

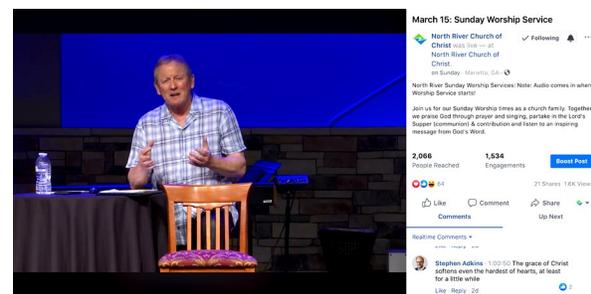
God Opens Doors Even in Unsettling Times!

This has been a week we will never forget. It's been full of new experiences for all of us who are trying to stay close to God and connected with each other. Most of our North River small groups have been working hard utilizing technology and online platforms. Thanks to our worship and leadership teams for the great service last Sunday. In the 11:00am hour there were over 540 separate logins on Facebook and Vimeo Livestream, with an estimated 1,300 adults and children tuning in together from around Atlanta and the country. Currently there have been over 1,830 total views on Livestream and almost 3,000 total views on Facebook. God is definitely making a way!



- 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

On the Livestream, we were able to pray together, to worship with our song leaders, to hear a special message from Melissa about our Kid's Kingdom, to get updates on how we can stay safe with coronavirus, and of course, we heard a great lesson from Tom on John 8 and "Simple Grace". Sounds like a pretty normal Sunday! Jasmine Jackson also put a call out from the YES! program to help those in need in our neighborhood whose children are not getting food due to being out of school. Thanks for answering the call. (See her update below.)



As inconvenient as this time may be to not be together physically and to work through all the changes in our schedules and daily lives, it is encouraging to see how God is still opening doors, how new people are tuning in to church, and how people continue to study the Bible and make Jesus "Lord"! We hope you are finding ways to make the most of this time, and we want you to know we are right here with you.

Here are some great ways people are connecting virtually at NR and around the world:

- Online chats and engagement during livestream services
- Small groups connecting using Google Hangouts, Zoom, Skype, Google Duo, and FaceTime
- Families sharing resources via email and Facebook for clever ways to engage children
- Conference call support groups and teaching times
- Bible studies on Google Hangouts (baptisms still in the water!)
- The website crew social media volunteers keeping us updated on happenings in our church family
- See updates from our brothers and sisters around the world on [Disciples Today](#), and [HopeWW](#)
- Email the Newsletter Team at newsletter@nrcoc.com if you have any great ideas you can share

YES! Lending a Hand in Our Community



"Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."
 -James 2:15-17

It's inspiring to be a part of a congregation that doesn't look to our neighbors and simply say "keep warm and well fed" but rather springs into action. Last Sunday, we announced the need to support food-insecure families during COVID-19 school closures. Dozens of you responded immediately - signing up to donate food, giving funds, and/or volunteering as delivery drivers. We were able to send meals and food staples into 25 households in our local community. Even with social distancing, disciples of Christ were able to draw our neighbors closer to the heart of God. Beyond this one initiative, many of you were delivering food in your local neighborhoods, babysitting, shopping for the elderly, etc., and we praise God for your impact! Obviously, this is only the beginning of this unique season; we will continue to alert the congregation of upcoming needs. Thank you for your love in action!

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- 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**

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 22-28, 2020

22 11a Livestream Service	23	24	25	26	27	28
9a New Christians VIRTUAL Class			Virtual Small Group Midweeks			
Huntsville, AL	Charlotte, NC	Clemson, SC	Charleston, SC	Triangle, NC	The Path	Greenville, SC

For Your Future Calendars: (All events 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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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
- 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
- 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 marietoussaint@nrcoc.com

Kid's Kingdom Korner



For the months of March and April, our River Kids had started weekly lessons on the "Fruits of the Spirit" from Galatians 5:22-23. We are so grateful for all of our teachers and volunteers who put together great programs for our children each week. This week we have a special video by a couple of our River Rovers to help our kids continue to learn God's Word in fun ways. Take a look on the [River Kids page of our North River website](#).

Attendance and Contribution

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

Date	Attendance	Contribution
Mar. 1	912*	\$55,301
Mar. 8	1,048	\$46,449**
Mar. 15	545 Livestream Logins	\$36,873

*Campus Retreat

**Thanks to members who made up missed or delayed contributions.



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.

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 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!



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>.

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.

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!

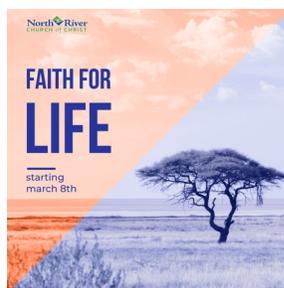
Prayer Requests

"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 keep Connie Hawkins in your prayers as she continues to recover from her accident.

Have any prayer requests?
Email Newsletter@NRCOC.com

TODAY: LAST DAY TO REGISTER for ONLINE New Christian's Classes



What does every Christian need to know and do to stay faithful for life? We're inviting all young Christians (around two 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 virtually taught every Sunday at 9am.**

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



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 (May be rescheduled)

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!

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.

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)



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/>.

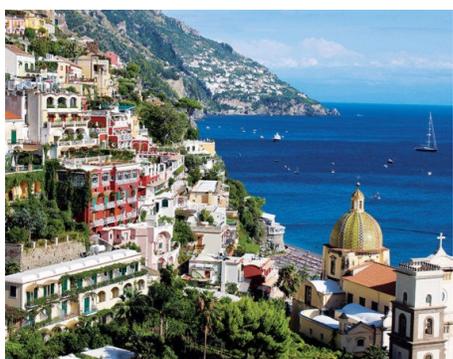
October 19-26, 2020
(Pre-tour: October 16-19)

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 can be found on the homepage of Douglas Jacoby at [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	
Apr. 17-19	Asia Pacific Leadership Academy— Manila, Philippines
May 1-2	Early Church History Fellowship— Amberson, PA
May 6	Fish Club - E.T. Booth Middle School
May 9	Milwaukee, WI

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)? 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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