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September! [Click here to watch a cool promo video about this new, exciting devotional!](#)
[Please email childrensministry@nrcoc.com for any questions.](mailto:childrensministry@nrcoc.com)

River Kids is excited to announce it will be releasing digital family devotionals that quickly guide families to connection and spiritual enrichment called "Table Talks." These will be posted to our Children's Ministry Facebook page beginning in

Who's Ready for Coffee Chats?

The coming of fall weather will forever remind us of curling up by a fireplace with a cup of hot coffee. This fall does not seem quite that peaceful or simple. With round two of COVID-19 kickstarting, social justice issues mounting, and an election right around the corner, we are all feeling the challenges. Join us as we restart our coffee chats "Simple Faith in Unsettling Times." In each session we will once more discuss God's view and answers to relevant issues. Coffee chats will be on the second Saturday of every month at 10am EST beginning on September 12 with Kelly Brown sharing about "Finding your Rainbow." She will also preview our fall speakers, which include Meeghan Zillman, Veronique Webber, and Sara Allaway. [Join us on North River Church of Christ Facebook page to link in!](#)



All Africa-U.S. Church Service: September 6



We are excited to announce an All Africa-U.S. Church Service entitled "Greater Things" taking place on September 6, 2020. The virtual service will engage churches and disciples

across Africa and the U.S. with good news, songs, and brief sermons in English and French. Soon we will send out more details and links for all of you to join us. **Please continue to pray for the orphans and little children of Africa affected by the COVID-19 crisis.**

Sunday Series - The Kingdom of God



This month we are excited to be exploring this biblical teaching. What is the Kingdom of God? Is the Kingdom of God the same as the church? How does one enter the Kingdom, and what does it mean to live as members of it? In a world so divided along earthly kingdom lines and barriers, we need the good news of God's Kingdom now more than ever!

The Kingdom of God

August 2: Inauguration

August 9: Identity

August 16: Allegiance

August 23: Citizenship

August 30: Ambassadors

[Watch last week's sermon and find discussion questions by clicking here](#)

We Are Almost There



Wow, North River, we are just a few thousand dollars away from reaching our goal! We have until August 31 to collect the rest of all the donations, and we want to give a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has donated so far. No matter what we raise, we are so full of gratitude for your giving. So, one last time, we ask our members to please consider giving to our Generosity Fund that helps so many ministries and missions here at home and all across the world. We are extremely close to our goal!

You can give any time, designating your offering for the Generosity Sunday ["Season of Giving" online](#), or send a check by mail to 320 Austin Ave. N.E., Marietta, GA 30060.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9: 7-8

Elders

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

Evangelists

Tom Brown ❖ Jeff Hickman
Jordan Massey ❖ Kendall Knight

Women's Ministry

Kelly Brown ❖ Lin Ottenweller
LaToya Massey

Youth & Family Ministry

Nick & Brie Shoff

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

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

North Marietta

(South Woodstock)

Matt & Enid Tchir

South

Gary & Dena Adams

West Cobb

(Smyrna, South Cobb)

Teregi & Anne Coleman

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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

August 30-September 5, 2020

30 11a Livestream Service	31	1	2 Community/ Family Group Midweek	3	4	5
Piedmont Triad	Pray for All	Auburn/Tuskegee	Chattanooga	Myrtle Beach, SC	Cornerstone	Northview CC

Campus Closed... For Now

Just a friendly reminder to everyone that the North River campus is still CLOSED for extracurricular activities and meetings, and we will continue to meet virtually. Until further notice, we are not holding any events on our campus other than to broadcast our Sunday services.

For Your Future Calendars

- **Aug. 31 :** End of "Season of Giving"
- **Sep. 3 :** S.A.L.T. Q&A
- **Sep. 6 :** All Africa-U.S Church Service
- **Sep. 17 :** S.A.L.T. first meeting
- **Sep. 26 :** THRIVE Game Night

Prayer Requests

"Pray in the spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere." - Ephesians 6:18

For specific prayers requests during this time of "social distancing and racial injustice," please email PRAYERS@NRCOC.COM.

- Prayers are requested for Larry Barwick, a dear friend of The Mackintosh/Kelsey family. He was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma and recently discovered it had spread to his brain. He will be undergoing extended chemotherapy for many weeks. Please pray for a complete recovery for Larry and the whole Barwick family.
- David and Tobi Hedrick (with the Chattanooga Church) request prayers for their 19-year-old nephew, Ethan Norman. He broke his neck in a swimming accident and is being treated at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta.
- Judith Hicks cousin, April Boller who visited NR while she was here for cancer treatment, passed away August 7. She was listed as cancer-free after her last round of treatment and, within a month of finding new cancer in her lungs, died. Please pray for her husband, Leo, and her children, Johnathan and Bailey.
- Please pray for Aaron Boss to find a job.
- Please pray for Sammie and Jeffrey Lane. Jeffrey had blood tests on Monday, pray that his PSA levels will remain low. Sammie has surgery next Friday. Please pray that it goes well and her recovery is quick and pain is minimal. Thank you.
- Please pray for Sharon Martin, the wife of Byron Martin and mother of Nikki Martin. Sharon was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday for Gastroenteritis. She has been in and out of the hospital with very serious pain for the last couple of weeks. They transferred her to the ICU on Thursday morning. Byron was baptized in January 2019 at North River and is part of the NW Community. Nikki is a disciple in the Campus Ministry at North River. Please pray for the entire family and for Sharon's complete recovery.

Have any prayer requests you would like in the Newsletter? Email Newsletter@NRCOC.com

Attendance and Contribution

Average Giving in July was \$41,703
Weekly Goal in August is \$47,000

Date	Live Logins	24hr Views	Contribution
Aug. 9	468	≈1,439	\$39,764
Aug. 16	486	≈1,400	\$39,218
Aug. 23	601	≈1,700	\$38,761

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



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

@NorthRiverCOC



THRIVE Singles & Young Marrieds Ministry!



The Thrive Ministry is excited to begin our fall programming. Our next event is a split **GAME NIGHT** event on **September 26 at 7:30pm**. There will be two links sent out - one for Singles and one for Young Marrieds. To get added to the Thrive email list, please email thrive-ministry@nrcoc.com.

"My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."
Philippians 4:19

Register for AIM Classes: Spiritual Life (July 26, 2020 - September 30, 2020)

The Bible places far more emphasis on who we are inside than how we behave or appear to others. We have all seen too many comrades-in-arms fall, not rebounding but remaining fallen due to a weak walk with the Lord, while others continue to go forward to do great things despite formidable obstacles. The course covers character, sexual issues, financial responsibility (guest speaker), and so much more. The secret of Jesus' disciple: the inner spiritual life.

[Click here to register now.](#)

The class is now open through September 30.

S.A.L.T. - Senior Adults Living Triumphantly

A Zoom Q&A meeting is planned for **Thursday, Sept. 3 at 7pm**. Our actual first Senior Ministry virtual meeting will be **Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7pm**. If you have any questions, want to attend the Zoom Q&A, or have comments, please email the Senior Ministry at northriversalt@gmail.com. Please pass this information along to anyone who might have an interest and pray that God will be glorified through our efforts.

In-the-Know Shortcuts!



- Visit www.nrcoc.org for information and updates.
- Follow @NorthRiverCOC on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#) for regular updates.
- Watch the [Livestream](#) of services online or Facebook.
- Read the [full newsletter](#) online to get all the information you need.
- Keep your information updated [using this form](#) (bit.ly/2Q9aHRC) to get email updates.
- Give online on [Tithely](#) or to plan regular giving. You can also text GIVE to (470) 460-6991.
- Stay connected with your Family Group and Community leaders. If you don't have one, please contact kianapickens@nrcoc.com or a friend who has invited you.

POSTPONED: 2020 Vision Conference in Orlando

[For all the latest updates go to the website HERE.](#)



It is with mixed emotions that we will be unable to host the VISION Conference in Orlando this summer. However, it has become apparent that the impact of COVID-19 has overshadowed the possibility to actualize this worldwide event this year as planned. We, like many of you, were certainly looking forward to a time of fellowship and celebration, and so this is a disappointment for sure.

So in order to find available dates, we have decided to stagger the conference. Instead of hosting more than 20,000 disciples over the same four days, we'll see two (2) distinct waves of attendees that will put less

demand on the hotels, nearby restaurants, public flow within our venues, and an overall reduction of our mass gatherings at any one time:

NEW DATES FOR THE 2022 WORLD DISCIPLESHIP SUMMIT:

JULY 28-31	ICMC: (Campus) and ISC (Singles)
JULY 31-AUG. 3	ILC: (International Leadership Conference)
AUG. 4-7	FAMILY: (Parents, Single Parents, Kids, Middle & High Schoolers)
	FOREVER FAITHFUL: (Empty Nesters, Marrieds w/o Kids, Retirees)
	SPANISH Conference



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.

Fix Your Eyes On Jesus



This year's theme at North River is "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus" from Hebrews 12:2. This is especially important for us to do in uncertain times. We started the year studying the entire book of Hebrews, and going forward, we will continue to focus on Jesus more and more. For ways to get more insight, check out the North River [Sermons](#) or [Women's Page](#) for more resources.

Coronavirus Risk Guidelines

Our own Dr. Kevin Broyles came up with [the following chart linked here and on the last page](#) that can help you assess the risk of a social gathering. He based it on the best practices and recommendations of organizations like the CDC, WHO, Johns Hopkins University, and Georgia Department of Public Health, but the chart is not reviewed or endorsed by any of those organizations. The chart is NOT medical advice or a substitute for doing your own research, but it is additional information.

To use it to assess the relative risk of an outdoor or indoor activity, first look at the Outdoors column (if the event you are considering attending will be outdoors) or the Indoors column (if the event is indoors). Find the rows in the Number of People column that accurately describe the number of people at the event. Then ask whether or not everyone is wearing masks (YES in the Mask column) and whether or not everyone is social distancing (YES in the Social Distancing column). The level of risk varies depending on each of these factors.

SUBSCRIBE: NR New Weekly E-Newsletter

While we will continue to update this newsletter and put all baptisms, births, and weddings in the first issue of the month, we want to make sure you get our weekly e-newsletter. These will come from NorthRiverUpdates@NRCOC.com. If you have not been receiving these emails, please search your inbox for the above email address, or [subscribe and update your information here!](#)



We have a Podcast!

We will be posting audio content each week with our Sunday sermons going live every Monday morning. In the show notes for the sermons, you'll find study/discussion questions for you and/or your small group! We've also started a devotional program called "Manna in a Minute," with short 1-2 minute devotionals going out multiple times a week. These are designed to help us focus our hearts and minds as we go about our busy week. In addition to this, we are designing additional programming to incorporate into our podcast platform in the coming weeks and months. You can find "North River Podcast" wherever you get your podcasts. Please subscribe and check back regularly!



Biblical Study Tour: Turkey - Postponed



The tour has been postponed to happen next year, but spaces go very fast. 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. For more information, visit:

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

October 18-25, 2021
(Pretour: October 15-18)

Douglas Jacoby Podcasts Now on Spotify, iTunes, & Google!



Podcasts from Douglas Jacoby's website is available on all podcast platforms (iTunes, Google, and Spotify). Podcasts will be added every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. You can check them out anywhere you normally listen to

podcasts — and please make sure to subscribe to receive notifications on new posts. You can also follow the episodes, as they are posted, through [THIS LINK](#). We begin with a series on Old Testament characters. The first two episodes are “Adam & Eve” and “Cain & Abel.”

2022 Biblical Study Tours - Postponed 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 2022 annual tour as we return to Israel.

Biblical Study Tour to Israel

Tour Postponed from February 2021 to February 6-13, 2022 (Post Tour February 13-16, 2022)

Paul's Prison Journey — Malta, Sicily, Italy



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, or shoot an email to dj@douglasjacoby.com to express your interest.

2021 tour postponed to October 29-November 8, 2022

WITW: Where In the World is Douglas Jacoby?

2020	
Aug. 24-31	Writing Week
Aug. 29	Disciple-Making in a COVID-19 World (Zoom)
Sept. 6	Toledo, OH - Sermon: Acts 6-7 (Zoom)
Sept. 19	AIM Class: Spiritual Life - Atlanta
Oct. 3	AIM Class: Doctrine/Holy Spirit - Atlanta
Nov. 13-16	Atlanta
Nov. 16	Providence (Virtual)
Nov. 20	Boston (Virtual)

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.

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.

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 me or anyone on our team at childrensministry@nrcoc.com or melissatulloch@nrcoc.com with any questions!

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

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 included. Thanks, the Newsletter Team.

Requesting a Room or Building at North River

(All Reservations for Facilities on Hold)

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, [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.

Helpful Guide for Potential Coronavirus Risk

by Kevin Broyles - 25 May 2020

The levels of risk are based upon current national and local data and medical opinion.

The data and guidelines are not black and white; we are in a gray zone.

Type of Meeting	Number of People*	Outdoors	Indoors	Mask*	Social Distancing*	Level of Risk*
Virtual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
In Person	5 or less		YES	YES	YES	1
In Person	10 or less	YES		YES	YES	1
In Person	6 or more		YES	YES	YES	2
In Person	11 or more	YES		YES	YES	2
In Person	5 or less		YES	NO	YES	3
In Person	5 or less		YES	YES	NO	3
In Person	10 or less	YES		NO	YES	3
In Person	10 or less	YES		YES	NO	3
In Person	6 or more		YES	YES	YES	3
In Person	11 or more	YES		YES	YES	3
In Person	6 or more		YES	NO	YES	4
In Person	6 or more		YES	YES	NO	4
In Person	11 or more	YES		NO	YES	4
In Person	11 or more	YES		YES	NO	4
In Person	5 or less		YES	NO	NO	4
In Person	10 or less	YES		NO	NO	4
In Person	6 or more		YES	NO	NO	5
In Person	11 or more	YES		NO	NO	5

* Potential Level of Risk 0 - no risk 1 - very low risk 2 - low risk 3 - moderate risk 4 - high risk 5+ - very high risk

Potential Risk Calculator	Virtual	0 Point
	Not virtual - face to face	Add 1 Point
Indoors > 5 people or Outdoors > 10 people		Add 1 Point
Not wearing masks		Add 1 Point
Not social distanced		Add 1 Point
Older, Immune Compromised, Chronic Diseases		Add 1 Point

* Number of People CDC recommendations: Indoors group of 5 or less people, Outdoors group of 10 or less people

* Mask Remember: Masks are helpful to keep you from spreading coronavirus to others, they do not keep you from getting an infection.

* Distancing CDC distancing recommendations based on activity:
 Normal activity (conversation, walking) - 6 feet apart
 Vigorous activity (like exercise, sports, singing, forceful speaking) 12 feet apart
 Time of exposure: longer times (>15 minutes) are more risk than short times
 Do not expose others or be exposed to anyone with symptoms: cough, fever, flu or cold-like symptoms, or recent exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual
 Smaller spaces have higher risks (bathrooms, elevators)

Hygiene Wash your hands frequently (5x/day - reduces risk by 35%)
 Clean exposed surfaces
 Do not touch your face, eyes, mouth

Current Thoughts **Transmission** Up to 40% of people can be contagious before they have symptoms
 Transmission 35% of people infected will never have symptoms
 Social distancing Without social distancing it was estimated that the USA would have had 35 times the number of deaths
 Children 150 cases of pediatric multi-system inflammatory syndrome after have COVID-19 infection
 Contact Tracing Georgia Public Health Department will begin tracing contacts in the near future
 Vaccine Some optimism from one company about an effective vaccine - would be available January 2021 at the earliest
 Treatment Some positive results from remdesivir combined with other medications in hospitalized patients
 Treatment No scientific evidence that hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine is helpful to prevent or treat, some evidence it is harmful.
 Antibody Test A qualitative test. It is either positive or negative (doesn't measure level of antibody)
 Antibody Test Becomes positive after 7-14 days of exposure or symptoms. If tested too early - may get a false negative.
 Antibody Test Positive test doesn't mean immunity.

The information provided in this document is intended for general knowledge only and is not a substitute for professional medical advice or treatment for specific medical conditions. You should not use this information to diagnose or treat a health problem or disease without consulting with a qualified healthcare provider. Please consult your healthcare provider with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your condition. This chart is not endorsed by the CDC or any government agency. The results are meant to help you assess relative levels of risk, but may not be reliable based on your facts or your situation. Please also check local statistics and data for your geographic area for additional risk assessment information.

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 World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>
 Johns Hopkins - Coronavirus Resource Center: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>
 Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation: <https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america>
 Worldometer: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>