

## Money, Faith & Worship:

	Monthly	Year-to-Date	Prior YTD
Revenue	\$ 9,893	\$ 45,639	\$ 19,814
Expenses	\$ 12,565	\$ 23,257	\$ 26,651
	\$ (2,672)	\$ 22,382	\$ (6,838)

Please keep in mind that it costs money to do ministry and function as a local church body (i.e. salary, office rent, site rent, office supplies, ministry expenses, etc.).

Thank-you faithful contributors in The River Church. Giving of your finances is an act of Worship to God and we again thank-you for your faithful stewardship in this area.

River Church Treasurer

## Books We're Reading Right Now

### Darcy

Science and the Trinity by John Polkinghorne

Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

Not the Religious Type by Schmelzer

Speaking of Jesus: the art of not-evangelism by Carl Medearis

*Just because we read something doesn't mean we buy into the book 'hook, line, and sinker'.*

*In everything we read, view, or listen discernment needs to be engaged.*

*Eat the chicken, spit out the bones.*

### Kenda

Surrender to Love by David Benner

The Voice of Jesus by Gordon Smith

# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017

River Kids Program

Little Dippers Pre-School Program

Pre-Service Prayer 9:15 – 10:00 am

Service Starts 10:00 am



**About Us:** The River Church values relationships over programs; after all ministry is relationships. What that means is that we encourage people to meet in small groups of 2-3 or more on a regular basis. In the larger context we as a church gather every Sunday in what we call City Wide Gatherings; where we come together in order to purposefully re-connect with one another, and together engage and join the Trinity in worship and biblical teaching.

**Identity Statement:** We are a network of Simple Churches: immersed in the grace of God, listening to the Spirit, freed to live out Jesus' love.

**Our Vision is Jesus:** We value being a people who are: Refreshingly Grace Filled, Joyfully Engaging, Undividedly Truthful, Wholly Relational, Unashamedly Experiential, Wildly Authentic, and Practically Loving.

**Mission Statement:** Live by faith, known by love, voice of hope...

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# News & Events

**Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Brunch Sunday:** Designed to be visitor friendly, with extended time around the table; allowing for conversation and connection. How we listen, interact, and share a meal with one another is all part of our worship. Please come and engage. Everyone is encouraged to bring some breakfast-type food to share.

**Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Women's Group Spiritual Direction:** 7-9pm at the Wikkerink's. Contact Kenda for more info.

**Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> Faith on Tap:** 8pm - location TBA. Chapter 1 of new book <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup> Baby Shower:** All women are invited to celebrate two special ladies and their beautiful babies: Catherine & baby Caleb, and Katie & baby Elizabeth. 2-4pm @ Grace Neudorf's (2655 Rhum&Eigg Dr) RSVP to [mail4gracen@gmail.com](mailto:mail4gracen@gmail.com) 604-849-1539 or [heather.lj.kennedy@gmail.com](mailto:heather.lj.kennedy@gmail.com) 778-997-5017

**Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Family Support Group:** Hosted by the North Shore Schizophrenia Society. For family members of those struggling with their mental health. Second Thursday of every month 7-8:30pm @ Howe Sound Brew Pub, in the map room.

**Attention All Mountain Bikers of the River:** The outreach committee would like your opinion on 3 potential 24hr mountain bike races that members of the church could participate in during 2018. Check out the website for details, and let Amelia or Heather know which race would be your preference!  
<https://www.intheriver.ca/events/attention-all-mountain-bikers-of-the-river>



We are getting ready to start another season of collecting gift-filled shoeboxes to share God's enduring love with children in need. Our launch Sunday was October 22nd so be sure to pick up your boxes then!! If you need help putting your shoeboxes together – information, launch ideas, resources and more; take 10 minutes to check it out at this website  
<https://www.samaritanaspurse.ca/project-leader-resources/>



# 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](mailto:kendar@intheriver.ca)

**Little Dippers (infant to school age):** No designated teachers. This is a parent participation area where parents are responsible for their children. This area is a carpeted location just inside the first hallway across from the gym. We have toys, books, etc. and a speaker for adults to hear the service. Because of noise, we ask that there be no running in the hallway during the service; it makes it difficult for those near the back to hear.

**River Kids (kindergarten to Gr.6):** We are looking for more teachers available even once a month. Curriculum and training provided. Right now, the kids will be dismissed from the service the 4th Sunday of the month for their own program (teacher-Claudia Weiland). One other Sunday a month will be a kid friendly service geared for all ages. The remaining 2 Sundays kids will stay in the service.

## **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](http://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.

## Growth Streams Available

**Tantalus Simple Church:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of every month 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Contact: Jim & Grace Neudorf [mail4jimm@gmail.com](mailto:mail4jimm@gmail.com) or 604-898-4277

**Paradise Valley Simple Church:** The last Sunday of every month at 10:00 am, ending with a meal @ Rolf & Christine Rutishauser's in Paradise Valley. [rcruti@gmail.com](mailto:rcruti@gmail.com)

**Men's Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month 7:30 – 9:30 pm. For more info go to <http://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/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. Free of charge, no side-effects, plenty of benefits. Contact Claudia to set up an appointment: [claudiauweiland@gmail.com](mailto:claudiauweiland@gmail.com). Also, if this type of ministry interests you, please talk to Claudia about becoming involved.

**Faith on Tap:** Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 8pm. The next one is on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> - location TBA <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/faith-on-tap>

**Women's Group Spiritual Direction:** 7-9pm at the Wikkerink's. Contact Kenda for more info.

**Deep Stream:** The Story – the Bible as one continuing story of God and His people. Everyone welcome. One chapter per week for 31 weeks. Tuesday at 7pm <https://www.intheriver.ca/community--1/deep-stream-growth-events>

## Fueling Thought

How does the Church witness to Christ in the world? First and foremost by giving visibility to Jesus' love for the poor and the weak. In a world so hungry for healing, forgiveness, reconciliation, and most of all unconditional love, the Church must alleviate that hunger through its ministry. Wherever we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the lonely, listen to those who are rejected, and bring unity and peace to those who are divided, we proclaim the living Christ, whether we speak about him or not.

It is important that whatever we do and wherever we go, we remain in the Name of Jesus, who sent us. Outside his Name our ministry will lose its divine energy.

– Henry Nouwen