

**Money, Faith & Worship:**

	Year-to-Date	Prior Year	Variance
Revenue	\$52,107	\$50,395	\$1,712
Expenses	<u>57,738</u>	<u>58,700</u>	<u>(963)</u>
	\$ (5,631)	\$(8,305)	\$2,675

We know how convenient it is to give through tithe.ly but giving through a Pre-Authorized Debit is way more beneficial, as it eliminates the tithe.ly fee.

If you have questions around budget please let us know. If you can also pray for the River Churches continued health and growth. And if you could prayerfully consider revisiting your contribution to the church, if it's time to do so.

For those who write cheques, we are supposed to let you know to please make cheques payable to "The River Church" or "The River Squamish BC".

**River Church Wish List**

*For Those of Who Look For Creative Ways to Give Over and Above Your Regular Giving*

- Mini-Portable Speaker \$750
- Gift to Cover Faith Budget \$21,000
- Fund for Part-Time Admin Person \$20,400
- Office Rent in High Traffic Area \$7,200



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# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

River Kids Program  
Little Dippers Pre-School Program  
Service Starts 10:00 am



**About Us:** The River Churches' guiding ideas are these: 'GET REAL' **G**race-Filled, **E**ngaged, **T**ruthful, **R**elational, **E**xperiential, **A**uthentic, **L**oving. One way we live this out, is by embracing a Simple Church Hybrid Model. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month we gather together in smaller gatherings, called Simple Churches. One of which, meets at Don Ross Secondary School (DRSS). On the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday we host what is called a CWG (City Wide Gathering), where all the Simple Churches gather together at DRSS. This allows us to GET REAL and be the kind of people God has called us to be in this community. When we have a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in a month, we do something we call "Brunch Sundays". The early church was said to have regular times where they gathered to break bread, and enjoy a meal together. These Brunch Sundays are our attempt at making that happen. To learn more about what makes The River unique, please check out our website at [www.intheriver.ca](http://www.intheriver.ca)

**Mission Statement:** We are a network of Simple Churches, immersed in the grace of God, created to be rivers of life (rivers of healing / rivers of mercy / rivers of kindness etc.) to our city and beyond.

**Our Vision:** Our Vision is simply... Jesus. Apprentices of Jesus, creating apprentices of Jesus who live by faith, are known by love, and a voice of hope.

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# News & Events

## Hearing God Deep Stream

January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> (Friday 7:30 – 9:30 pm / Sat 9:00 am to 12 noon). Everyone welcome.

## Encounter Freedom Deep Stream

in May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> (Friday 7:30 – 9:30 pm & Sat 9:00 am to 12 noon). All Church and leadership encouraged to attend.

**Blazing Falcons:** Events where it's all about having fun! Rival Nerf Gun Battle with Pizza coming up so better get you're your weapons! This is geared to be an "invite friends" event. To hear more contact Pastor Darcy & Kenda

**Brunch Sunday:** Bring something Brunchy to share; and perhaps a dessert. Great way to start the New year and the Month of Prayer! Hope you can make it!!

**Month of Prayer:** January 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>. More information coming!

## Journey Discipleship Course:

The 18-week Journey Discipleship

Course provides a safe and supportive environment for people to worship, learn, share honestly, and listen for God's voice. Email Mardi to get more info [mardids@nsac.bc.ca](mailto:mardids@nsac.bc.ca)

## Community Christmas Care:

[www.communitychristmascare.com](http://www.communitychristmascare.com)

Click on the volunteer tab to let us know how you want to be involved this week

## Hymn Service at Hilltop:

2-3pm @ Hilltop House. For more info contact Dorothy Wikkerink at [dorothyrenema@hotmail.com](mailto:dorothyrenema@hotmail.com)

## Totem Hall Christmas Dinner:

December 21<sup>st</sup> so please mark your calendars! Let's all get involved. What a great way for us collectively to live out our mission – known by love, live by faith, voice of hope.

## Christmas Eve Candlelight

**Service:** Brackendale Art Gallery 5 – 6 pm / Don Ross Secondary School 6:30-7:30 pm



# Living Out Jesus' Love

## Children and Youth Programs

**Vision:** For kids to have a safe place where they know God's love, learn what it means to be like Jesus and experience the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

**Leaders:** All teachers in our children's programs are members of the River Church and have completed criminal record checks. For safety, we follow the policies and procedures outlined in Plan to Protect. For questions, comments or to volunteer, contact Kenda Reimer at [kendar@intheriver.ca](mailto:kendar@intheriver.ca)

## Little Dippers (infant to school age):

We have teachers on a rotation however, parents are welcome to stay with their children if need be. The format we use is story, pray, play. Whenever possible we use the carpeted room beside the main meeting space. If unavailable, we set up inside the hallway across from the gym. If you would like to be on this rotation, contact Kenda.

## River Kids (kindergarten to Gr.6):

The kids are dismissed after the singing. River Kids runs only on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks we strive to make the service inclusive for all ages. We encourage children to participate with the adults wherever they are meeting.

## Young Life (Gr.7 to 12):

If you're a teen ages 13-18 and looking to connect with other youth city wide who follow Jesus or are interested in Jesus please contact Allyson Huguét, our Young Life Leader for Squamish at [www.facebook.com/pages/SquamishYoungLife](http://www.facebook.com/pages/SquamishYoungLife).

**Global Missions:** Part of your general giving helps to fund Canadian CMA missionaries worldwide. We had a link agreement with Gaileen but she is now retiring. We are in discussion with other missionaries we know to start a relationship with them. We are excited about what this new partnership could look like.

## Simple Churches

**Tantalus:** 5:30–8:30pm Contact: Richard Hoshino at [richard.hoshino@gmail.com](mailto:richard.hoshino@gmail.com)

**Paradise Valley:** 10am, ending with a meal @ Rolf & Christine Rutishauser's in Paradise Valley. [rcruti@gmail.com](mailto:rcruti@gmail.com)

## Growth Streams

**Women's Group:** We will again be meeting in triads bi-weekly and all together monthly. If you want to be part of a triad, please let me know this week as I want to put the groups together right away. I'm also looking for someone to help plan our fun group meetings. If you have any questions or would like to help contact Kenda [kendar@intheriver.ca](mailto:kendar@intheriver.ca)

**Men's Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month. 7:30pm Contact Jim or Richard [www.intheriver.ca/community/mens-group](http://www.intheriver.ca/community/mens-group)

**Listening Prayer Ministry:** Are you feeling stuck? What if Jesus wants to come alongside and speak into that? Listening Prayer is wonderful for encouragement, inner healing and giving all burdens to Jesus – they were never meant to be carried alone. Contact Pastor Kenda or Darcy, or Claudia [claudiauweiland@gmail.com](mailto:claudiauweiland@gmail.com)

**Tuesday Bible Study** through 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter & Jude / started Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> so not too late to join Contact Steve Klassen at [sklassen@telus.net](mailto:sklassen@telus.net)

## Tuesday morning prayer

10:30 am the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month at Maria Shemko's 40119 Garibaldi Way. Contact Kenda for more details.

## Fueling Thought

“But now, since you didn't believe what I said, you will be silent and unable to speak until the child is born. For my words will certainly be fulfilled at the proper time.” Luke 1:20

For lack of faith (trust), God called Zechariah to wait in silence for the fulfillment of the promise. How might God be inviting you to turn the volume down, or even to some form of silence, as you wait for the coming Messiah?