

'Practicing the Way' Discussion Series

As a church we are diving into a new series called "[Practicing the Way](#)," about adopting the lifestyle of Jesus. Each week we will be looking at a specific spiritual discipline or practice in the life of Jesus. Along with the Sunday sermons, we will have discussion questions available on [the website](#) to discuss on Wednesday nights with your family groups and then principles to apply throughout the week.

Schedule (past lessons online):

May 24 - Study of the Word
 May 31 - Community & Confession
 June 7 - Silence & Solitude
 June 14 - Sabbath
 June 21 - Simplicity
 June 28 - Fasting
 July 5 - Service



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

Response to Dialogue about Racism

- Edited excerpt from Roger Lamb, President & CEO of [Disciples Today](#)

Our hearts are breaking with yours over the tragic events that keep happening in our country and are escalating. Truly God is allowing us to go through much refining with the pandemic and these horrible racism events.

As the communications arm of the ICOC, we feel a great responsibility to our mission statement: inform, inspire, grow, and unify our churches. We have been working around the clock in managing the thousands of social media responses to the recent events in Minneapolis just on the [ICOC Facebook page](#) alone. There is a massive outcry of grief among our members. *Disciples Today* is trying to be a safe place for disciples to express their grief while monitoring for insensitive and ungodly responses. Please pray for our wisdom.

One of the critical issues that are central to the expressed pain is people saying the church leaders have not acknowledged or addressed racial issues. We do not know what every church is doing, of course, and cannot speak for them. We are grateful for the work of the Diversity Team and the fact that these issues have had a forum at each leadership meeting for the last few years. We are committed to doing a better job of communicating our churches' efforts to address racism while acknowledging we have a long way to go.

[Click here](#) to read the full post: "ICOC Facebook Page Admin Response to Dialogue about Racism"

Lectio Divina: A Spiritual Reading

Jim and Lindsay Long presented a special way for us to connect with Scriptures that included some simple steps, such as reading the passage several times while focusing each time in stillness, reflection on God, and learning how we can truly encounter God through Scripture. [Watch this video to see an example](#) from a passage in Luke and to hear the steps in "Lectio Divina."

Coronavirus Risk Guidelines

Our own Dr. Kevin Broyles came up with [the following chart linked here and on the next 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.

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

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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/>

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

May 31-June 6, 2020

31	1	2	3	4	5	6
11a Livestream Service			FG Midweek			10a Facebook Live Women's Coffee Chat
Pray for All	Auburn/Tuskegee	Chattanooga	Myrtle Beach, SC	Cornerstone	Northview CC	Nashville, TN

Campus Closed... For Now

Just a friendly reminder to everyone that the North River campus is CLOSED, and we will continue to meet virtually at least until June 13, 2020. Until further notice, we are not holding any events on our campus other than to broadcast our Sunday services.

For Your Future Calendars:

- **May-June:** North River's "Season of Giving"
- **June 21:** Father's Day
- **July 13-17:** VBS 2020 (**CANCELED**)

Joanne Webber on Coffee Chat!



Our latest coffee chat featured Joanne Webber sharing her perspective on "Simple Faith in Unsettling Times." Coffee chats will be back in September! You can watch the latest video on our [NR Women's Page](#) or watch all videos in the [LIVE CHATS Playlist](#) on our NR Facebook Page.

YES! Camp Update

Due to an abundance of caution, 2020 YES! Camp and HOPE Youth Corps in Atlanta have been canceled. Meanwhile, we're continuously looking for ways to encourage our YES! families and would love to hear your ideas. We certainly need help with local food pantry service projects the first full week of July. **On Monday, July 6** we need 10-2 volunteers from 8-11am to unload food at Marietta Sixth Grade Academy. That evening from 6-8pm we need 8 volunteers to sort food at the same location. **On Wednesday, July 8** we need 10-12 volunteers to support the food pick-up by placing boxes in cars (volunteers should be able to lift 35lbs). Social distancing protocols will be upheld during all service operations. Please email northriveryes@gmail.com if you and/or your small group would like to help!



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

- Pray for those who are suffering physically, emotionally, and financially from COVID-19
- Pray for wisdom and proper timing for our church leaders as we plan to "come out" of quarantine in the future
- For specific prayers requests during this time of "social distancing," please email PRAYERS@NRCOC.COM

Have any prayer requests you would like in the Newsletter? Email Newsletter@NRCOC.com

Attendance and Contribution

Average Giving in April was \$46,853
Weekly Goal in May is \$47,000

Date	Live Logins	24hr Views	Contribution
May 10	438	≈900	\$39,543
May 17	519	≈1,000	\$38,623
May 24	476	≈1,000	\$38,460

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

A Season of Giving

This year, instead of a specific date for Generosity Sunday, we are planning by faith a "Season of Giving" beginning now through the month of June. You can give anytime, designating your offering for the Generosity Sunday ["Season of Giving" online](#), or send a check by mail to 320 Austin Ave. N.E., Marietta, Ga. 30060. Thank you North River, your generosity will be remembered forever.

"Remember this — a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." -2 Corinthians 9:6-7

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 marietoussaint@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.

2020 VISION

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.

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 beginning the last two weeks in May and first three weeks in June. 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."

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. If you have not been receiving these emails, please search your inbox for the above email address, or [subscribe and update your information here!](#)

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.
- 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 marietoussaint@nrcoc.com or a friend who has invited you.



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 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.

Livestreams & Sermon Slides

Through the month of June, North River will continue doing Livestream services on Sundays at 11am. You can watch these on the North River Church of Christ Facebook page or on our North River Church of Christ Vimeo page. Please invite your friends to join us and encourage them to email us if they have any questions at CONNECT@NRCOC.COM. You can also get a copy of the PowerPoint sermon slides within 24 hours after the service at <https://bit.ly/394Jqri>.

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 and stay updated on all events by accessing the Thrive page on the North River website at <https://nrcoc.org/ministries/thrive>.

POSTPONED: 2020 Vision Conference in Orlando



WORLD DISCIPLESHIP SUMMIT

POSTPONED TO
SUMMER OF 2022

[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.

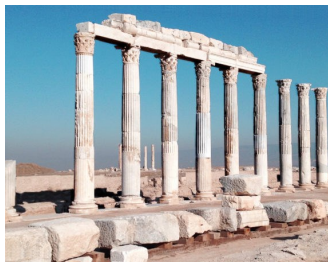
So in order to find available dates, we have decided to stagger the conference. Instead

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:

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)
FOREVER FAITHFUL: (Empty Nesters, Marrieds w/o Kids, Retirees)
SPANISH Conference

2020 Biblical Study Tour: Turkey



Travel to Turkey (Ephesus, Attalia, Laodicea, Istanbul) with our teacher Douglas Jacoby and brothers and sisters from around the world to go on a journey that will bring the world of the Bible to life. It is over a year away, but spaces go

very fast. For more information, visit: <https://www.douglasjacoby.com/2020-biblical-study-tour-turkey/>.

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

Biblical Study Tours in 2021



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

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



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

All details can be found on the homepage of Douglas Jacoby at douglasjacoby.com, or shoot an email to dj@douglasjacoby.com to express your interest.

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

Douglas Jacoby Podcasts Now on Spotify, iTunes, & Google!



The podcast material from Douglas Jacoby's website is now being made available on all podcast platforms (like 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	
Oct. 16-19	Turkey Biblical Study Pre-Tour
Oct. 19-26	Turkey Biblical Study Tour
Nov. 13-16	Atlanta

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

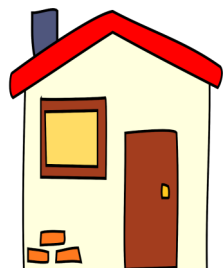


TITHE.LY

- 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.

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 June)**

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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Announcements or requests received after the deadline may not be possible. Thanks, the Newsletter Team.