

## More December Baptisms!

### 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



**Richard Nwakamma** is a campus student at Emory University, and we had the absolute pleasure of studying the Bible with him for the past couple of months over Zoom. Throughout the studies, he's been incredibly humble and eager to learn more about what the Bible says and grow his relationship with God. He was baptized at his home on December 2 by his sister, also a disciple, because he wanted nothing to stand in the way of being unified with God!



### 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

Mark & Lin Ottenweller  
Jeff & Kristi Hickman

#### North Marietta

(South Woodstock)

Matt & Enid Tchir

#### South

Gary & Dena Adams

#### West Cobb

(Smyrna, South Cobb)  
Teregi & Anne Coleman

### Community Leader/Staff Emails

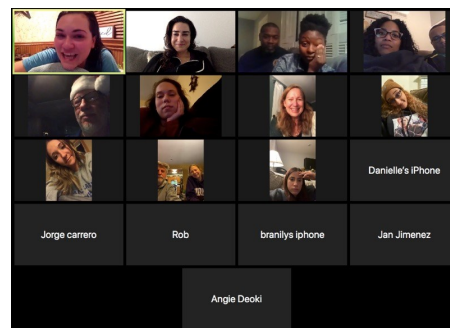
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On December 23, **Breanna Coolidge** of Ellicottville, NY, was baptized into Christ in her friend's giant pink bathtub. Talk about stepping into a new life in style! Breanna began seeking Jesus while in a group bible study, then later decided to do one-on-one studies via zoom with some sisters at North River. Breanna worked hard during her studies and fought to develop a deeper relationship with her Heavenly Father. Her spirit is so bright, and she is eager to spread the Good News to all of her friends and family.



**Dwane Sampson** was baptized on December 2. (Earlier this year, his wife Tania Pierre-Sampson was baptized into Christ.) It was bitterly cold in the pool, but hearts were warm at Dwane's baptism. What makes this baptism extra special is that Dwane studied the Bible for months via Zoom and has yet to set foot on the North River campus. For that matter, Dwane first met most people in his Bible studies face to face at his baptism. This is a true testament to the power of God and Dwane's open-heartedness about the Scriptures. He overcame his skepticism and past negative experiences with organized religion. Although Dwane's family (his wife, daughters, and sons) live here in Atlanta, Dwane is a British citizen waiting for his Green Card and currently spends half of his time in Wolverhampton, UK (a town outside of Birmingham). Pray that he'll soon be able to plant his roots solidly here and that we will all have the opportunity to meet him face to face soon!

## 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*

### January 3-9, 2021

3 11a Livestream Service	4	5	6 Community Mid-week	7	8	9
Myrtle Beach, SC	Cornerstone	Northview CC	Nashville, TN	Rome, GA	Coastal Carolina	Athens, GA

### North River Campus Attendance and Meetings

Just a friendly reminder to everyone that the North River campus is still CLOSED for extracurricular activities and meetings, and we will continue to meet virtually. Until further notice, we are not holding any events on our campus other than to broadcast our Sunday services.

#### Prayer Requests

*“Pray in the spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.” - Ephesians 6:18*

For specific prayer requests during this time of social distancing and racial injustice, please email [PRAYERS@NRCOC.COM](mailto:PRAYERS@NRCOC.COM).

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

#### Join us! New Apologetics/Evangelism course starting on January 16, 2021

##### Early bird discount until January 8!

This course, taught by Douglas Jacoby and Joey Harris, introduces the student to Apologetics and Christian Evidences, from the Creation/Evolution debate to Archaeology to Theodicy (the problem of suffering)--and much more! You will learn how to put together convincing presentations for unbelievers and make apologetics a part of your personal ministry (Also valuable in campus ministry, teen ministry). This is a double-length course and will teach more effective ways of evangelism through learning how to ask questions designed to make people think and to gently challenge their assumptions in ways that draw them closer to God. To register, please go to <https://www.athensinstitute.org>.

#### Contribution

Average Giving in December was \$49,066

Contribution Goal for January is \$47,000

Date	Contribution
Dec. 13	\$43,260
Dec. 20	\$54,777
Dec. 27	\$48,206

Thank you to our generous members who have made extra year-end donations!

### For Your Future Calendars:

- **Jan. 16** : Teen (and Parent) Devo
- **Jan. 24** : New to North River

#### COVID Task Force December Update

The NRCOC COVID Task Force is praying that you and your family can stay healthy and safe during the recent increase in COVID-19 activity. Following Thanksgiving, the case counts and burden on hospitals have increased to the highest levels we have seen to date. The hospitals and emergency rooms are in sustained surge capacity, with doctors and healthcare professionals getting sick with COVID-19 themselves, leading to staffing shortages and burnout. We ask that you please send your prayers for these frontline workers as they face a challenge unseen in our lifetime. We are truly thankful for their willingness to love as Jesus loved, putting their lives on the line to save the lives of others!

The COVID Task Force has recommended that we stay virtual in all of our services through the end of January. Hospital/ICU admissions are still high and expected to worsen in the next few weeks in both Cobb County & in GA (as well as everywhere else). Please [click here](#) to read the rest of the updates and guidelines for our facilities.

#### 2021 Sunday Series: Faithful Together

We're looking forward to the start of a new year! Today, we'll begin the year focusing on "Faithfulness." Not so much our faithfulness, but we'll start by turning our attention to the fact that "He is faithful." As we reflect on the faithfulness of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, we are convinced we'll be inspired to respond with all of our hearts by choosing to live "Faithful Together." In 2021 we will pray, fast, study, and serve TOGETHER. No matter what challenges we face in the new year, let's make sure we live "Faithful Together!"

#### Wait! Don't Stop Now! There's More...



If you are not receiving church updates/alerts through email, please check your spam folder (these messages most often come from [kianapickens@nrcoc.com](mailto:kianapickens@nrcoc.com)) or contact your Community leader to get your name added to the list.

@NorthRiverCOC



## Caregiver Needed in East Cobb

We are desperately looking for a part-time caregiver for our 11-year-old son, Elliott. He has a developmental disability similar to moderate CP, and he is active with a minor speech delay.

### Important

Due to Covid-19, we need a caregiver who limits their outings.

Please do not apply if you live with family or roommates who are not limiting contact or outings, since our family is high risk.

### Pay range

\$15-\$16 based on experience or number of shifts you're able to pick up.

### Available shifts

Flexible Weekends 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Weekdays 1:30 pm - 8:00 pm

\*Shifts can be five hours per day up to 39 hours a week.

Must be at least 18, pass a background check, have a car, and be okay around cats.

**Contact:** bubble4570@icloud.com

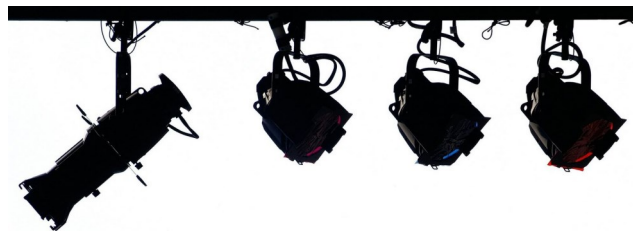
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## In-the-Know Shortcuts!



- Visit [www.nrcoc.org](http://www.nrcoc.org) for information and updates.
  - Follow @NorthRiverCOC on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#) for regular updates.
  - Watch the [Livestream](#) of services online or Facebook.
  - Read the [full newsletter](#) online to get all the information you need.
  - Keep your information updated [using this form](#) ([bit.ly/2Q9aHRC](http://bit.ly/2Q9aHRC)) to get email updates.
  - Give online on [Tithely](#) or to plan regular giving. You can also text GIVE to (470) 460-6991.
  - Stay connected with your Family Group and Community leaders. If you don't have one, please contact [kianapickens@nrcoc.com](mailto:kianapickens@nrcoc.com) or a friend who has invited you.
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## Join the Crew!



*“And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.” Genesis 1:3*

While God simply yet powerfully spoke it into existence on such a massive scale, North River relies on our talented lighting crew every week to illuminate the sanctuary for our weekly services, helping to set the tone for worship, for which we are exceedingly grateful. Without this crew, our worship team would be heard but unseen. There are currently open positions on the crew, and if you would like to serve in this fashion, we'd love and appreciate your help! Training is available if you feel motivated but inexperienced. This is a unique opportunity to serve the congregation in a very special way! Please contact Andy Pilcher ([andypilcher@nrcoc.com](mailto:andypilcher@nrcoc.com)) or Sherwin Mackintosh ([sherwinmackintosh@nrcoc.com](mailto:sherwinmackintosh@nrcoc.com)) for further details.





## 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.

### 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.

### Coronavirus Risk Guidelines

Our own Dr. Kevin Broyles came up with [the following chart linked here and on the last page](#) that can help you assess the risk of a social gathering. He based it on the best practices and recommendations of organizations like the CDC, WHO, Johns Hopkins University, and Georgia Department of Public Health, but the chart is not reviewed or endorsed by any of those organizations. The chart is NOT medical advice or a substitute for doing your own research, but it is additional information.

To use it to assess the relative risk of an outdoor or indoor activity, first look at the Outdoors column (if the event you are considering attending will be outdoors) or the Indoors column (if the event is indoors). Find the rows in the Number of People column that accurately describe the number of people at the event. Then ask whether or not everyone is wearing masks (YES in the Mask column) and whether or not everyone is social distancing (YES in the Social Distancing column). The level of risk varies depending on each of these factors.

### POSTPONED: 2020 Vision Conference in Orlando

[For all the latest updates go to the website HERE.](#)

It is with mixed emotions that we will be unable to host the VISION Conference in Orlando this summer. However, it has become apparent that the impact of COVID-19 has overshadowed the possibility to actualize this worldwide event this year as planned. We, like many of you, were certainly looking forward to a time of fellowship and celebration, and so this is a disappointment for sure.

So in order to find available dates, we have decided to stagger the conference. Instead of hosting more than 20,000 disciples over the same four days, we'll see two (2) distinct waves of attendees that will put less demand on the hotels, nearby restaurants, public flow within our venues, and an overall reduction of our mass



gatherings at any one time:

#### NEW DATES FOR THE 2022 WORLD DISCIPLESHIP SUMMIT:

- 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

### We have a Podcast!



We will be posting audio content each week with our Sunday sermons going live every Monday morning. In the show notes for the sermons, you'll find study/discussion questions for you and/or your small group! We've also started a devotional program called "Manna in a Minute," with short 1-2 minute devotionals going out multiple times a week. These are designed to help us focus our hearts and minds as we go about our busy week. In addition to this, we are designing additional programming to incorporate into our podcast platform in the coming weeks and months. You can find "North River Podcast" wherever you get your podcasts. Please subscribe and check back regularly!

### SUBSCRIBE: NR New Weekly E-Newsletter



While we will continue to update this newsletter and put all baptisms, births, and weddings in the first issue of the month, we want to make sure you get our weekly e-newsletter. These will come from [NorthRiverUpdates@NRCOC.com](mailto:NorthRiverUpdates@NRCOC.com). If you have not been receiving these emails, please search your inbox for the above email address, or [subscribe and update your information here!](#)

## Biblical Study Tour: Turkey - Postponed



The tour has been postponed to happen next year, but spaces go very fast. Travel to Turkey (Ephesus, Attalia, Laodicea, Istanbul) with our teacher Douglas Jacoby and brothers and

sisters from around the world to go on a journey that will bring the world of the Bible to life. For more information, visit:

<https://www.douglasjacoby.com/2020-biblical-study-tour-turkey/>.

**October 18-25, 2021**  
(Pretour: October 15-18)

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



Podcasts from Douglas Jacoby's website is available on all podcast platforms (iTunes, Google, and Spotify). Podcasts will be added every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. You can check them out anywhere you normally listen to podcasts — and

please make sure to subscribe to receive notifications on new posts. You can also follow the episodes, as they are posted, through [THIS LINK](#). We begin with a series on Old Testament characters. The first two episodes are "Adam & Eve" and "Cain & Abel."

## 2022 Biblical Study Tours - Postponed in 2021



We hear a good deal of talk about doing what Jesus would *do* (*WWJD?*), but how about walking where Jesus walked? We would like to invite you to join the 2022 annual tour as we return to Israel.

### Biblical Study Tour to Israel

Tour Postponed from February 2021 to February 6-13, 2022 (Post Tour February 13-16, 2022)

## Paul's Prison Journey — Malta, Sicily, Italy



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

All details can be found on the homepage of Douglas Jacoby at [douglasjacoby.com](http://douglasjacoby.com), or shoot an email to [dj@douglasjacoby.com](mailto:dj@douglasjacoby.com) to express your interest.

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

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

2021	
<b>Jan. 7</b>	Watford, UK (Abraham Series)
<b>Jan. 23</b>	Paris, European School of Missions
<b>Feb. 14 &amp; 21</b>	Worcester & Providence (apologetics)
<b>Feb. 27</b>	Paris, European School of Missions
<b>Mar. 17</b>	Edinburgh (St. Patrick's Day: Prayer)

## 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](mailto:meganfamodun@nrcoc.com).

### Need a Place to Stay? Have a Room for Rent?



There are several people in the North River family who are looking for housing or roommates. (This includes single women, single men, and sometimes couples)

There ALSO might be those among us who have a spare room, a basement, or an in-law suite. We

would love to match people up and even help start some new spiritual households! If you would like to help or need help, please send any info to our hospitality volunteer to Sierra at [sierrapierce19@gmail.com](mailto:sierrapierce19@gmail.com). Pulling all together, we can meet many needs. Thank you.

### How to Get Your Kids in Children's Classes

**REGISTER NOW!**

Please watch the video at <https://bit.ly/2Zu7Xo9> to learn how to register your kids into our program, which will allow you to check them in using our digital check-in process. You can access the form to sign up your child at <http://bit.ly/riverkidsregistration>. **If you do not re-register your kids using these forms, we won't be able to check them into class, so this is very important.** Please feel free to reach out to me or anyone on our team at [childrensministry@nrcoc.com](mailto:childrensministry@nrcoc.com) or [melissatulloch@nrcoc.com](mailto:melissatulloch@nrcoc.com) with any questions!

### A Special Way to Support Camp Swamp

Did you know you can help Camp Swamp when you do your online shopping with one simple extra step? Simply visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), do your shopping, and upon check out, Amazon will donate a share of your purchase to Swamp Camp Services Inc. No extra fees! Shop till you drop and support Camp Swamp.



*Thanks, Jeff Rorabaugh*

### Contact the Newsletter Team

Like this newsletter? Have something you'd like posted here? Want to help out? Awesome! Please email: [newsletter@nrcoc.com](mailto:newsletter@nrcoc.com). **Requests sent to other email addresses may or may not find their way to the newsletter team in time!** We try to accommodate everyone and would hate to miss an important announcement sent to an email address not checked regularly. The weekly deadline is Wednesday at midnight to [newsletter@nrcoc.com](mailto:newsletter@nrcoc.com). Announcements or requests received after the deadline may not be included. Thanks, the Newsletter Team.

### Requesting a Room or Building at North River

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

As good stewards of all that God gives us, let us keep the following in mind concerning our buildings:

- Treat the buildings as though they are your home. (They are!)
- To request a spot go to [www.nrcoc.org](http://www.nrcoc.org), [click on Resources and select Facility Request](#). Easily fill out and submit from a phone or laptop.
- All private events for members (weddings, birthday or grad parties, showers, etc.), will incur charges.
- HVAC systems and security are scheduled ahead of time, so we ask that you put in all requests **at least two weeks before your event**. Most requests are processed within 48 hours.
- Members and guests are not permitted to use any rooms without a reservation.
- Bear with each other if you don't get your desired spot – or for the time you need it. Flexibility is key!
- **Reminder: The FLC and The Lighthouse are NUT-FREE.** Please keep this in mind when bringing lunch or potluck meals. Thank you for keeping those with serious food allergies safe.

Thanks for cooperating. Please send your questions to [events@nrcoc.com](mailto:events@nrcoc.com).



# Helpful Guide for Potential Coronavirus Risk

by Kevin Broyles - 25 May 2020

*The levels of risk are based upon current national and local data and medical opinion.  
The data and guidelines are not black and white; we are in a gray zone.*

Type of Meeting	Number of People*	Outdoors	Indoors	Mask*	Social Distancing*	Level of Risk*
Virtual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
In Person	5 or less		YES	YES	YES	1
In Person	10 or less	YES		YES	YES	1
In Person	6 or more		YES	YES	YES	2
In Person	11 or more	YES		YES	YES	2
In Person	5 or less		YES	NO	YES	3
In Person	5 or less		YES	YES	NO	3
In Person	10 or less	YES		NO	YES	3
In Person	10 or less	YES		YES	NO	3
In Person	6 or more		YES	YES	YES	3
In Person	11 or more	YES		YES	YES	3
In Person	6 or more		YES	NO	YES	4
In Person	6 or more		YES	YES	NO	4
In Person	11 or more	YES		NO	YES	4
In Person	11 or more	YES		YES	NO	4
In Person	5 or less		YES	NO	NO	4
In Person	10 or less	YES		NO	NO	4
In Person	6 or more		YES	NO	NO	5
In Person	11 or more	YES		NO	NO	5

\* Potential Level of Risk    0 - no risk    1 - very low risk    2 - low risk    3 - moderate risk    4 - high risk    5+ - very high risk

Potential Risk Calculator	Virtual	0 Point
	Not virtual - face to face	Add 1 Point
	Indoors > 5 people or Outdoors > 10 people	Add 1 Point
	Not wearing masks	Add 1 Point
	Not social distanced	Add 1 Point
	Older, Immune Compromised, Chronic Diseases	Add 1 Point

\* Number of People    CDC recommendations: Indoors group of 5 or less people, Outdoors group of 10 or less people

\* Mask    Remember: Masks are helpful to keep you from spreading coronavirus to others, they do not keep you from getting an infection.

\* Distancing    CDC distancing recommendations based on activity:  
                                          Normal activity (conversation, walking) - 6 feet apart  
                                          Vigorous activity (like exercise, sports, singing, forceful speaking) 12 feet apart  
 Time of exposure: longer times (>15 minutes) are more risk than short times  
 Do not expose others or be exposed to anyone with symptoms: cough, fever, flu or cold-like symptoms, or recent exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual  
 Smaller spaces have higher risks (bathrooms, elevators)

Hygiene    Wash your hands frequently (5x/day - reduces risk by 35%)  
 Clean exposed surfaces  
 Do not touch your face, eyes, mouth

Current Thoughts    **Transmission**    Up to 40% of people can be contagious before they have symptoms  
                                  **Transmission**    35% of people infected will never have symptoms  
                                  **Social distancing**    Without social distancing it was estimated that the USA would have had 35 times the number of deaths  
                                  **Children**    150 cases of pediatric multi-system inflammatory syndrome after have COVID-19 infection  
                                  **Contact Tracing**    Georgia Public Health Department will begin tracing contacts in the near future  
                                  **Vaccine**    Some optimism from one company about an effective vaccine - would be available January 2021 at the earliest  
                                  **Treatment**    Some positive results from remdesivir combined with other medications in hospitalized patients  
                                  **Treatment**    No scientific evidence that hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine is helpful to prevent or treat, some evidence it is harmful.  
                                  **Antibody Test**    A qualitative test. It is either positive or negative (doesn't measure level of antibody)  
                                  **Antibody Test**    Becomes positive after 7-14 days of exposure or symptoms. If tested too early - may get a false negative.  
                                  **Antibody Test**    Positive test doesn't mean immunity.

*The information provided in this document is intended for general knowledge only and is not a substitute for professional medical advice or treatment for specific medical conditions. You should not use this information to diagnose or treat a health problem or disease without consulting with a qualified healthcare provider. Please consult your healthcare provider with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your condition. This chart is not endorsed by the CDC or any government agency. The results are meant to help you assess relative levels of risk, but may not be reliable based on your facts or your situation. Please also check local statistics and data for your geographic area for additional risk assessment information.*

References:

Georgia Department of Health: <https://dph.georgia.gov/>  
 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>  
 World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>  
 Johns Hopkins - Coronavirus Resource Center: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>  
 Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation: <https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america>  
 Worldometer: <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>