

Elders

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

Evangelists

Tom Brown ❖ Jeff Hickman Jordan Massey ❖ Kendall Knight

Women's Ministry

Kelly Brown ❖ Lin Ottenweller LaToya Massey

Youth & Family Ministry Chase & Sarah Mackintosh

> Children's Ministry Melissa Tulloch

Singles & Young Marrieds Kendall & Dian Knight

Campus Ministry Jordan Massey . Cody Porter

Worship & Creative Arts Ministry Sherwin & Debbie Mackintosh

Administration Vivian Hanes * Megan Famodun

> **Missions Teacher** Dr. Douglas Jacoby

YES! Ministry Jasmine Jackson

Supporting Mission Efforts In:

Africa, Auburn-Tuskegee, Chattanooga, Europe, Knoxville



Communities

Central

Jeff & Kristi Hickman Dennis Pickens

East

Jacinto & Rochelle Hall

East Cobb (Sandy Springs)

Tom & Kelly Brown Stephen & Susan Adkins

Intown

John & Vivian Hanes

Northwest

(Kennesaw, Acworth) Sherwin & Debbie Mackintosh

Marietta Square

Alex & Jasmine Jackson Adeoye & Megan Famodun

> **North Marietta** (South Woodstock) Matt & Enid Tchir

South

Gary & Dena Adams

West Cobb (Smyrna, South Cobb) Teregi & Anne Coleman

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SERVAPALOOSA! April 4

2020. Here are some helpful dates Sat., 4/4- SERVAPALOOSA (11 am-2 pm, includes Family Meal Sharing Delivery) 4/11-5/16-Spring YES! Saturdays (1 pm-4 pm) Mon.-Fri., 7/13-7/17- YES! Camp with NR Sports Ministry (9am-4:30pm) Sat., 8/1-BACKpack 2 SCHOOL (5 pm-7 pm) 9/12-10/24- Fall YES! Saturdays (1 pm- 4 pm) Sat., 11/21 or 12/19- Family Meal Sharing Delivery

Join the North River Church of Christ's YES! Program for a day of service in our very own neighborhood. SERVAPALOOSA! is on April 4 from 11am to 2pm. Come one, come all — small groups, communities, families, friends, co-workers, etc. Every year on this day, we have three special ways to make a meaningful impact on our neighbors:

- 1. Family Meal Sharing: Form a team to provide meals/food staples to support an assigned family during Spring Break.
- 2. Street Team: Will serve as the face of North River to the neighbors as we go door to door asking for prayer requests and needs and introducing the church.
- 3. Sweep Team: Participates in neighborhood beautification projects.

Please complete the registration at www.nrcoc.org/yes by March 15 or sign up in the lobby after service. Thank you.

Women's Day — "Simplify": Register and Invite Your Friends

An easy way to invite friends to this special event is by taking a screenshot of this invite and sending to the women you know need to "simplify" their lives (that's all of us!).

Also, please help out our planning team by registering as soon as possible. You can turn in cash at a later date or pay right away online. See you there ladies!

To register now, visit https://bit.ly/NRwomensday (case sensitive).



Faith for Life Classes TODAY through May 3!

What does every Christian need to know and do to stay faithful for life? We're inviting all young Christians (around 2 years or less) to come explore biblical principles and practical advice to answer that question.

If you have someone who is mentoring you, please ask them to attend with you. Classes are every Sunday at 9am in The Lighthouse.

Follow these instructions to register:

- Go to classroom.google.com
- Login with your Google account (it's free to make one) 2.
- 3. Click the "+" symbol
- Enter the class code to join: 6yxsrvb

ARE MY KIDS READY FOR

Please Wait Until Next Week If:

Proceed With Caution If:

- no diagnosis of flu, strep, or virus HFM blisters and excessive drool

- sporadic dry cough minimal green/yellow discharge fro

Come On In If:

- * If in doubt, please stay out

Staying Healthy in our Community

had several have conversations with members of the medical community and one CDC official as I approach the complex possibility of COVID-19 (coronavirus) potentially affecting our area. For the protection of families, team members and children, we ask all families follow that guidelines and thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our church community safe and healthy! - Melissa Tulloch (Children's Ministry Director)

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 8-14, 2020

8 9a & 11a Services 9a New Christians Class	9	10 10a Men's & Women's Bible Studies - FLC	11 10a Spanish Women's Bible Study	12	13	14 9:30a Diversity Training
1p Easter Choir Rehearsal			7:30p Women's Community & FG Midweek		Campus Devo	
Coastal Carolina	Athens, GA	ACOC @ Gwinnett	Birmingham, AL	Augusta, GA	Asheville, NC	Savannah, GA

For Your Future Calendars:

Mar. 20: Latin Women's Day, 7pm Mar. 21: Women's Day, 10am Daddy-Daughter Dance* Mar. 28: YES! SERVAPALOOSA! Apr. 4 :

Apr. 5 : Campus Lunch/Parent Honoring

Apr. 17-19: Annual Family Camping Adventure*

Generosity Sunday! May 3 :

Children's Ministry Promotion May 3 July 2-5 World Discipleship Summit. Orlando*

July 13-17: VBS 2020, 9am—12pm*

*Check the online newsletter at <u>www.nrcoc.org/category/newsletters</u> to get more info including registration.

Upcoming Midweeks:

March 11

Women's Community & FG Midweek

March 18

- Women's Community & FG Midweek
- Y&F Dads Discussion (Lighthouse)
- Middle & HS Classes

All-Church Midweek

May 6

"First Wednesdays"

TODAY: Calling All SINGERS

We will have our first meeting for the Easter Choir today from 1-2:30pm in the Auditorium. Our Easter service is April 12 this year. Rehearsals will be every Sunday beginning today, so MARK YOUR CALENDARS! For questions or more info, contact: sherwinmackintosh@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/394Jqrj.

In Memory

Kit Ritchie, a beloved former member at North River, passed away last Monday night in California. Kit was active in the Women's Tuesday Bible Study and the choir, all while she was confined to a wheelchair. We will miss her, but we look forward to singing with her again in that great, heavenly choir.



Attendance and Contribution

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

Date	Attendance	Contribution
Feb. 16	1,088	\$47,548
Feb. 23	1,204	\$40,587
Mar. 1	912*	\$55,301

*Campus Retreat

Weekly Bible Studies

Tuesday Women's Bible Study (10am, FLC 101)

Join us for an in depth series on the Beatitudes and "The Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7).

Mar. 10: Hungry (Matt 5:6) - LaToya Massey Mar. 17: Merciful (Matt 5:7) - Rachel Bloom

Tuesday Men's Bible Study (10am, FLC 204)

Join us for lessons geared toward men on "Living Effective and Productive Lives as Disciples." Bring a friend and his spouse for the separate women's study as well!

Charla en Española de los miércoles (9am, FLC 101)

Te invitamos a participar de una charla amena acerca de temas bíblicos pertinentes a la mujer. !Ven!!

Something Missing in the Newsletter? **Not Getting Church Emails?**

For the full newsletter, check the online version to find important news, updates, prayer requests, and resources. www.nrcoc.org, click "Resources" tab and then "Newsletters." If you are not receiving church updates through email, please check your



spam folder (these messages most often come from Marie at marietoussaint@nrcoc.com or contact your Community leader to get your name added to the list.

@NorthRiverCOC



WIFI Password: RejoiceAlways

Fix Your Eyes On Jesus



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's Vision Statement

We are a diverse family of believers wno 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.

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, have we 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!

- NEW USHERS NEEDED: Please fill out the "volunteer slip" with your contact information and place it in the box on top of book counter desk to join this important team.
- **NEWSLETTER HELP!**: Editors, printers, publishers needed to keep this publication running smoothly and to keep our members and friends in the know. Email Newsletter@nrcoc.com to inquire. Thank you!
- **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 Connie Hawkins who was in a serious car accident and will have a long road to recovery ahead.
- Please pray for the Bowleys as Brian Bowley recently underwent surgery to prayerfully end recurring problems with diverticulitis.

Have any prayer requests? Email Newsletter@NRCOC.com

Lighthouse Open Gym

Did you know The Lighthouse has "open gym" times? Plan a great time for your friends and family to enjoy this new space in a fun way. Please contact Matt Tchir (matttchir@nrcoc.com) for questions and to sign a required waiver.



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 are on the homepage of 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

Birthday Heroes



Be a part of the Birthday Heroes Team! On the third Saturday of each month, we venture out to Youth Villages in Douglasville. Youth Villages is a home for children who have been removed from their families for various negative reasons. To encourage the children, we host a birthday party to celebrate the birthdays for that month. If you are interested in joining, please contact Debbie Swain at confettiqueen@verizon.net for more information. Thank you!

Learn Sign Language!







Are you interested in learning American Sign Language (ASL)? To be added to the group and join us for our next session which meets every two weeks in the FLC, please contact Shay Rowe (678-920-3838) or Jamie Mullis (770-366-1881).

"Sermon on the Mount" Reading Plan

If you haven't started a Bible reading plan for the new year yet, consider digging into the "Sermon on the Mount." This section of the New Testament (Matthew 5-7) is widely agreed to contain the very heart of Jesus' kingdom message. The teachings were and still are remarkable and revolutionary.

There are daily podcasts (5-15 minutes) for 40 days; the first 10 days are free. Click or go here for the intro and more info: https://www.douglasjacoby.com/the-sermon-on-the-mount-00-introduction/.

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

WITW: Where In the World is Douglas Jacoby?

2020				
Mar. 8-10	Myrtle Beach, SC			
Mar. 28	AIM New Testament Interpretation at NR			
Mar. 28-30	Early Church History Fellowship—Amberson, PA			
Apr. 17-19	Asia Pacific Leadership Academy—Manila, Philippines			
May 1-2	Early Church History Fellowship—Amberson, PA			



MARCH 28: Daddy - Daughter Dance!

Women's month is coming this March, and there are some incredible events planned, including a Daddy-Daughter dance, "Ties and Tiaras," on March 28! Admission cost is a plate of cookies/brownies (nut free!) or fruit. This event is for all daughters of all ages (newborns-Campus). Dinner is not provided. Formal attire is encouraged. Please RSVP for a special time for the future women of our church!

https://forms.gle/1piPgbtCgYxLTskS9

JANUARY-MARCH 2020: New AIM Course

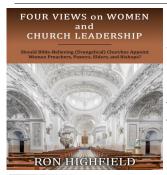


Don't miss out on this great opportunity starting now: an all-new cohort of students in the Athens Institute of Ministry (ASOM)! Why AIM? Bible study with an emphasis on careful teaching (2 Tim. 2:15), constitutes nearly 40% of the AIM course. You can register now at www.athensinstitute.org. First Course: New Testament Survey (January-March)

To register, send an email to di@douglasjacoby.com.

What is AIM? AIM emphasizes biblical study — Old Testament, New Testament, Interpretation (Exegesis), and also includes Church History, Apologetics, Counseling, Marriage & Parenting, Public Speaking (Homiletics), World Religions, Denominational Doctrine, Holy Spirit, Church

Building, and Pastoral Counseling. Students take part in a specific program, and admission is "rolling," so people can join the program at any time. Online dialogue between teachers and students provides continuity and follow-up. Currently, participants from 27 nations are involved in AIM.



New Book of the Month for Women's Month!

This month, Douglas Jacoby is featuring a book by Ron Highfield for Book of the Month in honor of Women's Month. Normally priced at \$14, you can grab Four Views on Women and Church Leadership at the book counter in the lobby for \$9 in March for those who read and subscribe to Douglas's weekly newsletter. To sign up for this free newsletter, text "disciple" 66866 or visit www.douglasjacoby.com.

JULY 2-5: World Discipleship Summit: Vision



Join us for the 2020 World Discipleship Summit July 2-5, in Orlando, Florida as disciples from around the world share God's vision to bring the love of Jesus to as many as possible. Check the website to register and to find more helpful information:

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

You can also join in now on Facebook where people from around the world have been sharing their excitement for months in anticipation of this extraordinary event.

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

- 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)

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.

Follow @NorthRiverCOC



If you want to join the Media Team (social media, photography, videography, graphic design, internet outreach), please email Media@nrcoc.com. But you don't have to volunteer to help! Simply follow@NorthRiverCOC on Instagram, Facebook, and 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!

KIDOGO Online Videos & Content







At *ICOC HotNews*, a group of disciples took a leap of faith and began a YouTube channel they believe will help young Christians looking for advice and guidance. The channel is called <u>Kidogo</u> and is run by volunteers. Check out these helpful tools and find out how to support Kidogo at www.kidogotoolbox.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

Annual Camping Adventure!



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

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

How to Get Your Kids in Children's Classes



We are thrilled to announce a new digital check-in process. Please watch the video at https://bit.ly/2Zu7Xo9 to learn how to register your kids into our program. You can access the form to sign up your child at http://bit.ly/riverkidsregistration. If you do not re-register your kids using these forms, we won't be able to check them into class, so this is very important. Please feel free to reach out to myself or anyone on our team at childrensministry@nrcoc.com or melissatulloch@nrcoc.com with any questions!

Requesting a Room or Building at North River

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, <u>click on</u>
 <u>Resources and select Facility Request.</u> 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.

Do You Have Trouble Hearing the Service?

FRONT-ROW HEARING NOW INSTALLED!!

North River installed a hearing loop system to deliver clear sound to users of hearing aids or cochlear implants and others who have hearing loss. The hearing loop is installed under the carpet in a section on the left side of the auditorium. Please see an usher to identify which seats are within the loop. In this section, any telecoil-equipped hearing device (most hearing aids, all cochlear implants, and some personal receivers) can receive a clear transmission of the message and music without background noise.

If your hearing device has a telecoil, then use your telecoil input when sitting in the looped section. If you do not have a hearing device with a telecoil and need hearing assistance, request a receiver from an usher, and sit in the looped section.

Book Corner

To all new members: Please go to the North River book area (at the Welcome Desk) to collect your complimentary copy of **THRIVE**: **Using Psalms to Help You Flourish**, by Douglas Jacoby. You will find it under the *Thrive!* poster.

College students and high school seniors, your gift book is Campus Core: How to Have Impact on Your Campus, Get Good Grades, and Figure Out Your Future. See your campus minister, or Douglas (who can usually be found at the book corner between services and after second service), to receive a copy.

Contact the Newsletter Team

Like this newsletter? Have something you'd like posted here? Want to help out? Awesome! **Please email:** newsletter@nrcoc.com. 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 possible. Thanks, the Newsletter Team.

Parking Spaces!

The leadership team has been monitoring the parking lot each service, and we are finding that spaces are filling up fast! This is a good problem to have, but when you are able, please help us keep more spaces open for visitors by parking in Howard Street Parking for All-Church Midweeks and especially for the 11am services. Thank you.