

### 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.

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".

For year-end giving make sure the envelope is dated before January 2020!

# The River Church

## City Wide Gathering December 22<sup>nd</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.

### 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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# 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 Men's Night

**Rival Nerf Gun Battle :** Meet at the CCC warehouse next to Domino's Pizza with your Nerf Gun and Ammunition and \$10. At 7:30 pm Events where it's all about having fun! This is geared to be an "invite friends" event.

## December 29<sup>th</sup> 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)

## Hymn Service at Hilltop:

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

## Carol Singing at Brackendale Eagle Run Village: 6-7:00 pm

## Christmas Eve Candlelight

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

**Meal Train:** We have got some people in need within our community so to join the Meal Train please touch base with Claudia Weiland at [claudiauweiland@gmail.com](mailto:claudiauweiland@gmail.com)



# 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 Hugué, our Young Life Leader for Squamish at [www.facebook.com/pages/SquamishYoungLife](https://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

"Jesus, the Blessed Child of the Father, is a peacemaker. His peace doesn't mean only absence of war. It is not simply harmony or equilibrium. His peace is the fullness of well-being, gratuitously given by God. Jesus says, "Peace I leave to you, my own peace I give you, a peace which the world cannot give, this is my gift to you" (John 14:27). Peace is Shalom – well-being of mind, heart, and body, individually and communally. It can exist in the midst of a war-torn world, even in the midst of unresolved problems and increasing human conflicts. Jesus made that peace by giving his life for his brothers and sisters. This is no easy peace, but it is everlasting and it comes from God. Are we willing to give our lives in the service of peace? Henri Nouwen