

## 'P-19' Prayer Chain Continues!

### P-19 PRAYER CHAIN



Thank you for joining us during this first week of our COVID-19 prayer chain. Please continue to join us any hour of the day or night at 19 minutes after each hour through Sunday, May 3, as we pray for this pandemic to end.

[Click here to see the things we are asking God to do!](#)

### A Hero in the Faith Runs Final Race

Many of us know Les Johnson, who served with the churches in the Atlanta area for many years. He passed away just before midnight last Thursday in Portland, Oregon. He suffered from Alzheimer's in his final years, but his sweetness, endearing smile, and ability to laugh prevailed literally to his final breath. Please see a heartwarming letter from his son, Steve Johnson.

-Sherwin Mackintosh

Wilson Leslie "Jockey" Johnson was born in February 1934 in the four-room house his father built in the middle of a cotton field in Monroe County, Arkansas. During his last months, saying a sentence was hard, but he never lost the ability to say, "I love you!" and his last words were, "I want to get up!"

He married the love of his life in January 1953, Jean. Together they raised four children. Jean grew up in the church of Christ and influenced him to study the Bible with a man who would have a life-changing impact on him. Les was consequently baptized into Christ in 1960. He would eventually migrate his family to Granite City, Illinois, where he would become an elder and desire more and more to preach the gospel.

He started preaching full-time in 1973 for a church of Christ in Godfrey, Illinois. Everyone knew him as "Les" or "Brother Les," and for 40 years he would occupy pulpits in Illinois, Montana, New York, and Georgia. In 2003, Michael Patterson, Todd "Speech" Thomas, and Brother Les planted a congregation in Atlanta that is known today as "The Path." To Les, Michael and Speech were always his sons and even with Alzheimer's he remembered them fondly, even when so many other memories had succumbed to the wicked disease.

The house in Smyrna where Les and Jean lived on Sandy Lane was well known to hundreds if not thousands of souls who would make their way there almost daily for Bible studies, meals, or just having a cup of coffee with Les. For 27 years that was his "temporary dwelling", as he would say. From there, he'd drive every day to a bookstore or a coffee shop or a mall — his 'fishing holes' was what he'd call them — to look for, meet, or share coffee and time with folks he wanted to bring to the Lord or fellowship with brothers who shared his zeal for Jesus. When asked if he was doing alright, he'd always answer, "nothing wrong with me that two or three baptisms won't fix." Some people close to him never received a note from his that didn't end with the simple citation "Jude 21". Keep yourselves in the love of the Lord Christ Jesus.

In 2017, Les and Jean moved to Portland, Oregon to be close to family there. In no time the congregation fell in love with his winning smile and quick quips. He was 86 years old when he died and is survived by his wife, Jean, his daughter Jacqueline, and two sons Philip and Steven. Announcements for a memorial service will be made as soon as possible.



#### 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

#### 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  
www.nrcoc.org

## 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*

### April 26-May 2, 2020

26 11a Livestream Service	27	28	29 Virtual Small Group Midweeks	30	1	2 10a Facebook Live Women's Coffee Chat
Triangle, NC	The Path	Greenville, SC	MGCC, Macon	Piedmont Triad	Auburn/Tuskegee	Chattanooga



### 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.

### For Your Future Calendars:

- **April-June:** North River's "Season of Giving"
- **May 3:** Children's Ministry Promotion
- **July 2-5:** World Discipleship Summit, Orlando TBD
- **July 13-17:** VBS 2020, 9am-12pm

### Rewatch the Saturday Live Chats!



Every week you can watch the latest "coffee chat" on "Simple Faith in Unsettling Times" by visiting our Facebook page or website. Videos will now include subtitles, so everyone can enjoy it! Our latest chat featured Dian Knight sharing about God's comfort. **You can join the chats every Saturday, simply by going to our**

**North River Facebook Page at 10am.** The videos will be posted within 24 hours on our [NR Women's Page](#).

### 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](mailto: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.



### 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 prayers requests, please email [PRAYERS@NRCOC.COM](mailto:PRAYERS@NRCOC.COM).
- Elisha Walter has had a knot on her sacrum that has become concerning in recent months. She has now had an x-ray, MRI and CT Scan and is being referred for a bone biopsy. Please pray for benign results!
- Please pray for our sister Mary Anne Carroll, who was admitted to Kennestone Hospital due to symptoms of COVID-19. Please also pray for her husband Frank. He does not have any of the symptoms to date, but they are keeping a close eye on him.

### SUBSCRIBE:

#### NR New Weekly E-Newsletter



One thing we have started is sending weekly emails through Mailchimp with the most important information we want members to know. 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 emails. 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!](#)

### Attendance and Contribution

Average Giving in March was \$42,115  
Weekly Goal in April is \$47,000

Date	Live Logins	24hr Views	Contribution
Apr. 5	603	≈1,500	\$54,563
Apr. 12 (Easter)	689	≈2,100	\$37,436
Apr. 19	613	≈1,500	\$48,942

### 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](mailto:marietoussaint@nrcoc.com)) or contact your community leader to get your name added to the list.



## Fix Your Eyes On Jesus

This year's theme at North River is "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus" from Hebrews 12:2. In January and February, we were able to focus on our theme by studying the entire book of Hebrews. To get more insight, please take time to watch Douglas Jacoby's short iFaith video sermons. They are both on YouTube at (search terms "Ifaith, Jacoby, Hebrews") and also at Douglas's website, at

<https://www.douglasjacoby.com/two-new-ifaith-videos-from-hebrews/>.

# 2020 VISION

## Generosity Sunday is Now 'A Season of Giving'

North River's Generosity Sunday offering has blessed the lives of thousands through the years helping mission efforts, small churches, and new ministries spread the message of Jesus. This offering usually takes place on the first Sunday in May. This year, instead of a specific date, by faith we are planning 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, NLT



## Livestreams & Sermon Slides

For the month of April, 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](mailto:CONNECT@NRCOC.COM). You can also get a copy of the PowerPoint sermon slides within 24 hours after the service at <https://bit.ly/394Jqrj>.

## 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 April. To get added to the Thrive email list, please email [thrive-ministry@nrcoc.com](mailto:thrive-ministry@nrcoc.com).



## In-the-Know Shortcuts!



- Visit [www.nrcoc.org](http://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](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 [marietoussaint@nrcoc.com](mailto:marietoussaint@nrcoc.com) or a friend who has invited you.

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

[Check here for coronavirus updates.](#)

The 2020 World Discipleship Summit is still to be held by faith on July 2-5, in Orlando, Florida. We are praying that disciples from around the world will still be able to come together and share God's vision to bring the love of Jesus to as many as possible. [Check the website](#) to register and to find updates regarding the [COVID-19](#) Virus. Here's what we have planned.

- 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 inspirational 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)



### 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](mailto:meganfamodun@nrcoc.com).
- **MUSIC LIBRARIANS:** People to help file and manage the music for the worship team. Contact Sherwin: [SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com](mailto:SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com).
- **YES! PROGRAM:** To do one of the regular Saturday events with your group or for ongoing help, email [northriveryes@gmail.com](mailto:northriveryes@gmail.com).
- **SHEPHERDS FOR SINGLES' FAMILY GROUPS:**  
Contact [JohnHanes@nrcoc.com](mailto:JohnHanes@nrcoc.com) or [TomBrown@nrcoc.com](mailto:TomBrown@nrcoc.com).
- **WORSHIP TEAM:** Thursday night rehearsals required. Contact Sherwin at [SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com](mailto:SherwinMackintosh@nrcoc.com).

**HAVE ANOTHER IDEA OR NOT SURE HOW TO HELP?** No problem! Hit me up with your interest at [MarieToussaint@nrcoc.com](mailto:MarieToussaint@nrcoc.com). Thanks.

## 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/>.

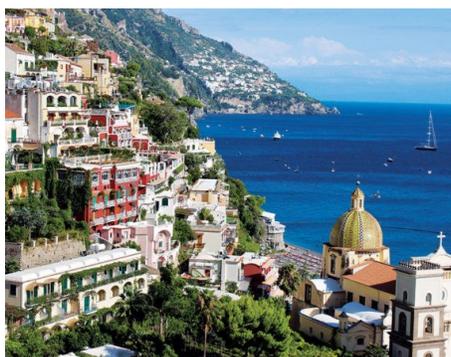
**October 19-26, 2020**  
(Pre-tour: October 16-19)

## 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](http://douglasjacoby.com), or shoot an email to [dj@douglasjacoby.com](mailto:dj@douglasjacoby.com) to express your interest.

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

## D.J. 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

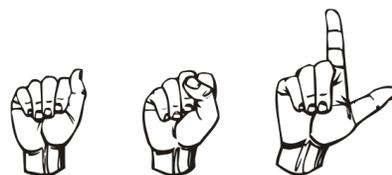


to subscribe to receive notifications on new posts. You can also follow the episodes, as they are posted, through [THIS LINK](#). We begin with a series on Old Testament Characters. The first two episodes are "Adam & Eve" and "Cain & Abel."

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

2020	
May 1-2	Early Church History Fellowship—Amberson, PA
May 6	Fish Club - E.T. Booth Middle School
May 9	Milwaukee, WI
May 15-17	Monterrey, Mexico

## 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 myself or anyone on our team at [childrensministry@nrcoc.com](mailto:childrensministry@nrcoc.com) or [melissatulloch@nrcoc.com](mailto:melissatulloch@nrcoc.com) with any questions!

### Requesting a Room or Building at North River

**(All Reservations for Facilities on Hold  
Through 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](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).

### 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](http://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 possible. Thanks, the Newsletter Team.



# HOW TO STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

"Where two or more are gathered, there I am with them."

-Matthew 18:20

## IDEAS FOR GROUPS & INDIVIDUALS

### GOOGLE DRIVES

Create your own database, and share the link to give others access. You can include daily devotionals, Bible studies, videos, homeschooling resources, and more

### RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Here's an excellent set of lessons on our relationship with God.  
[bit.ly/33N9rth](https://bit.ly/33N9rth)

### BEMA

A study of the Bible from an "Eastern" perspective done through podcasts and group discussions.  
[www.bemadiscipleship.com](http://www.bemadiscipleship.com)

### SPIRITUAL QUARANTINE TOOLKIT

A PDF resource put together by members of the Boston church.  
[bit.ly/2JjNeJQ](https://bit.ly/2JjNeJQ)

### PRIVATE PRAYER REQUESTS

Email [prayers@nrcoc.com](mailto:prayers@nrcoc.com)

### NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Needs, prayers, updates, videos  
[www.DisciplesToday.com](http://www.DisciplesToday.com)  
[www.HopeWW.com](http://www.HopeWW.com)  
[www.YouTube.com/Keydogo](https://www.YouTube.com/Keydogo)

### DOUGLAS JACOBY NEWSLETTER & STUDY RESOURCES

Articles, Q&A, podcasts  
<https://www.douglasjacoby.com>

### SPIRITUAL BOOKS

Devotionals, research and study  
[www.ipibooks.com](http://www.ipibooks.com)

### RESOURCES FOR WOMEN

Studies on women in the Bible & weekly video chats to inspire  
#SimpleFaith2020  
[www.nrcoc.org/ministries/women](http://www.nrcoc.org/ministries/women)

### THE BIBLE PROJECT

A Bible reading plan filled with pictures and videos to aid in learning.  
[www.bibleproject.com](http://www.bibleproject.com)



## LARGE GROUPS

### ZOOM

(free version has a 40 minute limit, up to 100 ppl)

### SKYPE

(video chats, up to 50 ppl with audio; number of video callers depends on device)

### GOOGLE HANGOUTS

(chats or videos with iPhones, Androids and computers; can be international, up to 25 ppl)

### HANGOUTS "MEET"

(chat or videos; has to be set up by someone with a Google Suite account)

### FACETIME

(Apple devices only, up to 32 ppl)

## small groups

### GOOGLE DUO

(iPhones, Androids and computers, best for one-to-one chats, up to 8 ppl)

### WHATSAPP

(phones only, chats or videos can be international, video for up to 4 ppl)

### FACEBOOK MESSENGER

(video and audio up to 6 ppl)

### HOUSEPARTY

(phones only, video chats, up to 8 ppl)

### MARCO POLO

(video messages, up to 4 ppl)

## Social Media & More

### WWW.NRCOC.ORG

Resources, videos and updates

### @NORTHRIVERCOC

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter

### LIVE VIDEOS

Speak to everyone instantly on FACEBOOK (LIVE & PREMIERE), INSTAGRAM, or YOUTUBE

### NETFLIX WATCH PARTY

Watch an uplifting show together!

## KEEP IN MIND...

- Practice internet safety. Think before you click. Be mindful.
- Many communication apps require downloading.
- Some services require creating an account with a password.
- Some services allow you to simply invite others by sharing link.
- It may be good to have 2 or 3 options for flexibility or if the streaming quality is not the best on one platform.
- Many platforms allow you to "share your screen" with others.
- Make sure you update whatever app or platform you are using as many have updated features in light of the COVID-19 world.
- Many services have extra features for a fee.

## Old-Fashioned

### GROUP TEXTS

(Regular text messages, GroupMe, WhatsApp)

### LETTERS & CARDS

(Pen, paper, envelope, stamp)

### PHONE CALLS

(Yes, voicemails are okay too)

### 6 FT APART!

(Saying "Hi" from your balcony! Smiling at those in the grocery store!)