

## Next Steps on ‘Practicing the Way’



It has been an incredible eight weeks diving into the spiritual disciplines, and “Practicing the Way” together. We have been inspired by the lifestyle of Jesus in our Sunday lessons, discussed it in our family groups, and applied it personally. Now what?

Instead of trying to adopt all of these practices immediately, choose one to go deeper in. Go back over the lesson and family group discussion on that practice on [nrcoc.org/practicingtheway](http://nrcoc.org/practicingtheway). Read a book

on it. Build it into the rhythm of your life and practice it over the next several months. Watch it slowly transform your heart. Remember that the goal isn’t to check the boxes on these spiritual disciplines, but to truly abide in Jesus. We pray to that end that you will be filled with life to the full as we practice the way of Jesus together.

**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

## North River’s Unity Walk is Being Rescheduled

North River's Unity Walk planned for July 12 is being rescheduled due to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases in Georgia and Cobb County in particular. Solomon, in his wisdom, explained, “In their hearts, humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps” (Proverbs 16:9).

The majority of our elders and North River board members, in prayer and counsel with each other, have reluctantly concluded that postponement of this event is our wisest course. At a time when activities all around the state are being canceled and postponed, when Georgia ranks in the top 15 states in confirmed cases of COVID-19, and when the mayor of Atlanta herself just tested positive for coronavirus, this seems to be the safest course at present.

We’re disappointed that the timing did not work out, and we want to thank our worship team and many volunteers who poured time and creative energy into planning out the details for the event. Please note that the hard work and planning will not be wasted; North River will reschedule the Unity Walk as soon as we see that it is both safe and wise to do so. In the meantime, let’s continue to let our light shine through serving our community in our small groups and families. Our goal is always to Love God, Love People, and Change the World.



### 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  
 Adeoye & Megan Famodun

#### North Marietta (South Woodstock)

Matt & Enid Tchir

#### South

Gary & Dena Adams

#### West Cobb

#### (Smyrna, South Cobb)

Teregi & Anne Coleman

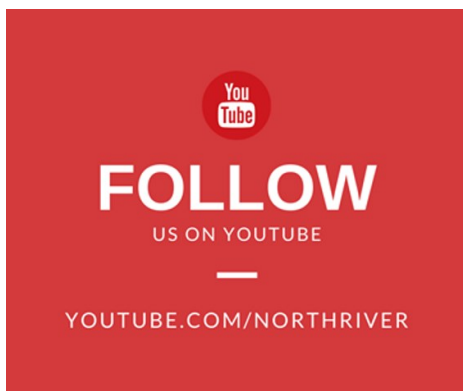
#### Community Leader/Staff Emails

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(example: tombrown@nrcoc.com)

newsletter@nrcoc.com

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 Marietta, GA 30060  
[www.nrcoc.org](http://www.nrcoc.org)



## Find Us on YouTube!

Hey, North River! Check out our YouTube page at [youtube.com/NorthRiver](http://youtube.com/NorthRiver) for all of our video content. We are constantly updating our page with our sermon series, worship songs, North River updates, and other fun videos. Be sure to click subscribe so you never miss a new video!

## 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*

### July 12-18, 2020

12 11a Livestream Service	13	14	15 Community/Family Group Midweeks	16	17	18
Augusta, GA	Asheville, NC	Savannah, GA	Knoxville, TN	Jackson, MS	Bridge Pointe	Wilmington, NC

### 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:

- **July 18:** Basketball Skills Contest
- **July 25:** Yes! BACKpack 2 SCHOOL

### SUBSCRIBE: NR New Weekly E-Newsletter

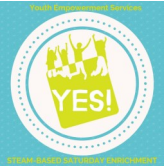


While we will continue to update this newsletter and put all baptisms, births, and weddings in the first issue of the month, we want to make sure you get our weekly e-newsletter. These will come from

[NorthRiverUpdates@NRCOC.com](mailto: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!](#)

### YES! Program BACKpack 2 SCHOOL

On July 25, we'll have our annual BACKpack 2 SCHOOL (Drive-Thru Edition) for neighborhood families to receive school supplies for the fall semester. We're going to start by offering the supplies we amassed last summer and allow families to leave notes of any supplies they're still lacking. From there, a team of folks on the "Backpack Reserves" will get assigned supplies that the YES! team will distribute to specific families. Thank you to all volunteers who enlisted to be part of the Backpack Reserves - we are fully staffed.



It's an honor to serve together, united in Christ!

### 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](mailto:PRAYERS@NRCOC.COM)

Have any prayer requests you would like in the Newsletter? Email [Newsletter@NRCOC.com](mailto:Newsletter@NRCOC.com)

### Attendance and Contribution

Average Giving in June was \$41,584  
Weekly Goal in July is \$47,000

Date	Live Logins	24hr Views	Contribution
June 21	318	≈1,500	\$37,654
June 28	474	≈1,590	\$44,923
July 5	440	≈1,900	\$45,511

### Dream - International Singles Virtual Conference



The International Singles' Service Team, in collaboration with singles ministries around the world, is excited to host the very first ICOC virtual

International Singles Conference "DREAM." Join us from July 31 - August 2 for a time of inspirational teaching, fellowship, and encouragement, and to DREAM about how God is going use your life! This conference will inspire your faith while connecting you with brothers and sisters from around the world. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.dream2020.net/>. Come join singles around the world as we DREAM together!

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



@NorthRiverCOC





## 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.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### Enter to Win a Free Week of Camp in 2021!

One entry for any of these actions will be entered in a drawing to be held in August for a free week of Swamp Camp in 2021:

1. Register for more than 3 weeks of Swamp Virtual Camp 2020.
2. Donate more than \$1,000 to help Swamp Camp this year.

#### 2020 Virtual Camp Swamp!

Introducing SWAMP VIRTUAL CAMP for ages 11-18 going on now through the week of July 20-24. Connecting spiritually and virtually, campers and counselors from around the world will go online each week to participate in Bible classes, devotionals, cabin time, and challenges! Spaces are limited [so register here now](#) for this once-in-a-lifetime chance to participate in Camp Swamp online. Cost is \$125 per camper and the hours are 9a-12p EST M-F. Come see "The Safest Space (Place) on the Planet Inside (Besides) Your Home."





## Media Team Needs 'Creatives'!



As more things move online, we could use more creatives, 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. The online world is becoming its own "ministry," and we want to do our best to reach out to new people and encourage our members as well. Thank you.

## 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 June. To get added to the Thrive email list, please email [thrive-ministry@nrcoc.com](mailto:thrive-ministry@nrcoc.com) and stay updated on all events by accessing the Thrive page on the North River website at <https://nrcoc.org/ministries/thrive>

## 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.
- Read the [full newsletter](#) online to get all the information you need.
- Keep your information updated [using this form](#) ([bit.ly/2Q9aHRC](http://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](mailto: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:

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|----------------|--|
| 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)<br>FOREVER FAITHFUL: (Empty Nesters, Marrieds w/o Kids, Retirees)<br>SPANISH Conference |

## 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/>.

**Updated Tour Dates TBA**

## 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)



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**  
2021 tour postponed to October 29-November 8, 2022

## 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."

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

2020	
July 14-16	Amberson, PA (Early Church History)
Aug. 16-Dec. 19	RMSMT - Apologetics
Sept. 19	AIM Class, Spiritual Life
Oct. 3	AIM Class, Doctrine/Holy Spirit
Nov. 13-16	Atlanta
Dec. 4-6	Manila, Philippines
Dec. 10-13	Eastern China

## 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 me or anyone on our team at [childrensministry@nrcoc.com](mailto:childrensministry@nrcoc.com) or [melissatulloch@nrcoc.com](mailto: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](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*

### 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 included. Thanks, the Newsletter Team.

### Requesting a Room or Building at North River

**(All Reservations for Facilities on Hold  
Through July)**

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).



# 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.*

References:

- Georgia Department of Health: <https://dph.georgia.gov/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- 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/>