

The River Church

City Wide Gathering February 10th, 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' Grace-Filled, Engaged, Truthful, Relational, Experiential, Authentic, Loving. One way we live this out, is by embracing a Simple Church Hybrid Model. The 1st and 3rd 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 2nd & 4th 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 5th Sunday in a month, we do something we call "The Church Has Left the Building", where Simple Church Leaders go after what God has put on their heart to do in the community. These Sundays are about connecting with your neighbor, things like: a prayer walk, a hike or a ride, hosting a community BBQ on your street, or picking up garbage in a certain area of town. To learn more about what makes The River unique, please check out our website at 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.

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Money, Faith & Worship:

(as at Dec 31 st)	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD	Variance
Revenue	\$ 63,414	\$ 103,102	\$ (39,688)
Expenses	\$ 69,547	\$ 70,311	\$ (784)
	\$ (6,133)	\$ 32,771	\$ (38,904)

Thank you to all of you who faithfully give to support the River. It's because of your faithful, sacrificial gift, that the River Church Family has the presence it does in our wonderful community.

We thank God for each and every one of you.

Upcoming Church Gatherings

Feb 17th – Simple Church @ Don Ross

Feb 24th – City Wide @ Don Ross

Mar 3rd – Simple Church @ Don Ross

Mar 10th – City Wide @ Don Ross

Mar 17th – Simple Church @ Don Ross



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News & Events

Mon Feb 11th Men's Group: 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month. 7:30pm Contact Jim or Richard

www.intheriver.ca/community/mens-group

Tues Feb 12th The Letters of John: 7pm Tuesdays @ Matt and Byrdie's #16-40653 Tantalus Rd. Come prepared; read the chapter ahead of time. Note this study is not intended to replace Simple Church.

<https://www.intheriver.ca/events/deepstream-bible-study/2019-01-22>

Wed Feb 13th Elder Gatherings - Board & Prayer: The River models an open culture, no secrets. Anyone can visit an elder meeting. Meetings on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month.

2nd is a standard meeting; 4th is where CORE leaders pray for the River Family by name. Contact Darcy or Kenda for info.

<https://www.intheriver.ca/events/elder-gatherings-board-prayer/2018-09-12>

Thurs Feb 21th Faith on Tap: 7:30pm @ The Reimer's

<https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

Tues Mar 5th Women's Group: 7:30pm @ Dorothy's (#32-40653 Tantalus Rd)

<https://www.intheriver.ca/events/womens-group/2019-02-05>

Sat Mar 9th Inter-Church Men's Breakfast: @ Squamish Baptist Church. 7:30am start for guys who want to help make breakfast; 8:30am for guys who want to get to know some men from the other churches. Happens on the 2nd Sat of each month.

Sun Mar 17th Elderly Hymn Service: 2pm @ Hilltop House. Contact Dorothy Wikkerink dorothyrenema@hotmail.com or 604-849-6205

<https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/hilltop-house>

DATES TBA Hearing God Seminar: Want to connect with God deeply and overcome blocks that keep you from connecting with Him? A 6-week series is coming to you this Spring.

<https://www.intheriver.ca/events/hearing-god-6-week-seminar--353/2019-03-12>

DATES TBA Marriage and Pre-Marriage Nights: Pastors open a particular topic, then couples work together. Geared for anyone, followers of Jesus or not. Topics include Relationships with Family, Communication, Children, Parenting, Relational History and Spousal Qualities, Fighting Fair, Love Languages, Sexual Relationship, Spiritual Relationship. <https://www.intheriver.ca/events/marriage-and-pre-marriage-date-nights/2019-03-14>

Fueling Thought

Whenever you feel lonely, you must try to find the source of this feeling. You are inclined either to run away from your loneliness or to dwell in it. When you run away from it, your loneliness does not really diminish; you simply force it out of your mind temporarily. When you start dwelling in it, your feelings only become stronger, and you slip into depression.

The spiritual task is not to escape your loneliness, not to let yourself drown in it, but to find its source.

This is not so easy to do, but when you can somehow identify the place from which these feelings emerge, they will lose some of their power over you. This identification is not an intellectual task; it is a task of the heart. With your heart you must search for that place without fear.

This is an important search because it leads you to discern something good about yourself. The pain of your loneliness may be rooted in your deepest vocation. You might find that your loneliness is linked to your call to live completely for God. Thus, your loneliness may be revealed to you as the other side of your unique gift. Once you can experience in your innermost being the truth of this, you may find your loneliness not only tolerable but even fruitful. What seemed primarily painful may then become a feeling that, though painful, opens for you the way to an even deeper knowledge of God's love.

– Henri Nouwen



Living Out Jesus' Love

Children's Programs

River Kids: The Vision of River Kids is 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. If you have any questions regarding our children's ministries please contact Kenda Reimer at 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. Children this age are taught the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. We would love to have something every week so if leading this age interests you, please let Kenda know.

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 Huguet, our Young Life Leader for Squamish at www.facebook.com/pages/SquamishYoungLife.

Global Missions

CMA Families: Part of your general giving helps to fund one Canadian CMA missionary family worldwide. We have adopted Gaileen who is working in the Caribbean Sun Region. To receive her prayer updates please check out our website.

Simple Churches (1st & 3rd Sundays)

Sunday Night Simple Church: 5:45–8:30pm Contact: Heather & Andrew 778-991-0674 lucyandpumpkin@gmail.com, or Claudia & Peter 604-898-9676 claudiauweiland@gmail.com

Tantalus Simple Church: 5:30–8:30pm Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf mail4jimn@gmail.com or 604-898-4277

Paradise Valley Simple Church: 10am, ending with a meal @ Rolf & Christine Rutishauser's in Paradise Valley. rcruti@gmail.com

Don Ross Simple Church: 10am. Darcy & Kenda will be leading at Don Ross, this way there is always a gathering there. Our hope for this Simple Church is to become a launch-pad for other Simple Churches.

Growth Streams

Women's Group: 1st Tuesdays of each month 7:30-9:30 @ Dorothy's. Practice learning to listen to God's voice and try some ways of meeting with Jesus that people have been using throughout the ages. Group is open to everyone. Contact Kenda kendar@intheriver.ca

Men's Group: 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month 7:30–9:30pm. For more info go to 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 any burdens to Jesus that were never meant to be carried alone. Contact Claudia claudiauweiland@gmail.com

Faith on Tap: Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 8pm. www.intheriver.ca/community/faith-on-tap

Women's Triads: Groups of 3 meet to encourage each other, and focus on relationships with God. A simple format is provided. Groups meet monthly (self-arranged) until the end of June. Contact: kendar@intheriver.ca