gathered, there I am with them" (Matt 18:20).

-Your sister, Marie Toussaint (East Cobb / Sandy Springs)



### HOW TO STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

"Where two or more are gathered, there I am with them."

-Matthew 18:20

### IDEAS FOR GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS

#### GOOGLE DRIVES

Create your own database, and share the link to give others access. You can include daily devotionals, Bible studies, videos, homeschooling resources, and more

#### NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Needs, prayers, updates, videos  
[www.DisciplesToday.com](http://www.DisciplesToday.com)  
[www.HopeVWW.com](http://www.HopeVWW.com)  
[www.YouTube.com/Keydogo](https://www.YouTube.com/Keydogo)

#### RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Here's an excellent set of lessons on our relationship with God.  
[bit.ly/33N9rth](http://bit.ly/33N9rth)

#### DOUGLAS JACOBY NEWSLETTER & STUDY RESOURCES

Articles, Q&A, podcasts  
<https://www.douglasjacoby.com>

#### BEMA

A study of the Bible from an "Eastern" perspective done through podcasts and group discussions.  
[www.bemadiscipleship.com](http://www.bemadiscipleship.com)

#### SPIRITUAL BOOKS

Devotionals, research and study  
[www.ipibooks.com](http://www.ipibooks.com)

#### RESOURCES FOR WOMEN

Studies on women in the Bible & weekly video chats to inspire  
 #SimpleFaith2020  
[www.nrcoc.org/ministries/women](http://www.nrcoc.org/ministries/women)

#### SPIRITUAL QUARANTINE TOOLKIT

A PDF resource put together by members of the Boston church.  
[bit.ly/2JjNeJQ](http://bit.ly/2JjNeJQ)

#### THE BIBLE PROJECT

A Bible reading plan filled with pictures and videos to aid in learning.  
[www.bibleproject.com](http://www.bibleproject.com)

#### PRIVATE PRAYER REQUESTS

Email [prayers@nrcoc.com](mailto:prayers@nrcoc.com)



### LARGE GROUPS

#### ZOOM

(free version has a 40 minute limit, up to 100 ppl)

#### SKYPE

(video chats, up to 50 ppl with audio; number of video callers depends on device )

#### GOOGLE HANGOUTS

(chats or videos with iPhones, Androids and computers; can be international, up to 25 ppl)

#### HANGOUTS "MEET"

(chat or videos; has to be [set up](#) by someone with a Google Suite account)

#### FACETIME

(Apple devices only, up to 32 ppl)

### small groups

#### GOOGLE DUO

(iPhones, Androids and computers, best for one-to-one chats, up to 8 ppl)

#### WHATSAPP

(phones only, chats or videos can be international, video for up to 4 ppl)

#### FACEBOOK MESSENGER

(video and audio up to 6 ppl)

#### HOUSEPARTY

(phones only, video chats, up to 8 ppl)

#### MARCO POLO

(video messages, up to 4 ppl)

### Social Media & More

#### WWW.NRCOC.ORG

(Check our website for resources, encouraging videos and updates)

#### @NORTHRIVERCOC

(Stay up-to-date with NR and others on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter)

#### LIVE VIDEOS

(Speak to your entire social network on Facebook or Instagram)

#### NETFLIX WATCH PARTY

(Watch an uplifting show together!)



### KEEP IN MIND...

- Practice internet safety. Think before you click. Be mindful.
- Many communication apps require downloading.
- Some services require creating an account with a password.
- Some services allow you to simply invite others by sharing link
- It may be good to have 2 or 3 options for flexibility or if the streaming quality is not the best on one platform.
- Many platforms allow you to "share your screen" with others.
- Make sure you update whatever app or platform you are using as many have updated features in light of the COVID-19 world.
- Many services have extra features for a fee.

### Old-Fashioned

#### GROUP TEXTS

(Regular text messages, GroupMe, WhatsApp)

#### LETTERS & CARDS

(Pen, paper, envelope, stamp)

#### PHONE CALLS

(Yes, voicemails are okay too)

#### 6 FT APART!

(Saying "Hi" from your balcony!  
Smiling at those in the grocery store!)

### 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

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

(example: [tombrown@nrcoc.com](mailto:tombrown@nrcoc.com)  
[newsletter@nrcoc.com](mailto:newsletter@nrcoc.com))

320 Austin Ave NE

Marietta, GA 30060

[www.nrcoc.org](http://www.nrcoc.org)

## 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

### March 29 - April 4, 2020

29 11a Livestream Service	30	31	April 1 Virtual Small Group Midweeks	2	3	4 10a Facebook Live Women's Coffee Chat
MGCC, Macon	Piedmont Triad	Pray for All	Auburn/Tuskegee	Chattanooga	Myrtle Beach, SC	Cornerstone

### For Your Future Calendars:

- **Apr. 4:** YES! SERVAPALOOSA (CANCELED)
- **Apr. 5:** Campus Lunch (CANCELED)
- **Apr. 17-19:** Annual Family Camping Adventure
- **May 3:** Generosity Sunday!
- **May 3:** Children's Ministry Promotion
- **July 2-5:** World Discipleship Summit, Orlando
- **July 13-17:** VBS 2020, 9am-12pm



### 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.

### In the Know Shortcuts!



- Visit [www.nrcoc.org](http://www.nrcoc.org) for information and updates
- Follow @NorthRiverCOC on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for regular updates
- Watch the [Livestream](#) of services online or Facebook
- Keep your information updated [using this form \(bit.ly/2Q9aHRC\)](#) to get email updates
- Plan regular giving or give online on [Tithely](#) - you can also text GIVE to (470) 460-6991
- Stay connected with your Family Group and Community leaders
- If you need help getting connected, please contact [marietoussaint@nrcoc.com](mailto:marietoussaint@nrcoc.com)

### Sermon Slides Online

Our wonderful servant brother Andrew Kaste has created this Google Drive link that has the PowerPoint sermon slides for all of 2020. Right now only Sunday services are posted as this is a volunteer effort. A big thanks to Andrew for doing this! Find them at <https://bit.ly/394Jqri>.

### Attendance and Contribution

Average Giving in February was \$47,568  
Weekly Goal in March is \$47,000

Date	Attendance	Contribution
Mar. 8	1,048	\$46,449
Mar. 15	545 Livestream Logins	\$36,873
Mar. 22	573 Livestream Logins	\$37,828

### Saturdays at 10am on Facebook!



Our first coffee chat on March 21 had 400 people watching live and 3,000 views since! God is working no matter what. So we will

continue this special way to connect with women online. The videos will be posted on the [North River Women's Page](#) following the Livestream on Saturdays. Please share with those in need around the world who are craving this connection and encouragement.

### Wait! Don't Stop Now! There's More...



Browse through the online newsletter each week to find more important news, updates, prayer requests and resources. Visit [www.nrcoc.org](http://www.nrcoc.org), click "Resources" tab and then "Newsletters."

If you are not receiving church updates/alerts through email, please check your spam folder (these messages most often come from [marietoussaint@nrcoc.com](mailto:marietoussaint@nrcoc.com)) or contact your community leader to get your name added to the list.

## Fix Your Eyes On Jesus

# 2020 VISION

This year's theme at North River is "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus" from Hebrews 12:2. In January and February, we were able to focus on our theme by studying the entire book of Hebrews. To get more insight, please take time to watch Douglas Jacoby's short iFaith video sermons. They are both on YouTube at (search terms "iFaith, Jacoby, Hebrews") and also at Douglas's website, at <https://www.douglasjacoby.com/two-new-ifaith-videos-from-hebrews/>.

### North River Selected as 'Best Place to Worship'

North River Church of Christ has been selected for the 2020 Best of Marietta Award in the Places of Worship category by the Marietta Award Program. Each year, the Marietta Award Program identifies companies they believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Marietta area a great place to live, work and play. Thanks be to God for how He is working in our neighborhood!



### 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.

### 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

- Need extra prayer for special needs? Our elders and evangelists will make a special prayer focus on these requests. Please email [prayers@nrcoc.com](mailto:prayers@nrcoc.com)
- **Please pray for all those going through financial, health, and social/emotional challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

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

### Join the NR Media Team!

As more things move online, we could use more volunteers especially those who have graphic design skills or videography skills. The Media Team consists of social media, photography, videography, graphic design, internet outreach and more! Please email [Media@nrcoc.com](mailto:Media@nrcoc.com) to help.

And 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!



## JULY 2-5: The World Discipleship Summit is Still On By Faith!

Join us for the 2020 World Discipleship Summit July 2-5, in Orlando, Florida as disciples from around the world share God's vision to bring the love of Jesus to as many as possible.

[Check the website](#) to register and to find more helpful information:



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

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

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## JULY 13-17: VBS 2020



Save the date for VBS 2020! We will have two programs running simultaneously with age-appropriate activities from 9am-12pm daily:

- Preschool through 2nd grade in the FLC
- 3rd through 5th grade in The Lighthouse for Matt T'chir's first annual Heart of a Champion sports camp.

Register today at: <http://bit.ly/NRVBS2020> (all caps)

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## Annual Camping Adventure: 6 Spots Left!



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

## 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)**

## Biblical Study Tours in 2021



We hear a good deal of talk about doing what Jesus would *do* (*WWJD?*), but how about walking where Jesus walked? We would like to invite you to join the 2021 annual tour as we return to Israel.

**Biblical Study Tour to Israel - February 1-8, 2021**  
**(Post Tour Feb 8-11)**



We will be tracking Paul's final journey in the book of Acts. Join us on this incredible voyage through a truly beautiful and historically fascinating part of the world.

All details can be found on the homepage of Douglas Jacoby at [douglasjacoby.com](http://douglasjacoby.com), or shoot an email to [dj@douglasjacoby.com](mailto:dj@douglasjacoby.com) to express your interest.

**Paul's Prison Journey — Malta, Sicily, Italy**  
**October 31-November 10, 2021**

## '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/>.

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

2020	
<b>Apr. 17-19</b>	Asia Pacific Leadership Academy— Manila, Philippines
<b>May 1-2</b>	Early Church History Fellowship— Amberson, PA
<b>May 6</b>	Fish Club - E.T. Booth Middle School
<b>May 9</b>	Milwaukee, WI

## 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 [swain.debbie@yahoo.com](mailto:swain.debbie@yahoo.com) for more information. Thank you!

## Learn Sign Language!



Are you interested in learning American Sign Language (ASL)? Please contact Shay Rowe (678-920-3838) or Jamie Mullis (770-366- 1881).



## 3 Easy Ways to Give Online

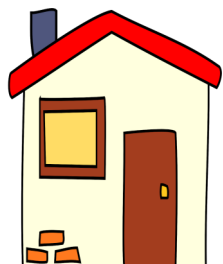


**TITHE.LY**

- 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).

### 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](mailto:sierrapierce19@gmail.com). Pulling all together, we can meet many needs. Thank you.

### How to Get Your Kids in Children's Classes

**REGISTER NOW!**

Please watch the video at <https://bit.ly/2Zu7Xo9> to learn how to register your kids into our program, which will allow you to check them in using our digital check-in process. 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!

### Requesting a Room or Building at North River

**(All Reservations for Facilities on Hold  
Through March and April)**

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

- Treat the buildings as though they are your home. (They are!)
- To request a spot go to [www.nrcoc.org](http://www.nrcoc.org), [click on Resources and select Facility Request](#). Easily fill out and submit from a phone or laptop.
- All private events for members (weddings, birthday or grad parties, showers, etc.), will incur charges.
- HVAC systems and security are scheduled ahead of time, so we ask that you put in all requests **at least two weeks before your event**. Most requests are processed within 48 hours.
- Members and guests are not permitted to use any rooms without a reservation.
- Bear with each other if you don't get your desired spot – or for the time you need it. Flexibility is key!
- **Reminder: The FLC and The Lighthouse are NUT-FREE.** 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).

### 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](http://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*

### 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.