

BREAKING NEWS: Jesus is Still Lord!

Despite the challenges of “social distancing,” men and women continue to be baptized and making Jesus Lord! Many decisions we are having to make right now will affect us for years to come, but other decisions will affect us for eternity. Praise be to God for how He continues to open the door for the Word, how He has allowed us to use technology to study the Bible with seekers, and how the water still purifies from the inside out. Enjoy these stories of celebration within our church family:

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

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



Gabby Wong (middle), a freshman Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering major at Georgia Tech, is a young lady full of passion and joy for the Word of God! She was reached out to during the summer and took on the school year and her Bible studies with much excitement. Gabby decided to make Jesus Lord February 28! This Florida native is a joy to everyone she is around, and if you ever want to explore the book of Acts, Gabby is definitely the girl to see!



Jackson Connelly (middle) grew up at North River and recently started to really dive deep in his relationship with God. Jackson saw his need for Christ and was baptized March 8 at North River. He is attending Kennesaw State University and will be joining the North River Campus Ministry. We couldn’t be more proud of his decision to make Jesus the Lord of his life!

Sparticus Griffin

is a freshman Art major at Kennesaw State University and a member of the KSU Track & Field team.



Throughout his studies, Sparticus has shown great humility and curiosity. Whenever he was unsure or misunderstood anything in the Scriptures, he was never shy to ask questions. We are excited to share that he made Jesus Lord of his life on March 6!



Christian Spalding (being carried) is a freshman at Georgia Tech studying Neuroscience. He was met on campus at the beginning of fall semester by another band member in the ministry and came out to slip-n-slide kickball. Since then, Christian has been studying the Bible and figuring out how to make his faith his own. He has a strong desire to know God and know who God says He is, which has also allowed Christian to build deeper relationships with his family group and other members of the GT ministry. He was baptized March 8!

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

(example: tombrown@nrcoc.com)

newsletter@nrcoc.com

320 Austin Ave NE

Marietta, GA 30060

www.nrcoc.org



Armando Rodriguez (III) (middle) is a junior at Sprayberry High School. His parents Armando (Jr.) and Milagros Rodriguez have been longtime disciples. Armando had been studying the Bible for some time and learning to seek God with all his heart. Over the last six months or so, his studies included a teen leader, another fellow teen disciple, and his dad. Together this "youth and family team" joined Armando in the Word and through prayer as he fought to develop his own faith. On March 11, Armando made the decision to be baptized and proclaim Jesus is Lord. He is a tremendous encouragement to the Teen Ministry at North River.



Dylan Bagby (second from right) is a junior at Kennesaw State University and is currently studying Digital Animation. Dylan was reached out to on the Kennesaw campus and began studying shortly afterwards. Dylan responded to the Gospel with an extremely humble and open heart that has truly been encouraging. He was baptized on March 17!



Kathryn Carrico (left) is a recent graduate of Georgia Tech with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Her identical twin sister was

converted in the Campus Ministry five years ago and had been praying for Kathryn to get connected with disciples. Kathryn attended the fall retreat in 2019 and began studying the Bible shortly after. In the last five months she has made radical changes in her faith and deepened her convictions along the way. Although the quarantine forced us to have our last two Bible studies over the phone, Kathryn was eager to have her sins forgiven in the waters of baptism. With less than 10 people present, she was baptized and made Jesus the Lord of her life on March 27! Congratulations, Kathryn, on your new life in Christ!



Kierra Kelly's life has radically changed in just two months! After meeting disciples on a street near Georgia State University's campus downtown, Kierra quickly responded to studying the Bible deeper with

eagerness and humility. Kierra is a senior Criminal Justice major with a heart for God and for speaking up for those who can't speak for themselves. She was baptized during the Livestream Sunday service on March 22. We are so excited to welcome her as our sister in Christ!



Mikhael & Jahnett Sampson were married on March 14 in Marietta, GA. "We would like to thank our family and friends who celebrated our union with us."

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

April 5-11, 2020

5 11a Livestream Service	6	7	8 Virtual Small Group Midweeks	9	10	11 10a Facebook Live Women's Coffee Chat
Northview CC	Nashville, TN	Rome, GA	Coastal Carolina	Athens, GA	ACOC @ Gwinnett	Birmingham, AL



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.

For Your Future Calendars:

- **May:** North River's Season of Giving
- **May 3:** Children's Ministry Promotion
- **July 2-5:** World Discipleship Summit, Orlando TBD
- **July 13-17:** VBS 2020, 9am-12pm

In the Know Shortcuts!



- Visit 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 marietous-saint@nrcoc.com

Day of Prayer and Fasting: April 10

"When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned" Isaiah 43:2. Everyday our front liners, whether they work at the hospital, the grocery store or elsewhere, are walking through the fire to serve us. We want to not only thank all of you for what you are doing but offer added protection through our prayers. Please join us in any way that you can for a day of prayer and fasting for God to strengthen and protect our brothers and sisters in whatever field they serve.

Project & Prayer to Help Healthcare Workers



We are inviting everyone to help support and encourage our community by sewing cloth masks and making cards for individuals who are isolated, as well as for our healthcare heroes!

Atlanta healthcare centers have confirmed that cloth masks WILL be helpful for many staff members during this pandemic. And specially made cards (see details below) are sure to bring a smile! [See this document to find all the details about helping in this special way. Thank you!](#)

Livestreams & Sermon Slides

For the month of April, North River will continue doing Livestream services on Sundays at 11am. You can watch these on the North River Church of Christ Facebook page or on our North River Church of Christ Vimeo page. Please invite your friends to join us and encourage them to email us if they have any questions at CONNECT@NRCOC.COM. Find the sermon slides at <https://bit.ly/394Jqjr>

Generosity Sunday: 'A Season of Giving'

We understand that the next few months will be full of adjustments for many members financially, but we want to continue to live by faith and share where needed what God has given! Because of this, instead of a single "Generosity Sunday," we are planning a "season of giving" in the month of May. Please be praying for the amazing things God will do to help us meet needs inside and outside of our church.

Attendance and Contribution

Average Giving in March was \$42,115
Weekly Goal in April is \$47,000

Date	Attendance	Contribution
Mar. 15	545 Livestream Logins	\$36,873
Mar. 22	573 Livestream Logins	\$37,828
Mar. 29	602 Livestream Logins	\$34,125

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 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!

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, 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) or contact your community leader to get your name added to the list.



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
www.HopeWW.com
www.YouTube.com/Keydogo

RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Here's an excellent set of lessons on our relationship with God.
bit.ly/33N9rth

DOUGLAS JACOBY NEWSLETTER & STUDY RESOURCES
Articles, Q&A, podcasts
<https://www.douglasjacoby.com>

SPIRITUAL BOOKS

Devotionals, research and study
www.ipibooks.com

RESOURCES FOR WOMEN

Studies on women in the Bible & weekly video chats to inspire
#SimpleFaith2020
www.nrcoc.org/ministries/women

THE BIBLE PROJECT

A Bible reading plan filled with pictures and videos to aid in learning.
www.bibleproject.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)

BEMA

A study of the Bible from an "Eastern" perspective done through podcasts and group discussions.
www.bemadiscipleship.com

SPIRITUAL QUARANTINE TOOLKIT

A PDF resource put together by members of the Boston church.
bit.ly/2JjNeJQ

PRIVATE PRAYER REQUESTS

Email prayers@nrcoc.com

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

Resources, videos and updates

@NORTHRIVERCOC

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter

LIVE VIDEOS

Speak to everyone instantly on **FACEBOOK (LIVE & PREMIERE), INSTAGRAM, or YOUTUBE**

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!)

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.
- **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.

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

- **Please pray for all those going through financial, health, and social/emotional challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- For specific prayer requests during this time of "social distancing," Please email prayers@nrcoc.com.

Have any prayer requests?
Email Newsletter@NRCOC.com

THRIVE: Singles & Young Marrieds Ministry!



The new Thrive Ministry for Singles and Young Marrieds (formerly The EDGE) will be having ZOOM virtual prayer nights and other special ways to connect virtually throughout April. To get added to the Thrive email list, please email thrive-ministry@nrcoc.com.

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 information regarding the [Coronavirus](#) and other [frequently asked questions](#).

- 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.



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)

An Update From Camp Swamp!

Currently, the board is still planning on having camp in June, but a final decision will be made by the end of April. In the meantime, please continue to register! The non-refundable portion of the registration fee will be waived due to our unusual circumstances. Thank you for all your prayers and for reaching out to Camp Swamp during these times.



Live Chats: Saturdays at 10am!



Thousands have watched our weekly "coffee chats" on "Simple Faith in Unsettling Times" and have been able to hear stories of women from around the world who are working through transitions and staying focused on God. Join us again this Saturday on the North River Facebook Page to hear about #SimpleFaith2020.

Past videos will be posted within 24 hours on our [NR Women's Page](#), where you can also find some helpful studies on women in the Bible!

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

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

D.J. Podcasts Now on Spotify, iTunes, Google!



The podcast material from Douglas Jacoby's website is now being made available on all podcast platforms (like Apple Podcasts, Google, and Spotify). Podcasts will be added every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. You can check them out anywhere you normally listen to podcasts — please make sure to subscribe. 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: "Adam & Eve" and "Cain & Abel."

WITW: Where In the World is Douglas Jacoby?

2020	
May 1-2	Early Church History Fellowship— Amberson, PA
May 6	Fish Club - E.T. Booth Middle School
May 9	Milwaukee, WI
May 15-17	Monterrey, Mexico

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. 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).

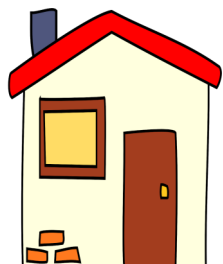
3 Easy Ways to Give Online



- 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 myself or anyone on our team at childrensministry@nrcoc.com or 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, [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.

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*

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