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When you leave the comforts of your own city, your eyes are opened to the outside world, and you can't help but be challenged by the enormous needs around you. Many of our North River members have experienced this personally. We also have our own challenges in Atlanta, where we struggle with desiring ease and comfort. With so much apparent religious faith around, it's easy to become complacent with a belief in God without it really changing the way we live or impacting the lives around us.

When you go on a mission to another continent like Europe, you can see that through the centuries people have grown tired of religious faith. They have observed centuries of traditional religion, abusing and imprisoning others. Now most view God as the problem instead of the solution. An entire generation has grown up not realizing their need for God, much less Jesus and the scriptures. The consequences predictably for them and their culture are often obvious. The city of Paris alone unfortunately is recorded to have over 100,000 suicide attempts annually. Jesus warned that as time went by the "love of many would grow cold" (Matthew 24:12). Sadly, most church buildings are empty, and so even if people feel a need, they struggle to find a place to go to seek God.

However, looking through the eyes of faith, there is so much potential in Paris. Over 600,000 students attend universities within the city limits. People from every race and background live there. If the Paris church experienced what North River has as a campus ministry, doors could be opened to inspire faith around the rest of atheistic Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Understanding this, Tom and Cortney have continued year after year to lead summer mission teams to the countries of Europe, encouraging the generally small churches there.

As of this week, they have officially accepted the offer to go to Paris and help establish and grow campus ministries around the continent of Europe. Tom was born 28 years ago in Europe. He and Cortney are in the process of obtaining their Italian citizenship and will be leaving for Paris in May. Our North River family will miss them greatly but are proud to send them off the "Aircraft North River" with our prayers and the belief that the best is yet to come!

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• **Salt: Part 2 of 2**

Kay McKean, Sterling, VA, USA — Saturday, 10 February 2018

The book of Job contains a host of hypothetical questions. He was searching for a reason for his suffering, and was left unsatisfied. In this passage, the question he asks is almost...

• **"Sweetstock 2018" Mature Singles Retreat**

Allan Abeleda, Hershey, PA, USA — Sunday, 11 February 2018

The Mountain Rock Church of Christ will be hosting a mature singles' retreat June 1-3 in Hershey, PA. The theme of this year's retreat is "I Am Your Great Reward" taken from Genesis 15:1. Chip and Ruby...

• **Young Messenger's Day in Las Piñas**

Freddie & Mhey Santos, Las Piñas, Philippines — Sunday, 11 February 2018

Young Messenger's Day (YMD) was inspired by the teen ministries in the New York, New Jersey, and New England churches which had their first teen-led congregational worship service in 2010. It was entitled "Now is the Time" and was spearheaded...

• **HOPEww Named Pacific Partner by US Navy**

HOPE worldwide — Sunday, 11 February 2018

We are happy to report that HOPE worldwide has been selected as one of a few Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) partners to accompany the United States Navy on their Pacific...

McGuirks to Begin New Mission in Europe in May

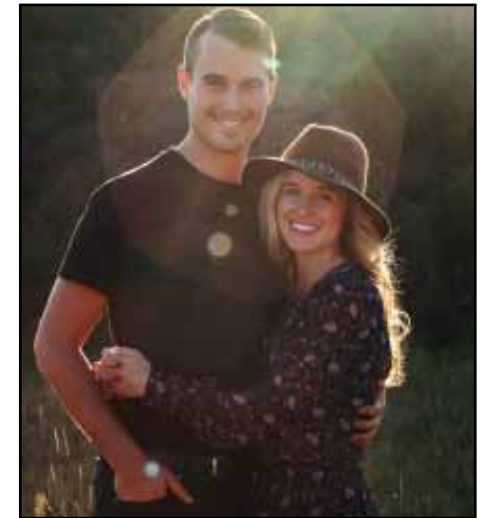
North River Church,
Atlanta, GA, USA

Editor's note: The following is shared from the North River Church of Christ newsletter.

For the past four years, the North River Church of Christ has sent the McGuirks, along with almost 20 campus ministry students, to Paris for a month-long summer internship. The group shares their faith on college campuses in Paris for the duration of their stay, which has led to God performing miracles and transforming lives.

Since that first internship four years ago, many of those students have graduated and continue to be a light in their local mission fields. Some are now in the full-time ministry because they caught a dream to change the world while they were in Paris on the mission field. Since that first summer in 2014, Tom and Cortney's desire to help the churches in Europe has steadily grown.

Tom and Cortney have visited and taught in the churches of Dublin, Ireland; Stockholm, Sweden; Milan, Italy; Geneva, Switzerland; Madrid, Spain; Berlin, Germany; Brussels, Belgium; London, England; Kiev, Ukraine; Amsterdam, Netherlands; and Paris and Lyon, France.



• UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Leadership Meetings

Orlando, Florida USA
March 19-23, 2018

International Campus Ministry Conference

Cincinnati, Ohio USA
July 5-8, 2018

2018 NE US Christian Conference

Providence, Rhode Island USA
July 20-22, 2018

Florida Discipleship Conference

Orlando, Florida USA
August 3-5, 2018

International Singles Conference

Phoenix, Arizona USA
August 30 - September 3, 2018

Central American Conference

Panama City, Panama
October 5 - 7, 2018

2020 World Discipleship Summit

Orlando, Florida USA
July 2-5, 2020

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Woman's Day 2018

Theme: "Unchained"
 Date: March 10th, 2018
 Guest Speaker: Deb Anton
 Hampton Roads, VA
 Time: 11:00am- 1:30pm
 Cost: \$ 10.00
 (Reception to Follow)
 Location: Louisville Church Bldg.
 1201 South 4th Street
 Louisville, KY 40203

Registration and committee sign ups are in the Peden Chapel and on the "Bridge".

NOTE: WE ARE TWENTY (20) DAYS FROM THIS EVENT!

On the following Sunday Ed Anton will be preaching the word to us.

This week is the time to invite your friends. Often times we will wait to the last minute to invite a friend only to find out that they have something scheduled. You don't want to be sitting during Women's Day wishing your friend had come. Do it today!

Troas Night

We have a Troas Night scheduled for Friday, February 23rd. This night is dedicated to have a time of extended study. Theme to be announced.

Campus Led Service

On Sunday February 25th we will be having a Campus led worship. We are super grateful for our Campus ministry. Let's be inviting friends to be with us on that day.

Small Group Discipleship Groups

On the week Wednesday February 28th we will be have our Small Group Discipleship Group.

Men's Prayer Time

There is a Men's Prayer time scheduled for Saturday March 3rd at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

Tree Planting Project #3

The Old Louisville Council has scheduled its 3rd Tree Planting project for Saturday March 3rd. This could be a great opportunity to teach children about giving back to the community.

Six Weeks Of Sunday School Scheduled

Starting Sunday March 4th will be begin another six week Sunday School Session. Classed to be announced!

ACR West Campus Retreat

Date: March 9-11, 2018
 Theme: "Chase The Dream"
 Where: Cedar Lakes Conference Center
 82 FFA Drive
 Ripley, West Virginia 25271
 Cost: \$68 per person
 Register: <http://roanokevalleychurch.org/events/acr-west-campus-retreat-2018/>

LCC Budget Presentation

We have an annual Budget Presentation schedule for Wednesday March 21st.

Prayers For the Bowling Green Team

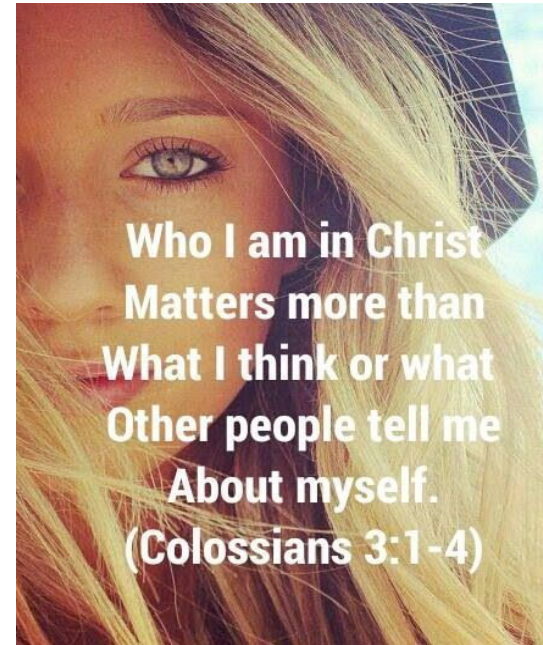
Now that the leader's have been selected for the Bowling Green planting please pray for the team that God will assemble.

FYI The Black's (Jimmy and Kat) will be moving to Louisville in the middle of March to begin the assembling of the church planting team. This is getting exciting!

Prayer Requests

- Continue to pray we can find and hire a women's campus leader.
- Adrianna Hovecamp's mother
- Shann's mom, Patricia Washington
- Laurana Hall, Shawn and Lisa's daughter

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



CONTRIBUTION on 2/11/2018

Budget	\$7,800.00
Contribution Total	\$8,237.44
2018 Special Missions	\$150.00
2018 Special Missions YTD	\$2,790.53
Poor	\$233.67
Music Media Ministry	\$0.00

Along with our regular contribution we will be taking up a contribution on the first Sunday of each month for our Music/Media Ministry. On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays we will collect unrestricted funds to be sent to Hope Worldwide to be used to help the poor throughout the whole world and also to fund some of our local benevolence projects we are working with in Louisville. Just make the notation on your check for "the poor". We will make sure it goes to the right places. Thank you for your support. **-Sean Finch**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2/18/18

Sunday Worship

2/18/18

Leader's Meeting @ 12:30PM

2/21/18

Midweek Service

2/23/18

Troas Night

2/25/18

Campus Led Worship Service

Louisville Church of Christ Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Louisville Church of Christ is to bring people to Jesus and membership in his family—by connecting them with a vibrant, spirited church family that reflects the diversity of our metro Louisville community—to help them grow in Christ-like maturity and to become equipped for their personal ministries in the church and their life's missions in the world—in order to glorify God and advance the cause of Christ.

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