



11am Livestream Services in March

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity." Colossians 4:2-5

Our priority at North River is the spiritual and physical safety of our church family. We want to do all that we can to create an environment where we can stay connected, encouraged, and growing spiritually during this time and still help people get to know the good news of Christ and His kingdom. All of you are in our prayers, and we know that you will let your light shine in your neighborhoods and homes in the days and weeks to come.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, we are suspending all of our physical meetings for the month of March (all church services, gym activities, Women's Month activities, and other large public gatherings) effective immediately. Women's Month events will be rescheduled, likely in the fall. We will communicate changes through our website at www.nrcoc.org and social media.

We will be worshipping together at 11am on Livestream this Sunday and throughout the month of March. **THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT OUR NORTH RIVER BUILDING.** In addition, we will begin doing more things online. We encourage you to worship together and commune with us via the NR Facebook page or on our website. You should prepare to have communion in your homes as well.

You can access our virtual service in two ways:

- Go to www.nrcoc.org at 11am beginning this Sunday and click on the tab that says ["Watch Live."](#)
- Visit the [North River Facebook Page](#) at 11am, and the service will automatically begin at 11am. (If you "like" the NR Facebook page, it will automatically notify you of future livestream events.)

We encourage everyone to join us "live" at 11, but if for some reason you are unable to do this, you can access the recording at any point on our website or on Facebook. There is also a wealth of other sermons, services, and information on the website.

We will be contacting you primarily via email, thus, it is important to update your contact information. If everyone in your small group is not getting this information, please send them this e-mail, and, if needed, help them to [enter their information using this link](#). They can also [give contribution here on Tithely](#). If you have any questions about the form or setting up your online giving, email meganfamodun@nrcoc.com for assistance!

Please use discretion if you are meeting in small groups during the week or on Sunday (many groups will meet virtually). Just remember that children and others can be carriers of a virus, even if not showing symptoms of a virus. We want to take extra precautions to protect our elderly members and any members with an underlying condition, as they are more susceptible.

We are grateful and thankful for those of you praying for the needs of those at risk and affected by coronavirus. We ask that you continue to pray, fast, and meditate on God's Word. God can work powerfully at this time as He loves and cares for this world well beyond our capacity to understand. Remember that our most useful link of all is our direct access to a relationship with the unseen God who created the visible universe (Heb 10: 19-23). *Sincerely, North River Leadership*

To see a [special video message](#) from Tom Brown and Jeff Hickman, and to see all updates from North River on coronavirus, [please visit here.](#)

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

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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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 if you cannot attend church.
- 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 on [Tithely](#) instead of using cash or to plan regular giving.
- Stay connected with your Family Group and Community leaders. If you don't have one, please contact marietoussaint@nrcoc.com or a friend who has invited you.

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 15-21, 2020

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
11a Livestream Service on Facebook and www.nrcoc.org		On-Campus Bible Discussions CANCELLED	On-Campus Bible Discussions CANCELLED Virtual Small Group Midweeks		Latin Women's Day RESCHEDULED TBD	Simplify Women's Day RESCHEDULED TBD
Knoxville, TN	Jackson, MS	Bridge Pointe	Wilmington, NC	Fayetteville, NC	Columbia, SC	Memphis, TN

For Your Future Calendars:

(All events and Midweeks after March are To Be Determined)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr. 4: YES! SERVAPALOOSA! • Apr. 5: Campus Lunch/Parent Honoring • Apr. 17-19: Annual Family Camping Adventure* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 3: Generosity Sunday! • May 3: Children's Ministry Promotion • July 2-5: World Discipleship Summit, Orlando* • July 13-17: VBS 2020, 9am-12pm* |
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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 whom 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!

Sermon Slides Online

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

Attendance and Contribution

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

Date	Attendance	Contribution
Feb. 23	1,204	\$40,587
Mar. 1	912*	\$55,301
Mar. 8	1,048	\$46,449**

*Campus Retreat

**Thanks to our members who were able to make up missed or delayed weekly contributions.

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 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.

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'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.

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!

- **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.
- **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.

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



Faith for Life Classes Online 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.

Follow these instructions to register:

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

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)



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



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

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

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

YES!

YES! VOLUNTEER-2020 AT A GLANCE

Thank you for considering to serve with YES! in 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

www.nrcoc.org/yes

northriveryes@gmail.com

SERVAPALOOSA! April 4 TBD

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 today or sign up in the lobby after service.

Thank you, family!

Annual Camping Adventure: 6 Spots Left!



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

8-10 sites left, so you'll want to sign up soon if interested in coming along. To get more details or to sign up for this adventure, contact "Indiana" Jim Seufferlein at Jimseufferlein@comcast.net or call 770-294-2045. -Jim Seufferlein

2020 Biblical Study Tour: Turkey



Travel to Turkey (Ephesus, Attalia, Laodicea, Istanbul) with our teacher Douglas Jacoby and brothers and sisters from around the world to go on a journey that will bring the world of the Bible to life. It is over a year away, but spaces go very fast. For more information, visit: <https://www.douglasjacoby.com/2020-biblical-study-tour-turkey/>.

October 19-26, 2020
(Pre-tour: October 16-19)

Biblical Study Tours in 2021



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

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



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

All details are on the homepage of [douglasjacoby.com](https://www.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

"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/>.

WITW: Where In the World is Douglas Jacoby?

2020	
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

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, please contact Shay Rowe (678-920-3838) or Jamie Mullis (770-366- 1881).

3 Easy Ways to Give Online

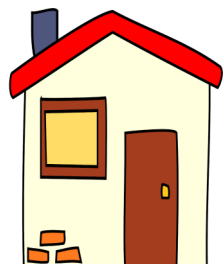


TITHE.LY

- 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!

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

**(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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