

October AFS Meeting

Mandisa Thomas - "Women of Color Beyond Belief: Where Do We Go From Here?"

Our October speaker is one of our long-time favorite presenters: **Mandisa Thomas**. Ms. Thomas is the Founder and President of Black



Mandisa Thomas

Nonbelievers Inc. She currently serves on the boards of American Atheists, and the American Humanist Association, and has been featured in *Playboy*, *The Humanist*, CBS Sunday Morning and CNN.

Mandisa was the 2019 recipient of the Secular Student Alliance's Backbone Award, and was named the Freedom From Religion Foundation's Freethought Heroine for the same year. She was also the Unitarian Universalist Humanist Association's Person of the Year for 2018."

The Title of this month's talk is *Women of Color Beyond Belief: Where Do We Go From Here?* The meeting will be combined with **Black Nonbeliever's** monthly meeting.

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On Sat 10/19 from 7-9 FFRF and AFS will view the recent documentary "Hail Satan?" The Satanic Temple's goal is about how to deal with the right wing evangelical zealots who want our country to be a medieval theocracy. This program will show some interesting (and hilarious) methods they have found useful in dealing with the religious nut squads by showing them the absurdities of their own doctrine and dogma. Afterwards we will have a question and answer with **Kym LaRoux** from the local Satanic Temple.

FFRF will provide hot chocolate, coffee, and soft drinks. Please bring snacks (chips and dip, cookies, appetizers) and your favorite beverage. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. so come early to socialize with like-minded people! All events are free and open to the public; donations are accepted.

Calendar

Oct 13	AFS Potluck	12:00 p.m.
Oct 13	AFS General Meeting	1:00 p.m.
Oct 19	FFRF/AFS Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Nov 10	AFS Board Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Nov 10	AFS General Meeting	1:00 p.m.
Nov 16	FFRF/AFS Meeting	7:00 p.m.

All events are at AF Hall unless noted and are subject to change.

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Programs and Speakers

All programs are on the second Sunday of each month at AF Hall, 4775 N. Church Lane SE, Atlanta, GA, 30339 unless otherwise noted. Programs start at 1:00 PM, but feel free to arrive at 12:00 for socializing. Visitors are always welcome.



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Oct 13: Mandisa Thomas of Black Nonbelievers

Nov 10: Open

Dec 8: Open

Jan 12: Open

Speakers needed! Please contact Ed Buckner for more info!

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The Atlanta Freethought Society is a member-run organization dedicated to advancing freethought and protecting the rights and reputation of freethinkers, agnostics, atheists and humanists.

We welcome anyone who is interested in learning about living a good life free from religion through attending AFS speeches, debates, and discussions. We employ protests, letters to the editor, broadcast appearances, and any other reasonable and civil means available to achieve our mission.

We define freethought as “the forming of opinions about life in general and religion in particular on the basis of reason and the evidence of our senses, independently of tradition, authority, or established belief.”

We actively support a strict separation of church and state as the best means to guarantee liberty for all, regardless of religious belief or lack of belief.

We seek to educate ourselves on many topics but especially on religion and non-religion. We do this through a series of thought-provoking speakers and programs, and by maintaining a web forum and an extensive library of freethought, religious, and related books, pamphlets, videotapes, and audiotapes.

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Kentucky governor's 'Bring Your Bible to School' exhortation is sectarian and divisive

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Kentucky Gov. **Matt Bevin's** Bring Your Bible to School Day proclamation is narrow-minded and totally inappropriate, asserts the Freedom From Religion Foundation.

Many concerned Kentucky residents have contacted the state/church watchdog to report that on Oct. 1, Bevin placed a video on his official government social media page showing him at his desk, with a bible in front of him, promoting today, Oct. 3, as "Bring Your Bible to School Day." The post read:

STUDENTS #BringYourBible to School Day is THIS Thursday, Oct. 3!

The Judeo-Christian principles that are bound in this book are timeless, containing an amazing amount of history, knowledge, wisdom and guidance...

Bring it. Read it. Share it. #WeAreKY

It is coercive and unconstitutional for the government to encourage students to bring religious books to school, in this case a particular book one official considers holy, FFRF contends.

"This signals official endorsement of a particular religious text," FFRF Co-Presidents **Dan Barker** and **Annie Laurie Gaylor** write to the governor. "This post goes even further, directly endorsing the alleged 'wisdom and guidance' of the bible and encouraging students not only to bring a bible to school, but also to 'Read it' and 'Share it.' By presumptuously adding '#WeAreKY,' you openly suggest that Kentucky is a Christian state and that non-Christians are not part of Kentucky."

The video that accompanied the post is even more egregious. Bevin begins by encouraging "every single student in Kentucky," regardless of their religion or lack thereof, to bring a bible to school. This suggests that even the approximately one-in-four Kentucky students who are not Christian should participate in this show of Christianity. Bevin even urges students to proselytize — to share their bible with "someone who maybe doesn't have one, who maybe has never read this book." He calls the bible "extraordinary," and opines that everyone should make this particular holy book "an important part of your life."

FFRF's Kentucky members have objected several times before to Bevin about his abuse of his secular government office to promote his personal religion. This track record, as well as the over-the-top sectarian divisiveness of the current video, leave no doubt that he is willing to sacrifice the fundamental American principles of inclusiveness, tolerance, and secular government in favor of pandering and promoting his personal religion.

Bevin has shown remarkable obtuseness regarding the bible. This is particularly ironic since he is encouraging students to read, study and share it. Many of the bible's historical claims are contradicted by actual scholarship (e.g., the nonexistent enslavement and exodus of the Israelites in Egypt), and much of the book is not only ahistorical, but patently absurd (such as a boat full of animals surviving a worldwide flood and repopulating the Earth, Jonah surviving in the stomach of a whale, talking donkeys, etc.), FFRF notes.

The students of Kentucky are constitutionally entitled to a secular government, including both their public school system and their state leadership, Barker and Gaylor conclude. "If there is one thing we should be able to agree on, it is that public servants should set aside their personal prejudices and divisive sectarian beliefs so that they can work toward the common good that they were elected for," they say. On behalf of its Kentucky membership, FFRF exhorts: "Gov. Bevin, get off your knees and get to work!"

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Federal Judge: Atheist Free Speech Lawsuit Has A "Fair Chance of Prevailing," Can Move Ahead

atheists.org

An Arkansas federal judge ruled on Sep 30 that American Atheists' lawsuit against Arkansas State Senator **Jason Rapert** has a "fair chance of prevailing" and allowed it to move forward.

Judge **Kristine G. Baker** of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas denied Jason Rapert's motion to dismiss the lawsuit against him.

"Rapert has repeatedly called our lawsuit against him 'frivolous.' Today's decision should put an end to that ridiculous claim," said **Geoffrey Blackwell**, Litigation Counsel at American Atheists. "The Arkansas Rapert has blocked will get their day in court, and we have every confidence we'll prevail."

American Atheists filed the lawsuit on behalf of its members in Arkansas, including four individual plaintiffs, whom Rapert unconstitutionally blocked from his official Facebook and Twitter accounts after they criticized his positions on several issues. The complaint also alleges that Rapert blocked the plaintiffs due to their atheism.

In the same order in which she rejected Rapert's motion to dismiss, Judge Baker also denied American Atheists' motion for a preliminary injunction, which would have forced the Arkansas state senator to "un-block" the individual plaintiffs while the lawsuit moves forward.

Judge Baker determined that American Atheists and the four individual plaintiffs had a "fair chance of prevailing" on their claim that Rapert violated the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment. Nonetheless, Judge Baker concluded that imposing a preliminary injunction would be inappropriate in part because the individual plaintiffs did not act swiftly enough to challenge the violation of their rights.

"Judge Baker's decision underscores the importance of taking immediate action when government officials block you on social media," said Blackwell. "Hopefully, Senator Rapert sees the writing on the wall and chooses to stop censoring people who disagree with him. But I'm not holding my breath."

"Sen. Rapert has an uncanny way of crying persecution even as he tramples on atheists' rights," said **Nick Fish**, President of American Atheists. "He can't claim to care about the concerns of his constituents while turning the public forums he set up to hear those concerns into his very own 'safe space.'"

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How Christian Nationalists Are Driving Americans Away From Houses Of Worship

By Rob Boston / Wall of Separation Blog • www.au.org

Christian nationalist groups see themselves as the great defenders of faith in America. They moan constantly about alleged efforts to drive religion out of the public square and work to undermine church-state separation, all in the name (supposedly) of protecting Christianity from “persecution.”

It’s highly ironic, then, that their efforts may actually be leading growing numbers of Americans to abandon religion entirely.

The site Fivethirtyeight recently ran **an interesting column** by **Amelia Thomson-DeVeaux** and **Daniel Cox** examining a spate of social science research exploring the question of why so many Americans are disconnecting from religious denominations. The two cite a paper by sociologists **Michael Hout** and **Claude Fischer**, who in 2002 put forth a theory that, “Distaste for the Christian right’s involvement with politics was prompting some left-leaning Americans to walk away from religion.”

Since then, Thomson-DeVeaux and Cox assert, other researches have undertaken studies that back up the Hout-Fischer thesis.

“Other research showed that the blend of religious activism and Republican politics likely **played**

a significant role in increasing the number of religiously unaffiliated people,” write Thomson-DeVeaux and Cox. “One study, for instance, found that something as simple as reading a news story about a Republican who spoke in a church **could actually prompt some Democrats** to say they were non-religious. ‘It’s like an allergic reaction to the mixture of Republican politics and religion,’ said David Campbell, a political scientist at the University of Notre Dame and one of the study’s co-authors.”

This effect is really pronounced in people who consider themselves to be liberal politically. Studies show that the more liberal you are, the more likely you are to be religiously unaffiliated. But it’s interesting to note that there has been an uptick – albeit a more modest one – in the number of conservatives and moderates who say they don’t hew to a particular faith either. That number has doubled since 1992.

The results of all of these studies would seem to indicate that the reckless mixture of partisan politics with religion – something Americans United **has always stood against** – isn’t in the best long-term interest of the religious community.

Conservatives may shrug at this data, asserting that they don’t care because right now, it’s mostly liberals who are leaving organized religion. But they should check that complacency. Polling data shows that the vast majority of Americans of all political views **oppose houses of worship** being used to promote or attack candidates for public office.

Put simply, Americans attend houses of worship to receive spiritual solace, not political marching orders. The more politics invades the pulpit, the more likely people are to vote with their feet.

Pro-Trump Pastor Jeffress Warns Of Possible ‘Civil War’

By Rob Boston / Wall of Separation Blog • www.au.org

Given President **Donald Trump’s** current predicament, one would think he’d be careful about the things he says and does. Nope. He remains as reckless and irresponsible as ever – and his Christian nationalist allies keep egging him on.

Trump, in a series of **tweets on Sep 29**, quoted Pastor **Robert Jeffress**, one of his leading far-right evangelical confederates. Jeffress, appearing on Fox News Channel, asserted that evangelicals are so furious over the House of Representatives’ plan to open an impeachment inquiry against Trump that it will lead to a “Civil War-like fracture in this nation from which our country will never heal.”

Decent people **are appalled** by such reckless statements. Trump thought they were so great he wanted to spread them far and wide.

Jeffress, pastor of First Baptist Church in Dallas, has a long history of extremist statements

and behavior. He first came to Americans United’s attention in 1998 when he was serving as the pastor of First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas.

A parishioner was disturbed by LGBTQ-friendly children’s books in the town’s public library, checked them out and brought them to Jeffress, who announced that **he would not return the books**. Jeffress decided that his moral viewpoint should control the entire city.



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Americans Are Increasingly Supporting LGBTQ Rights. Will The Supreme Court?

By Rob Boston / Wall of Separation Blog • www.au.org

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday, October 8 will hear **a trio of important cases** dealing with LGBTQ rights. The day of the argument, AU President and CEO **Rachel Laser** will be among dozens of speakers advocating for LGBTQ rights outside the court.

Two of the cases, which will be argued jointly, were brought respectively by **Donald Zarda** and **Gerald Bostock**, two men who were fired from their jobs because they're gay. The third case focuses on **Aimee Stephens**, a transgender woman in Michigan who was fired from her job at a funeral home because the owner said her dressing as a woman conflicted with his religious beliefs.

Although these are not church-state cases – the high court is limiting itself to deciding whether a federal 1964 law that bans employment discrimination on the basis of sex includes LGBTQ people – the issue of religion is percolating in the background. Religiously-based opposition to LGBTQ rights fuels much of the discrimination members of that community face.

In advance of the arguments, Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) has pulled together **some interesting data** about how Americans view LGBTQ rights. The good news is that support for these rights is on the upswing: Sixty-nine percent say they favor laws that would protect LGBTQ people from discrimination in jobs, public accommodations and housing.

PRRI found some interesting data about how this breaks down by religion. Unitarian Universalists show the highest degree of support for LGBTQ rights, at 90 percent. Jews are second, coming in at 80 percent, followed by the religiously unaffiliated at 78 percent. Hispanic Catholics hit 72 percent and white Catholics come in at 71 percent. They're followed by white mainline Protestants at 71 percent, and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 70 percent.

Some of the lowest support came, not surprisingly, from white evangelical Protestants, but even there we see a majority of 54 percent backing

protections.

PRRI polled Americans specifically about their views on transgender rights in June. The firm found growing support there as well. Sixty-two percent of Americans say they have become more supportive of transgender rights than they were five years ago. (Twenty-five percent are less supportive.)

When it comes to religion, PRRI reported, "Majorities of every major religious group report becoming more supportive of transgender rights over the last five years. Even among white evangelical Protestants, slightly more than half (52%) report becoming more supportive of transgender rights over the last five years."

The shift in public opinion on issues such as LGBTQ rights, marriage equality and trans rights since the 1990s has been nothing short of seismic. The Supreme Court should follow the public's lead and come down on the right side of history in these new cases by solidifying critical non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ people. And regardless of the outcome, it's also imperative that Congress pass the **Equality Act** to address the significant gaps in federal civil rights laws and improve protections for everyone.

In order for America to live up to its promise of liberty, equality and inclusion, we must ensure religious freedom continues to be a shield to protect, rather than a sword to harm others.



His behavior since then has only gotten worse. Jeffress has attacked LGBTQ people, calling them "miserable," "filthy" and "degrading." When the Supreme Court upheld marriage equality in 2015, Jeffress called it "the greatest, most historic, landmark blunder in the history of the United States Supreme Court" and "nothing short of an affront in the face of almighty God." After the U.S. Chamber of Commerce announced its support for transgender rights, Jeffress asserted, "I've said often that the greatest threat to freedom of religion in America is not ISIS, it's the Chamber of Commerce."

Jeffress has **attacked church-state separation** as a myth, has blamed school shootings on the Supreme Court for striking down mandatory school prayer and has compared religious

diversity in America to "**idolatry**." He has repeatedly attacked other faiths, calling the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints "a cult," referred to Islam as "a heresy from the pit of hell," and said of Catholicism, "Much of what you see in the Catholic Church today doesn't come from God's word. It comes from this cult-like pagan religion."

In 2014, Jeffress penned a book asserting that President **Barack Obama** was paving the way for the Antichrist. Two years ago, Jeffress urged Trump to **attack North Korea**, citing the biblical Book of Romans as justification. Earlier this year, **he asserted** that evangelicals who don't support Trump are "morons."

Jeffress's views are extreme, and his theology is anchored in intolerance, Christian supremacism and division. Yet Jeffress remains a prominent member of Trump's **Evangelical Advisory Board** and clearly has the ear of the president. That Trump is allowing extremists like Jeffress to wield so much influence on public policy is a threat our nation's fundamental promise of religious freedom.

Other Meetings of Interest in Metro Atlanta

The Atlanta Science Tavern has several meetings planned. Please check meetup page for more information. (www.meetup.com/AtlantaScienceTavern)

The SOS (Secular Organizations for Sobriety) meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Roswell. For more information, send an email to donnajgore@yahoo.com.

We Agnostics Atlanta meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Galano Club, 585 Dutch Valley Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30324. Club-house phone number: (404) 881-9188. This is similar to Alcoholics Anonymous group.

Marietta Skeptic/Humanist Meetup has various get-togethers and discussion groups. Several upcoming events. (www.meetup.com/Marietta-Atheists-Meetup)

The Peachtree City Humanists participate in social and educational activities such as dinners, lunches, coffees, outdoor recreation, discussion groups, and book clubs with topics that include science, psychology, philosophy. (www.meetup.com/Peachtree-City-Humanists-PTCH)

The Southern Crescent Freethinkers sponsor *Navigators, Owl & Ibis: A Confluence of Minds*, and meet for dinner, etc. Several upcoming events each month. (www.meetup.com/Southern-Crescent-Freethinkers)

Recovery from Religion - Morrow Chapter meets monthly at Barnes & Noble Booksellers Southlake, 1939 Mount Zion Road, Morrow, GA. Join the Meetup group for more information. There is no proselytizing of any kind allowed at these meetings. For more information and resources, please visit www.recoveringfromreligion.org. (www.meetup.com/Recovering-From-Religion-Morrow-Chapter)

Ethical Humanists of Atlanta: Hiking as much of the Atlanta Beltline (22-24 miles) as possible, the finished as well as the unfinished portions, starting at 10th and Monroe at Park Tavern, 500 10th St NE Atlanta at Sun, Oct 13 8 am and getting off the trail at 6 pm. (www.meetup.com/Ethical-Humanists-of-Atlanta)

Black Nonbelievers will have their general meeting on Oct 13 jointly with Atlanta Freethought at AF Hall—see page 1. www.meetup.com/Black-Nonbelievers

There will be a **meetup for Decatur Atheists** Sun, Oct 13, 6 pm, Thinking Man Tavern, 537 W. Howard Ave, in Decatur. (www.meetup.com/Atlanta-Atheists)

Atlanta Astronomy Club will meet on the third Friday at 7:30 pm each month at Fernbank Science Center, 156 Heaton Park Dr, Atlanta, GA 30307 unless otherwise noted. Check website for more info. (www.atlantaastronomy.org)

FFRF/AFS joint meeting is Sat, Oct 19, 7-9 pm, AF Hall. See page 1 for more information. (www.meetup.com/Freedom-From-Religion-Foundation-of-Georgia)

Atlanta Atheists Third Sunday Meetup is Sun, Oct 20, 2-4 pm, Brockett Pub House & Grill, 4522 E Ponce de Leon Ave, Atlanta. (www.meetup.com/Atlanta-Atheists)

Sunday Assembly Atlanta's upcoming assembly is on Sun, Oct 20th, 5:30 pm at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Dr NE, Atlanta. The topic is *Return*, where they will explore things that return again and again.

SAA is an extremely active community with a large number of upcoming events including rock chorus, secular support, mindfulness meditation, wonder club, urban wonder, book club, volunteering, queer beyond belief group, public speaking series, etc. Please check the Meetup page for other activities. (www.meetup.com/Sunday-Assembly)

GUST (Gwinnett: Understanding Secular Truths) will meet at 7-9 pm, Mon, Oct 21 at UUCG, 12 Bethesda Church Rd, Lawrenceville. The topic is a discussion on Islam with two followers and the meeting will be on the 3rd Monday this month. (www.meetup.com/brights-295)

Satanic Temple Atlanta meets the fourth Sunday at The Highlander, 931 Monroe Dr Atlanta from 2-5 pm, though at press time an October event had not yet been posted. They are accepting donations for **Georgia's Fight for Bodily Autonomy**. (www.facebook.com/TSTATL/)

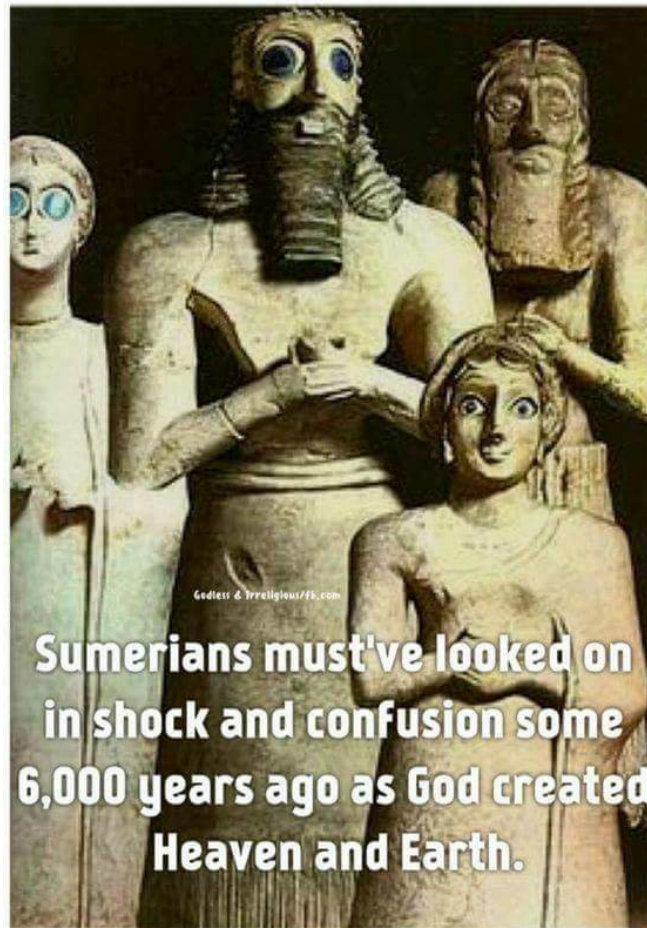
Atlanta Atheists Monthly Meetup is Sun, Oct 27, 4 pm, Keegan's Irish Pub, 4687 S Atlanta St #224, Smyrna. (www.meetup.com/Atlanta-Atheists)

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Atlanta Skeptics has "Drinking Skeptically" on the first Friday of each month at 7 pm, Taco Mac at the Prado 5600 Roswell Rd, Sandy Springs, though location is subject to change. (www.meetup.com/AtlantaSkeptics)

Atlanta Atheists has first Sunday meetups each month: the place varies. Check Meetup for info on the get-together. (www.meetup.com/Atlanta-Atheists)

Fellowship of Reason meets on the first Sunday of every month at 10:30 AM at AF Hall. There are meetings for book discussion, philosophy, a classic film course, Ancient Greek language classes, and other events. (www.fellowshipofreason.com)



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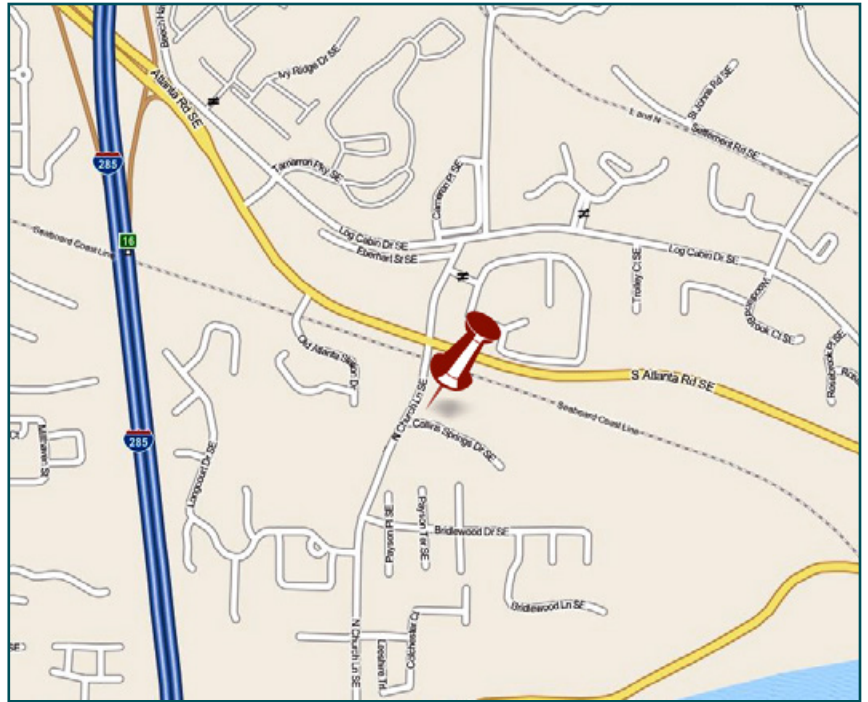
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